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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I'm pleased to report that at this writing the 1989 Proceedings volume is at the printers. You should be receiving it sometime in late April or early May. I wish to thank the nineteen authors whose papers are included for getting their papers to me so promptly. Many thanks are due to Louise Zipp, who was a tremendous help to me in compiling the volume.

This year when you receive your GIS Proceedings you will receive a membership brochure in the mailing. Brochures are being included so that you will have one handy when someone asks you for information on GIS. The Membership Committee is working on a new brochure, and, hopefully, it can be included in the mailing of the Membership Directory scheduled for this summer.

It's very gratifying to see the names of so many of our members on the program for GeoInfo IV (4th International Conference on Geoscience Information) to be held June 24-29 in Ottawa. David Reade, Secretary-Treasurer of GeoInfo IV and Julie Bichteler, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on GeoInfo IV, have included details about the conference in a separate summary sheet and article in this issue. I hope to see you there.

Seeing our anniversary colors on the front page of our last Newsletter made me more excited than ever about our 25th anniversary and the wonderful plans that are shaping up to celebrate it at the Dallas meeting. I won't go into detail because much of what Jean Eaglesfield's Gala 25th Anniversary Celebration Committee is planning is intended to be a surprise, but I think I can guarantee that it will be a bash to remember. Elaine Watson's Exhibits Committee is also busy making special plans for the anniversary.

Jean Eaglesfield notified me that the Gala 25th Committee has two new members. They are Claren Kidd and Janice Sorensen. Rich Spohn reports that Claren Kidd, Carol Messick, and Mary Spencer (new GIS member) are new members of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Union List of Geological Field Trip Guidebooks.

It's time to be thinking about submitting an abstract for an oral presentation or a poster session. Marie Dvorzak will elaborate on how to do this in her column.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The deadline for submitted abstracts to GSA for the technical session in July 11, 1990.

Technical and poster sessions depend on the quality of the material presented. Please contribute your ideas, the results of research, etc., by sending an abstract. Several members have already mentioned potential papers on such diverse topics as new production technologies for mapping, issues in collection development, data base terminology, and user studies.

Submitting an abstract for a paper presentation or poster presentation is done on the same form. On the GSA abstract form, there is a place to indicate if your abstract is to be considered for an oral presentation, a poster session, or both.

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GIS members are encouraged to contribute materials for publication. Research articles and technical reports should be submitted to the Editorial Board for review and possible publication. Information reports, officer and committee reports, publication notices, job announcements, and other news items should be submitted to the News Gathering Editor.

Material for the June, 1990 issue of the GIS Newsletter should be received by the editors no later than May 20, 1990. If possible please send materials on IBM-compatible disc (Wordstar, Wordperfect, or ASCII format).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Abstract forms are available from Marie Dvorzak, Geology Library, 440 Weeks Hall, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI 53706 (608/262-8956; Bitnet DVORZAK@WISCMACC), or from: GSA Abstracts Coordinator, Geological Society of America, 3300 Penrose Place, P. O. Box 9140, Boulder, CO 80301 (303/447-8850).

The 1990 GIS Symposium, "Geological Society and Information Transfer in the Electronic Age," will focus on societies. Historically, societies have been major contributors to the transfer of information in geology. New technologies exist or are rapidly being developed which will facilitate information transfer. How these technologies affect societies' methods of generation, production, and delivery of geological information will be considered. Among the specific topics are:

- Review and description of geological societies and their current activities
- History of societies in information transfer-- A broad historical overview of activities of societies
- Generation and production of information-- Overview of the process and how it might change
- Communication-- How will evolving systems of communication change the role of societies in communication
- Digitization of data-- Digitization initiatives in societies and the impact digitization will have on information transfer and publication
- Print on paper in the electronic age - What will be the role of print in the future.

Would you like to visit the Arbuckle Mountains while at GSA? Claren Kidd, University of Oklahoma, has volunteered to organize a field trip to the Arbuckle Mountains if enough GIS members are interested. Claren and a geologist would conduct the trip and discuss the geology, biology and history of the area.

The cost would depend on the number of people, but should be under \$50 (and may be considerably less). There are 2 possible days to schedule the trip: Saturday, Oct. 27 or Friday, Nov. 2, 1990.

If you are interested in the trip, please let Claren know by May 15, 1990. Also indicate if you have a preference for the date. Her address is: Claren Kidd, Geology Library, University of Oklahoma, Energy Center R220, 100 E. Boyd, Norman, OK 73019-0628 (405/325-6217; Bitnet UA2431@UOKMVA). If enough GIS members express an interest, a later newsletter will contain registration information.

GIS HISTORICAL NOTES

The first mention of "GeoRef" by GIS was at the 1970 symposium

GeoRef Users Group Steering Committee

The GeoRef Users Group Steering Committee is planning the GeoRef workshops and the Users Group meeting for the fall conference. The committee would like to find out what the GeoRef User's Group (that's any member of GIS with an interest in GeoRef and other online sources of geological information) would like to have covered or addressed at both the Advanced GeoRef workshop and the Users Group Meeting. If the DIALOG reload of GeoRef is finished in time, the new features of the file will be one of the topics at the Advanced GeoRef workshop, but we want to address other aspects of searching as well. Please share your ideas with any of the Steering Committee members or phone, send, or e-mail them to:

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If you would like to participate in a test of the new GeoRef file on DIALOG, contact Margy Walsh at 713/954-6268. DIALOG is interested in having GeoRef Users Group members evaluate the file, and you may be able to get some free online search time while trying it out.

-- Barbara DeFelice, Chair

Ad Hoc Committee on the Fourth International Conference

As you have seen from the Second Circular for the Fourth International Conference on Geoscience Information (GEOINFO IV), the Canadians have planned an excellent conference. Meeting June 24-29 in Ottawa, GEOINFO IV promises to be outstanding in every respect.

The five major program themes are:
-- placing a value on geoinformation;
-- application and impact of new technologies;
-- strategies for improved flow of geoscience information;
-- data systems development and access;
-- issues and directions in international collaboration.

GIS members figure prominently in the mixture of plenary and concurrent sessions with both invited and volunteered papers, panel discussions, roundtables, poster sessions, and demonstrations.

The excellent excursions and tours range from geological field trips and visits to geoscience institutions to white-water rafting and hot-air ballooning-- something for everyone!

In glancing through the second circular, one must conclude that the planners have thought of everything: map of the conference locale in Ottawa and surroundings, travel tips, publication information, and convenient overview and schedule of the program. Once again, our thanks to Tony Berger and David Reade for their intensive and successful efforts during 1989-90. See you there!

-- Julie Bichteler, Chair

Gala 25th Anniversary Committee

The Committee has added 2 more members, Janice Sorensen and Claren Kidd.

The Committee is busy planning a special celebration dinner party which we hope everybody will attend. The party will most likely be held on the Tuesday night of the annual meeting and will probably be at the Hyatt Hotel.

Claren Kidd and I recently made a quick trip to Dallas to sleuth out the hotels and Convention Center. Many hotels are within a 20-minute walk of the Convention Center and a restaurant district is a 10-minute walk from the Hyatt. Bring walking shoes! Free pamphlets are available at the Visitor Information Center in Union Station. (Union Station is located in front of the Hyatt and was built the same time as its counterpart in St. Louis). Be sure to get Dallas--A walking guide, which has the best map and explanation of the downtown districts. The Friday edition of the Dallas Morning News has most restaurants listed and rated. There will most likely be a copy chained to the desk at the Visitors Center.

-- Jean Eaglesfield, Chair

Union List of Geologic Field Trip Guidebooks, 6th edition

INFORMATION FOR CONTRIBUTORS

A number of GIS members have contacted me recently concerning when and where to send information for the 6th edition of the Union List of Geologic Field Trip Guidebooks. Those of you who contributed holdings to the 5th edition should have received a printout of holdings that were submitted by your library. If you have any corrections to make to the holdings, please send them directly to AGI using the form in the back of the 5th edition or the form included with the printout. You may also send added

holdings for those guidebooks already listed in the 5th edition directly to AGI. Please do not send the Committee or AGI holdings for guidebooks not included in the 5th edition at this time (i.e. guidebooks published after 1985 or guidebooks published before 1985 but not listed in the 5th edition). The 6th edition Committee will be requesting those holdings during the next several years. This summer each committee member will be soliciting guidebook holdings from a few selected major libraries within their region in order to establish a checklist of new guidebooks not listed in the 5th edition. During the summer of 1991 the committee will be requesting all libraries who wish to participate in the 6th edition to use this checklist to submit their holdings and also will be requesting libraries to submit any holdings not on the checklist using the forms in the back of the 5th edition. Please continue to work on collecting data for the 6th edition. We look forward to your participation!

GUIDEBOOKS COMMITTEE MEMBER NEEDED

The GIS Guidebooks Committee, 6th edition, is looking for a regional compiler to assist in collecting data from Mexican libraries to increase our regional coverage for the new edition. This is a challenging position since it represents our first attempt to include the holdings of Mexican libraries. The ability to write in Spanish, or if you have a bilingual assistant or secretary, would be most helpful. If interested, please contact me at: Geology/Physics Library, 225 Braunstein Hall, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH 45221-0153 (Phone: 513-556-1324; FAX: 513-556-2161.

-- Richard Spohn, Co-chair

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

BOB BIER, Chief, Denver Library, U.S. Geological Survey, will soon be moving to Reston to become Chief, Cartographic Information Section at the U.S. Geological Survey's headquarters library.

(Barbara Chappell, Chief of U.S. Libraries, said Bob's move is a first step in some exciting improvements at the USGS. She also said that Bob's old job should be announced and recruited shortly, and that they hope this transition can be made with as little disruption as possible.)

Editors' note: Congratulations to all! It looks like some exciting things are happening!

GIS HISTORICAL NOTES

A preliminary edition of the Directory of geoscience libraries, U.S. and Canada was distributed at the first GIS annual meeting in 1966-- just one year after GIS was formed. The final, first edition (compiled by R. D. Walker) was published in 1968; the 2nd in 1978, and the 3rd in 1986. The committee to prepare the 4th edition has been formed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The entire GeoRef database is now available on tape for licensing by organizations wishing to search it on their own local networks. Use of the database is royalty-free, so long as it is restricted to employees of the organization or, in the case of academic institutions, to students and faculty. GeoRef is a product of the American Geological Institute, which retains ownership of the licensed database.

The GeoRef database includes 1.5 million bibliographic citations on geology and geophysics literature worldwide, as published in North America since 1785 and in other areas since 1933. The citations include complete bibliographic information, indexing, and, in some cases, abstracts. About 80,000 references are added annually.

The database through 1989 is shipped on 68 high-density magnetic tapes, in ASCII code, in a format based on ISO 2709. Complete documentation of the format and data elements is included. A sample tape and documentation are also available for purchase.

	<u>Prices</u>
GeoRef tapes through 1989	\$ 12,000 plus shipping
Monthly updates for 1990	1,900 (U.S.)
(includes shipping)	1,950 (outside U.S.)
Sample tape and documentation	50 (U.S.)
	60 (outside U.S.)

ADDRESSES, PLEASE

The Gala 25th Anniversary Committee is trying to contact former officers of GIS in order to invite them to the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary meeting.

If anyone has the current address of any of these former officers, please send them to Jean Eaglesfield as soon as possible:

Georgianna Conant, Treasurer 1967+1968
John Crissinger, Treasurer 1984+1985
Robert Malinwosky, President 1970
Janet Meserve, Treasurer 1972+1973
Jack Morrison, President 1975
Donald Owens, Treasurer 1969+1970
Evelyn Sinha, President 1974
Doreen Sutherland, Secretary 1971

CHANGES AT PURDUE

Robert S. "Pat" Allen has been appointed Physics/Earth & Atmospheric Sciences Librarian and Assistant Professor of Library Science at Purdue University Library, effective February 5, 1990.

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI GEOLOGY LIBRARY MOVES, reported by Rich Spohn

After more than 10 years of planning for a new library and a year long renovation project, the Geology Library has merged with the Physics Library into a combined new facility at the University of Cincinnati. Both libraries were housed in an older building with rapidly deteriorating physical facilities and had large portions of their collections in a storage facility. As many of you who remember my old library know, the building was literally collapsing around me.

The new facility is attractive, bright and spacious. We have been able to consolidate most of the university's map holding in one site at last. The library makes use of Spacesaver compact storage to allow us to return most of our materials from storage. Equipment purchases include a Minolta microform reader/printer and a Xerox 2510 map/engineering copier. The actual move of materials, furnishings and equipment took place during the last week in November and the month of December, 1989, however, finishing touches continued to be added during the first two months of 1990. We were lucky to just beat the cold weather and major snowstorms of late December with the outside part of the move. One of the "fun" things of the move was having to move in map cases on the day the elevators were out of service because of fire alarm testing. Needless to say, the movers were not happy. We also missed one small thing in the extensive planning process. We forgot to order additional bookends and were more than 1100 short at the time of opening!

I'll be able to fill you in with more details about the move and the new library at GIS/GSA in Dallas in October. My new address is:

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GIS HISTORICAL NOTES

The Pacific Section of GIS was first proposed--not by Julie Rinaldi in 1987, but by Eleanor Wilkins in 1972. Unfortunately, there wasn't enough interest to get it going.

But formal local chapters isn't the only possibility. In August of 1973, 7 GIS members and 6 guests attended the first get-together of Colorado GIS members for a dinner and program in Denver.

**GSA, AGU and
stalking the elusive color computer graphic**

by
Susan Klimley
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There were the same gaggles of geologists in regulation gear--blue jeans and tweed jackets. Similar groups of students leaning against the walls in the obligatory crane stance, one foot braced against the wall. Packs of fleet-footed researchers raced along the sidewalks in their Keds. But something was different. It looked like GSA--but not quite. It was my first American Geophysical Union Meeting in San Francisco

I had already undergone a typically intense, inspiring four days at GSA where I was, among other things, checking out what was going on in color computer graphics among geologists. I had blocked out three periods of poster sessions to systematically canvas what researchers were up to. I came back to Lamont fairly empty handed. I saw a lot of traditional hand-colored geologic maps and some fairly simple color graph plotting, but only a couple of geologists were doing the type of data manipulating in color that I hoped to see. I also found researchers somewhat reticent to talk to me about their work. They seemed disturbed to find me concentrating on their techniques rather than their science.

At Lamont I talked with researchers, after GSA, who have worked with color data and have a philosophical, as well as practical, interest in the use of color to understand and display data. Their suggestion: AGU was the place to see this type of work.

Within a few days I had latched onto two women researchers for roomies (Jean Eaglesfield not being available for this trip!) and began combing through the AGU abstracts for prospective sessions to attend. Leaving NYC on a grey, freezing cold Saturday, I found myself in San Francisco on Sunday sitting in the sun next to a swimming pool. By Monday I was immersed in reviewing poster sessions and attending talks. Not only did I find color computer graphics, I found animated color graphics.

I'd had a desire to attend AGU for some time. At Lamont, it's hard not to--the place empties out twice a year for AGU. I wanted to see if it was different. And it was, in a number of respects. The crowd was definitely younger. Conspicuously absent were the "grand old men of geology," the men who wrote the books that line my reserve shelves. As one person pointed out, geophysics is too young to have aged that much yet. The program was definitely "hot" from a Lamont perspective-- lots of climate, oceanography, theoretical geophysics, marine geology. And a Lamont

perspective it was! At one point, I was in the lobby in front of the exhibits and there were at least 30 former and present Lamont researchers and students around me. I went from being one of a handful to one of the army.

Another big difference was the reaction I got from the researchers. This time, I had thought about my approach--how to discuss techniques without putting researchers off. I quickly found the AGU researchers willing to discuss their computer work with me--how they used it, benefits, negative aspects, relationship to traditional publishing. I am not certain why the response was so different. It may be related to the fact that the earth sciences heavily represented at AGU tend to work with very large data sets compared to a traditional geologist. The data has to be manipulated on a computer to work with it at all. Familiarity with main frames, work stations and personal computers for this purpose make it easier to get involved with graphics. Many of these researchers are using color computer graphics to analyze their data, not just display it. It was interesting to see how experimentation among a select group of researchers seems to inspire the larger group around it to do similar experimentation.

It was also interesting to have arrived at AGU coming off of my GSA experience. GSA fits like a glove. It's great to sit among all the GIS members who know exactly what you're talking about when you complain about AACRII cataloging and the distribution of state open-file reports. At AGU, I was back among the geologists, attending talks that took me five minutes to understand what area of geology they were talking about, another five minutes to follow the line of discussion and five more minutes to realize that it was more than I wanted to know!

But I am very glad I went. I made contacts, got offers of videos for my research, and learned a lot. I hope to attend again. It is an experience those of you in 4th generation, non-traditional earth science/geoscience departments might want to try as well.

We "geology" librarians are amazingly integrated into our research communities, as our success in GSA shows. AGU represents an alternative group of earth scientists who are utilizing aspects of computerization that will be of significance to geology librarians in the future. AGU lacks a dedicated group of earth science information specialists who can organize sessions

specifically on information techniques-- sessions that have become the forte of GIS sessions at GSA. Can a small society like GIS play a role in AGU as well as GSA? This is a question which will require some thought and discussion and perhaps the time has come to discuss it in a more organized manner in GIS.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

LIBRARIAN (PHYSICAL SCIENCES), USGS
LIBRARY, Reston, VA

Salary: GS-9 (\$24,705-32,121 per annum), or, GS-11 (\$29,891-38,855 per annum)

Duties: Works as one of a team of service-oriented reference librarians in the USGS headquarters library in Reston, VA.

Participates in all aspects of reference, including reference desk duty, collection development, online and CD-ROM database searching, and outreach activities.

Qualifications: Completion of 24 or more semester hours in the geosciences in an accredited college/university, or 4 years pertinent experience working with the geosciences, plus MLS or combination of education and experience required by Civil Service Qualification Standard for professional librarians; training or experience in reference work; skill in working effectively with staff members and library clientele.

Contact: For a copy of the official announcement, H-90-109, that includes the 'KASOCS' (Knowledges, Abilities, Skills, and other characteristics) to be addressed in the application, please contact:

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Completed Personnel Qualifications Statement (SF-171) and KASOCS should be sent to:

Recruitment & Placement Section, Personnel
U.S. Geological Survey
215 National Center
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phone: 703/648-6131 or FTS 959-6131

Applications must be received by close of business May 3, 1990.

GIS HISTORICAL NOTES

It was Mark Pangborn (the first GIS President) who first proposed, in 1969, that GIS prepare a set of guidelines for field trip guidebooks. The most recent edition of those guidelines was updated in 1989.

PUBLICATIONS

These reports are now available from the Washington Division of Geology and Earth Resources. All orders must be pre-paid and must include a \$1 postage/handling fee per order. Send orders to: Publications, Washington Division of Geology and Earth Resources, PY 12, Olympia, WA 98504.

Gulick, C. W., compiler, 1990, Geologic map of the Moses Lake 1:100,000 quadrangle, Washington: Washington Division of Geology and Earth Resources Open File Report 90-1, 9 p., 1 plate. (\$0.93; Washington residents, \$1.00)

Gulick, C. W., compiler, 1990, Geologic map of the Ritzville 1:100,000 quadrangle, Washington: Washington Division of Geology and Earth Resources Open File Report 90-2, 7 p., 1 plate. (\$0.93; Washington residents, \$1.00)

Korosec, M. A., 1989, New K-Ar age dates, geochemistry, and stratigraphic data for the Indian Heaven Quaternary volcanic field, south Cascade Range, Washington: Washington Division of Geology and Earth Resources Open File Report 89-3, 42 p. (\$1.16; Washington residents, \$1.25)

Lindsey, K. A.; Gaylord, D. R.; Groffman, L. H., 1990, Geology of the Upper Proterozoic to Lower Cambrian Three Sisters Formation, Gypsy Quartzite, and Addy Quartzite, Stevens and Pend Oreille Counties, northeastern Washington: Washington Division of Geology and Earth Resources Report of Investigations 30, 37 p. (\$1.38; Washington residents, \$1.50)

Manson, C. J., compiler, 1990, Geologic and geophysical mapping of Washington, 1984 through 1989, and, Theses on the geology of Washington, 1986 through 1989: Washington Division of Geology and Earth Resources Open File Report 90-3, 21 p., 7 fold-out plates. (\$0.93; Washington residents, \$1.00)

Noble, J. B., 1990, Proposed revision of nomenclature for the Pleistocene stratigraphy of coastal Pierce County, Washington: Washington Division of Geology and Earth Resources Open File Report 90-4, 54 p. (\$1.62; Washington residents, \$1.75)

GIS HISTORICAL NOTES

GIS's first formal separate publication was the Buying list of 100 best geology books for high school libraries, by Mark W. Pangborn, Jr. It was published in 1967 jointly by GIS and NAGT and was later reprinted in the April 1968 issue of Journal of Geological Education, v. 16, no. 2, p. 65-68.

A seasonal joke:

What's Irish and must be taken in every winter?
Paddy O'Furniture.



.....A conference not to be missed!

WHEN: June 24 -29, 1990

WHERE: Conference Centre, Ottawa, Canada

WHY: GEOINFO IV, the 4th International Conference on Geoscience Information, is designed to stimulate a dynamic exchange of ideas, experiences and information among geoscientists and other professionals who collect, manage and disseminate earth science information.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

Plenary sessions on new technologies, the value of information, and international collaboration.

Concurrent sessions include database issues, marketing, crisis communications, visualizing data, collections and archives, knowledge-based systems, GIS, and terminology.

Short courses on spatial data systems (\$65/CDN), GeoRef (no charge), CDS/ISIS (\$160/CDN), French/English data banks (\$10/CDN), computer spreadsheets (\$125/CDN), geological software (\$180/CDN), and information systems for small-scale mining (\$25/CDN). Enrolment is limited, so register early.

REGISTRATION: *(includes opening reception, conference banquet and closing luncheon)*

	<u>Before 1 May</u>	<u>After 1 May</u>
Regular participants	\$200 (CDN)	\$250 (CDN)
Accompanying Members/ Students*	\$100 (CDN)	\$135 (CDN)

*Developing countries participants may apply for this rate.

ACCOMMODATION:

Block bookings have been made at centrally located hotels (\$72 - \$140/CDN) and at university residences (\$30/CDN); "bed and breakfasts" (\$30 - \$50/CDN) are also available.

ON-SITE EXHIBITS:

- \$400/CDN for commercial exhibitors
- \$200/CDN for governmental and non-profit organizations.

SPONSORS:

GeoInfo IV is hosted by the Geological Survey of Canada under the sponsorship of the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), the Geoscience Information Society, the Australian Geoscience Information Association and the Geological Information Group of the Geological Society of London.

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THE HIGH PLAINS DRIFTER

The High Plains Drifter has been experiencing yet another spring in the shadow of the Rocky Mountains. Blizzards and accompanying leaks during the next day's thaw, sunny 60 degree days where the staff is in revolt because they do not wish to participate in indoor work-type activities, and rumors of tornados that stay on the ground for two hours (I later found out that was my living room) seem to be expected. This may be a good time to review disaster preparedness. As I was reading an annotated bibliography entitled The \$103 Preservation Library, I came across:

Morris, John. The library disaster preparedness handbook. Chicago, IL: American Library Association, 1986. 129 p.

"This single source for a vast variety of information is written by an expert on fire prevention. It includes security, building design, and pest control, as well as preservation, conservation, and the more traditional disasters...(!!!-HPD)

What is a traditional disaster? As one observes the smoldering ruins of a Library, do you care if the fire was caused by faulty wiring or a UFO doing target practice? Can you gather any comfort when you announce to you boss, "At least it was a traditional disaster"? Or, how about, "We experienced an Act of God today and boy, what a wierd sense of humor!"

ENUF! I must now return to the problem of fire procedures in a building with only two of five floors having fire exits, no real handicapped access (or retreat), and no sprinkler system. I do not wish for a traditional or non-traditional disaster, nor do I wish one on you.

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