

Seminar will focus on preserving media

■ Fargo gathering sponsored by historical advisory board

A two-day seminar on the audiovisual media that features national preservation experts is scheduled for May 14-15, at the Best Western Kelly Inn in Fargo.

The seminar, which will feature nationally known speakers in this field, is sponsored by the North Dakota State Historical Records Advisory Board.

"This seminar will provide participants with important information about the technical and preservation aspects of film, video and magnetic and mechanical sound recording media," said State Archivist Gerald Newborg, who is also board coordinator. "We encourage participants to bring a sample of their media for viewing and discussion."

The board was established in 1976. Members are appointed by the governor to three-year terms. Board members, who represent archival and research institutions and organizations, are Gerald Newborg, Bismarck; John Bye, Fargo; Marilyn Hudson, Parshall; Mark Langemo, Grand Forks; Becky Lingle, Bismarck; Sandy Slater, Grand Forks; Dean Strinden, Williston; and Frank Vyzralek, Bismarck.

Topics at the May seminar will include preservation requirements of audiovisual media and systems for organizing and describing audi-

ovisual records. The seminar is designed for professionals with audiovisual preservation duties at public and academic libraries, archives, museums, historical societies, radio and television stations, advertising agencies and video production businesses.

On May 14, Alan Lewis will conduct a seminar, "Preservation of Audiovisual Media," from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. An audiovisual preservation expert with the motion picture, sound and video branch of the National Archives in Washington, Lewis has been a consultant for audiovisual archives for the past decade. On May 15, Linda Tadic will conduct a seminar, "Description of Audiovisual Media," from 9 a.m. to noon. Tadic is Curator of the Peabody Award Archive at the University of Georgia in Athens. Previously, she had worked at the University of California at the Berkeley and Los Angeles campuses. She is president of the Association of Moving Image Archivists.

Partial funding for the seminar is provided by a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. Seminar enrollment is limited. The \$125 fee includes tuition, Thursday lunch and refreshments during breaks. Deadline to register is Thursday, April 30.

To register or for more information, contact State Archivist Gerald Newborg at the State Historical Society of North Dakota, 612 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, N.D. 58505 or call 701-328-2668.