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unclear (and that many would like to see applications of fair use severely curtailed).

Among the pending legislation of interest are: database protection bills, which would allow the act of compiling a database to be copyrightable so that something like the alphabetical list of names in a phone book could be copyrighted (contrary to a previous court decision); the National Information Infrastructure, which would, among other things, move the Copyright Office from the Library of Congress to the Department of Commerce; and the upcoming international convention in Geneva.

There were three CE courses, a full day titled "Digital Libraries: Computer Concepts and Technologies for Managing Library Collections," taught by William Saffady (Professor, School of Information Science and Policy, State University of New York at Albany); a half-day session called "Finding the Right Stuff: Using and Evaluating Internet Search Engines," taught by Candy Schwartz (Associate Professor, Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science); and a half-day course entitled "Electronic Document Delivery: The Ultimate Solution?" taught by Mary Jackson (Access and Delivery Services Consultant, Association of Research Libraries). These sessions, all giving official CE credits, received good reviews.

Twenty-four vendors displayed their wares at the Technology Fair and helped support the conference. Not surprisingly, there wasn't enough time set aside specifically for the vendors, but it was a pleasure to see and talk with them in this intimate setting. The conference kickoff was a splendid reception for the attendees and the vendors, set up in the vendor area. Sylvia Piggot, the President of SLA, gave a short speech and all the Presidents of the participating Chapters were introduced. The food was excellent, and a great time was had by all.

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Shopping in the Serials Supermarket Today
Report by Joyce Tenney
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On October 4, 1996, at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, NASIG and the Delaware Valley Chapter of ACRL cosponsored a seminar entitled "Shopping in the Serials Supermarket Today." It was focusing on the expanding modes of publication for scholarly information and their impact on collection development within academic libraries today.

The speakers were John Tagler, Director of Corporate Communications, Elsevier USA, Ellen M. Saur, co-manager of Project Muse for Johns Hopkins University Press, and John G. Zenelis, Acting University Librarian, Temple University. John Tagler spoke on "STM Publishing Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." He started his discussion with a history of STM publishing and the scholarly journal. The ten traditional types of scholarly journals were discussed and how electronic journals are developing as companions to them, or as their own entities. The various electronic products currently in place and being developed by Elsevier were discussed. Lessons learned from these projects were outlined and how they are influencing the future plans for projects at Elsevier. Ellen Saur gave a history to date of Project Muse and how it has grown and changed. A demonstration was given to show the various capabilities of the product. She announced that two new electronic only journals would be added this year. They have plans to try to find a funding source to add back files to the project at some future date. They are trying to bring in other publishers to expand the scope of the project. The various pricing structures for Project Muse were discussed and how the future looks in terms of pricing options. Future plans for increased bibliographic information and additional features were explained. John Zenelis spoke on the budgeting and collection development aspect of dealing with rapidly expanding information technology, and balancing user demands with flat or declining budgets. He discussed ways Temple University is dealing with electronic resources of all forms and responding to user demands. He expressed the need for all to become very aware of the licensing agreements and be aggressive when negotiating with publishers and agents.

Following lunch, a lively question and answer session occurred with many sharing ideas, and problems that their institutions were experiencing in dealing with electronic resources and technologies. Again and again, budgeting problems were discussed.

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The 1997 Charleston Conference —
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If you are interested in leading a discussion, acting as a moderator, coordinating the lively lunches or simulation rooms, or would like to make sure we discuss a particular topic, please let us know. The Charleston Conference prides itself on creativity, innovation, flexibility, and informality. If there is something you are interested in doing, please try it out on us.

The Planning Committee for the 1997 Charleston Conference includes Barbara Dean (Fairfax County Public Library), Heather Miller (SUNY-Albany), Katina Strauch (College of Charleston), and Judy Webster (University of Tennessee).

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