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FROM THE CHAIR

Hello Everyone,
It looks like its going to be an interesting year for map librarians and a busy year for MAGERT. Map libraries, commercial vendors and government agencies are placing an amazing amount of cartographic information on the Internet. At the same time several US. government agencies, with mapping programs, are undergoing reorganization and several others are discussing the implementation of user charges.

This is a excellent time to become involved with MAGERT and/or the Cartographic Users Advisory Council. Our MAGERT representatives to CUAC are Denise Stephens and Mark Thomas and several other MAGERT members are also representatives for other organizations. For a discussion of the current status of US government mapping please attend the Cartographic Users Task Force meeting at ALA Midwinter on Monday February 17, 9:30 am at the Days Inn Downtown. For a discussion of new geographic technologies plan on attending the GIS Discussion and Geotech committee meeting on Sunday February 16th at 8:30 am at the Renaissance Mayflower.

The entire MAGERT Midwinter Conference schedule, with room assignments is included in this issue. All meetings are open. Also, add the MAGERT welcome reception to your ALA schedule. We will converge on the Carlyle Suites Hotel on Friday night February 14th. Please see the invitation later in this issue.

Lastly, we will be using the Midwinter meetings to complete planning for the Annual Conference in San Francisco. MAGERT'S two programs for the Annual Conference are: Maps on a Shoestring, Budget Conscious Hints for the small Map Collection and The Geographies of Beer, Wine and Coffee. A Tuesday afternoon field trip is also in the planning stages. The next *baseline* will also have conference hotel information for San Francisco.

I hope to see you all in Washington, DC.

--Melissa

Map and Geography Round Table
American Library Association

1997 Midwinter Meeting Schedule

February 14, 1997 -- February 18, 1997

Friday February 14

7pm - 9pm *Welcome Reception --Warfield Room, Carlyle Suites Hotel*

Saturday February 15

8am - 9am	Executive Board I Marriott Metro Center -- Paris
2pm - 4pm	Cataloging & Classification Committee Loew's L'Enfant Plaza -- Monet III
4:30pm - 5:30pm	Membership Committee Capital Hilton -- New York

Sunday February 16

8:30 am - 11am	GIS Discussion and Geotech Committee Renaissance Mayflower -- Rhode Island
11:30am - 12:30pm	Nominating Committee JW Marriott, Salon K
2pm - 4pm	Publications Committee Governor's House -- State
4:30pm - 5:30pm	1998 Program Planning Washington Vista -- Berkely
4:30pm - 5:30pm	ALCTS-CCS/MAGERT Map Cataloging Discussion Group Washington Convention Center -- Rm. 29

Monday February 17

8am - 9am	1997 Annual Program presenters discussion Days Inn Downtown
9:30 am - 11am	Cartographic Users Task Force Days Inn Downtown -- Caucus
11:30am - 12:30pm	Education Committee Marriott Metro Center -- London

Sunday February 18

8:30 am - 11am	Executive Board II Grand Hyatt -- Const. A

NEW MAPS

Well, this column may be a bit brief but it reflects the fact that I have seen little in the way of recently published maps in the past couple of months. This is due in part to working diligently on cataloging titles that I brought back to PSU with me from the LC Summer Project. But also because we simply have not acquired new additions for the collections here lately. The next column should be a bit more "meaty"!

--Paige Andrew

I. EARTHQUAKE MAPS

Australia

Earthquake Epicentre Map of Australia, 1856-1992, compiled by Kevin McCue ; cartography by Rex Bates ; Australian Geological Survey Organisation, Australian Seismological Centre. Scale 1:10,000,000 ; Simple conic proj. Canberra : Australian Seismological Centre, c1993. 1 map : col. ; 45 x 49 cm. OCLC# 31603586

Although not a 1995 or 1996 publication, this map is still recent enough to include for seismological information for this area of the world. It shows earthquake locations and magnitudes plus, additionally, orogenic domains and platform covers, or the underlying geology of the continent on a broad scale.

Australian Geological Survey Organisation
Sales Centre
GPO Box 378
Canberra, ACT, 2601
phone: (06) 249-9519 fax: (06) 249 9982

North America

Large Earthquakes of North and Central America, 1970-1996, World Data Center A for Seismology. Scale not given. [Reston, Va.] : U.S. Geological Survey, [1996] 1 map : col. ; 107 x 112 cm. SuDoc # I 10.79:EA 7/2 OCLC# 35681498

Reminiscent in style to the USGS map showing the major urban areas at night, this dark-background map shows earthquakes with magnitudes greater than 5 during the past 26 years. Shallow-focused quakes are shown using orange dots while deep quakes are displayed with yellow dots. Coverage includes the Caribbean region. The base map was produced by Allan Cartography, meaning this shaded-relief map is of excellent quality.

Since this is a depository item those of you who are regional depositories should have received this title, others will have to order through your state ESIC office or USGS at 1-800-USA-MAPS.

II. CITY, TOURIST, AND ROAD MAPS

Massachusetts

Historic Falmouth Village Walking Guide, by Dan Palanan Design. Not drawn to scale. [Falmouth, Mass.] : Dan Palanan Design, [1996?] 1 map : col. ; 14 x 43 cm., folded to 14 x 15 cm. OCLC# 36102823

A true tourist map this little pocket-sized map shows various buildings and sites pictorially and includes information about trolley services. The verso includes a list of businesses and information about the Falmouth Village Association, including a membership list.

Dan Palanan Design
(508) 548-7421
email: dan@capecod.net

North Carolina

Durham, N.C., Landmark Maps, Inc. ; distributed by the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce. Scale [ca. 1:46,000]. Raleigh, NC : Landmark Maps, c1995. 1 map : col. ; 73 x 61 cm., folded to 23 x 12 cm. OCLC# 36106700

Panel title is Durham, NC street map : includes Durham City, Durham County, Research Triangle Park, business & services directory. It includes an inset of the Durham downtown area. Ancillary map on the verso is a Durham region highway map.

Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce
300 W. Morgan St.
P.O. Box 3829
Durham, NC 27702
(919) 682-2133

Street Map, Winston-Salem, Forsyth County, North Carolina : Includes Clemmons, Kernersville, Lewisville, Rural Hall, Walkertown plus Metro Map of Downtown Winston-Salem, Complete Street Index ... Zip Codes, Map Supply, Inc. Scale ca. 1:35,510. 1 in. = approx. 3/4 of a mile. Lexington, N.C. : Map Supply, Inc., c1995. OCLC# 36101509

Wow, the panel title on this map says it all! A complete map of the Winston-Salem area including a large-scale inset of the downtown area.

Map Supply, Inc.
4058 Old U.S. Highway 52
Lexington, N.C. 27292
1-800-258-9235

Pennsylvania

The Early History of the Centre Region, cartography [by] Deasy GeoGraphics Laboratory. Scale [ca. 1:70,000]. [State College, Pa.] : Centre County Historical Society, c1996. 1 map : col. ; 50 x 69 cm. OCLC#36144350

This beautifully produced and very well researched map of the State College region shows historic land ownership overlaid by present-day township and borough boundaries, major roads and highways, and hydrography. Relief shown by gradient tints and shading, the map shows what is locally known as "Happy Valley" including the Bald Eagle, Mount Nittany, and Seven Mountains mountain ranges. This will definitely be a hot item for local genealogists/history buffs but would be useful for anyone interested in the early years of settlement in the Centre County area of Pennsylvania. Just wish somebody had chosen a title a little more reflective of the land ownership aspect and/or more specific as to the name of the area covered.

Centre County Historical Society
1001 E. College Ave.
State College, PA 16801
(814) 234-4779

Zimbabwe

Road Map of Zimbabwe, produced and published by the Department of the Surveyor-General. 1995 ed. Scale 1:1,000,000. Harare, Zimbabwe : The Surveyor-General, 1995. 1 map : col. ; 77 x 87 cm. OCLC# 36143966

Need a real recent road map of Zimbabwe? Well, this is an updated edition of the 1993 road map. Relief shown by contours, gradient tints, and spot heights. Good quality, it also shows villages and airfields.

Department of the Surveyor-General
P.O. Box CY540
Causeway
Harare, Zimbabwe

MAGERT WELCOME RECEPTION

ALA Midwinter Conference
Washington DC
February 14, 1997
Carlyle Suites Hotel
1731 New Hampshire Ave. NW
Near Dupont Circle
Warfield Room
7 - 9pm

Please join us for snacks and beverages. All members and their guests are welcome.

MAGERT MOUSEPADS STILL AVAILABLE!!!

Now you can get a MAGERT mousepad for the reduced price of $8.00 including shipping and handling. These realistic mousepads are decorated with a map of the world, and just like the real world, they're round! This unusual feature will set you apart from all your friends and neighbors and publicize the Map and Geographic Round Table as well as geographic literacy. (Don't worry -- although the outline is round, the surface is flat so your mouse doesn't roll away from you, thus combining the best features of the flat earth and the round earth schools of thought). Get one for the home and one for the office. They make great gifts, too! Don't wait ... order your today.

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Judy Hambrick
American Library Association
50 East Huron St.
Chicago, IL 60611

Washington Map Society News

1996 Ristow Prize Winners Announced

Each year the Washington (DC) Map Society awards the Ristow Prize for cartographic history and map librarianship in honor of Walter W. Ristow, one of America's premier map librarians and cartographic authors.

This year's winner of the Ristow Prize is Stephen C. Pinson, a doctoral candidate in art history at Harvard University. His entry was entitled: "Repressed Mimesis: Jomard and the *Monuments de la Geographie*." In 1993, he was appointed a Jacob Javits Fellow by the U.S. Department of Education; he received his MA in art history from the University of Texas at Austin in 1995.

Mr Pinson served for several years as a curatorial assistant in the Department of Prints and Drawings at the Huntington Art Gallery at the University of Texas, where he specialized in nineteenth-century graphic art. He is working on the cataloging of the Horblit Collection. He has had a long-standing interest in the status of the "reproduction" in the nineteenth century -- a major focus in his article on Jomard. An article based on his research is forthcoming in a monographic study dealing with the intersection of photography and the graphic arts from *The Tamarind Papers*.

A paper submitted by David Hays, entitled "Antiquarian Cartography and the Origins of the Palazzo Barberini in Seventeenth Century Rome," was awarded Honorable Mention.

Mr Hays is presently a graduate student in the Depart of History of Art at Yale University. He is particularly interested in the relationship between cartography, engineering, and garden design in France in the late eighteenth century. He did his undergraduate work in the Department of Fine Arts at Harvard University.

1997 Walter W. Ristow Prize
in the History of Cartography and Map Librarianship

The Walter W. Ristow Prize seeks to recognize achievement in cartographic history and map librarianship and is awarded annually by the Washington Map Society.

WHO MAY APPLY

The competition is open to all full or part-time upper-level undergraduate, graduate and first-year postdoctoral students attending accredited colleges or universities.

ENTRY CRITERIA

Entries are to be research papers or bibliographic studies related to cartographic history and/or map librarianship and have been completed in fulfillment of requirements for course work. A short edition of a longer paper is permitted; papers of shorter length have been highly competitive. The text may not exceed 7,500 words, in English. Papers must be fully documented in a style of the author's choice.

DEADLINE

Entries must be postmarked by June 1, 1997, and sent to the Washington Map Society, Ristow Prize, P.O. Box 2149, Washington, DC 20013-2149.

FORMAT

Entries must be submitted in three unbound copies with appropriate title page and cover sheet. The cover sheet must include the entrant's name, address and telephone number(s) for timely contact.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Entries will be judged on three broad criteria: importance of research (e.g. originality, sources); quality of research (e.g. accuracy, source reliability); quality of writing (e.g. clarity, command of cartographic terms).

JUDGING METHODS

Entries will be assessed by three judges of suitable cartographic background. Judges will receive anonymous copies of entries, read them independently, and report their assessments to a collator.

THE AWARD

The winner will receive $500, a one-year membership in the Washington Map Society, and the paper will be published in *Portolan*, the journal of the Washington Map Society.

Walter W. Ristow, co-founder and first president of the Washington Map Society, is Chief, Emeritus of the Geography and Map Division of the Library of Congress.

For further information abut the Ristow Prize or the Washington Map Society, contact Ed Redmond, Secretary, Washington Map Society, P.O. Box 2149, Washington, DC 20013-2149.