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News Reels

The University of Louisville (Kentucky) has established an in-house records management system, named Jerome. The system is currently used to record all incoming accessions, produce a numbered and dated work sheet, and has the capacity to edit and update the original as the material is processed. The system is built around the commercial database product Advanced Revelation. The archives is also inputting collection information into OCLC using the MARC format. For more information on the system contact Dale Patterson, Associate Archivist for Systems Management, University Archives, Ekstrom Library, Louisville, KY 40292.

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The Clemson University Libraries announced that the papers of Strom Thurmond are now open for research. The papers, presently comprising over two thousand cubic feet of material, document the life of Thurmond, a former governor of South

Carolina and currently the senior U.S. senator from South Carolina. Seven series are currently available for research, along with scrapbooks, photographs, cartoons and certificates; more series are in the process of being opened. They are a rich resource for historians of the twentieth century and are especially valuable for documenting legislative history, the States' Rights Democratic party, and the issues such as defense and civil rights. The collection is also a useful source for the history of South Carolina, particularly the political sphere.

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The Tennessee Archivists presented their Distinguished Service Award to Vanderbilt University Archives and Special Collections at their fall 1988 meeting in Gatlinburg. The award was presented in recognition of the institution's exemplary service and active leadership in promoting the cause of the archival profession.

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The Southeast Library Network (SOLINET) has received a ten-month planning grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to support the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) as it plans a cooperative preservation microfilming project. The plan includes centralized features that make it a first in cooperative filming. Joseph Boykin, director of libraries at Clemson University and chair of ASERL, describes the project as "initiated. . .to create a joint facility for the microfilming of brittle materials contained in the collections of member institutions."

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The National Archives-Atlanta Branch has opened a Civil War and Reconstruction exhibit called "Hell to Pay Generally--the Civil War and Reconstruction." The exhibit can be viewed during the hours the research room is open: 7:30-4:30 Monday through Friday, Tuesday nights until 10:00, and the second Saturday of each month from 9:00 to 5:00. The exhibit will be on display until 31 August 1989. The exhibit will consist of documents from the holdings of the National Archives-Southeast Region and Mathew Brady photographs from the National Archives.

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Cactus Software has announced the availability of Minaret, an automated collection management system that runs on IBM personal computers and compatibles and, eventually, networks and the UNIX operating system. The package, which supports all MARC formats including the Archives and Manuscripts Control format, is flexible enough also to use non-MARC fields. Minaret costs \$595 for the PC version. A demonstration system is available with working software, a full manual, and a limit of twenty data records for \$50. For more information contact Cactus Software, 850 N. State Street, Suite 2F, Chicago, IL 60610-3352, (312)642-8655.

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The Florida Bureau of Archives and Records Management has released a "Request for Proposal for an Integrated Information System for the Florida State Archives." Installation of the system is slated for June 1989.

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The Florida State Archives has begun work on a Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) grant-funded project involving preservation of its motion picture collection. More than sixteen thousand films transferred to the archives by the Florida Department of Commerce will be viewed, cataloged, and selectively transferred to video. The motion pictures, many of which were produced to promote Florida tourism and development, will be catalogued and cross-referenced with similar subjects and collections in the archives.

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The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) has funded the following grant projects for archives in the southeast:

Florida State Historical Records Advisory Board, Tallahassee, FL received \$51,656 to produce a study on the issues surrounding information technology and public records in the state of Florida.

South Carolina Department of Archives and History received \$25,700 for an archival fellowship in the academic year 1989-1990. The grant was jointly funded by the NHPRC and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Jackson State University, Jackson, MS received \$5,000 for a consultant to aid in planning the survey and collection of organizational and business records and personal papers of black twentieth century Mississippians.

Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History, Meridian, MS received \$76,240 to establish an archives and records management program for the records of the county and the city of Meridian.

Florida State Historical Records Advisory Board, Tallahassee, FL received \$5,000 for continuing support of the travel and meeting expenses of the board.