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Mission Statement

Sabre Foundation, founded in 1969, works to build free institutions and to examine the ideals that sustain them. Its largest project makes millions of dollars’ worth of donated books available to needy individuals in developing and transitional societies worldwide through non-governmental partner organizations, libraries, universities, schools, research organizations and other similar institutions. Through its Library and Information Technology Services, Sabre helps organizations in these regions take advantage of rapidly evolving Internet and related information technologies. Sabre also sponsors domestic and international symposia and philosophical publications which explore the nature and accountability of free institutions. For more information, see Sabre’s website at www.sabre.org.

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President’s Message

Dear Friends of Sabre:

In September 2001 with considerable trepidation I signed the lease for Sabre’s Lawrence warehouse, as the lease represented Sabre’s largest financial commitment ever. However, even though Sabre always has been an organization which pays acute attention to its costs, all of us at Sabre were persuaded that we could run a better book donation program if we operated from a substantially larger (in fact more than twice as large) facility.

Not surprisingly, with a larger warehouse has come growth. In 2002 we sent out 39 shipments of books and other materials to 25 countries, the greatest volume we’ve ever done and a substantial increase from 2001’s 32 containers to 21 countries. But Sabre’s various programs have always been much more about quality and impact than about scale. What our new warehouse has permitted us to do is to keep on hand a much greater inventory of books, enabling our partners overseas to choose from a much deeper selection of titles. Moreover, with the electronic inventory system our very competent warehouse staff currently is installing, our capacity to process orders efficiently will be enhanced significantly.

One of Sabre’s hallmarks has been our ability to implement highly effective programs in very difficult locations. In this regard I’d like to highlight two countries in which we were quite active in 2002: Sierra Leone and Afghanistan.

For much of the 1990s Sierra Leone was consumed by a catastrophic civil war characterized by medieval brutality. The shooting stopped in 2001, and Sierra Leone began to piece back together its civic institutions, among them its libraries. Sallieu Turay, a former teacher who now serves on Sierra Leone’s Library Board, attended Sabre’s Dialogue of African Partners in Accra in early 2002 and, upon his return to Sierra Leone and with the assistance of Sabre Secretary Chuck Getchell, established the Sierra Leone Book Trust, which now serves as Sabre’s local partner in that country. In July 2002, Sabre Program Officer Tim Nikula led an Internet training seminar for 12 trainees in Freetown, Sierra Leone’s main city. Freetown offers neither dependable electricity nor dependable telephone service, so conducting this seminar was an extreme challenge. In addition, in June 2003, a container of 9,781 books—on a wide range of subjects and teaching levels—left Boston for Sierra Leone. We hope that this is the first in a series of shipments to this recovering country.

In April 2002, when the shooting in Afghanistan had (largely) stopped, Sabre assembled a group of individuals in Boston—among them Afghan expatriates, academics and humanitarian activists—interested in rebuilding Afghan institutions. This group provided meaningful advice to us on how Sabre could play a useful role in this Afghan rebuilding effort. Through a non-profit in Uzbekistan, with which Sabre has worked since 1994, and with financial support provided by a group of North American university presses, in August 2002, Sabre dispatched a container to Afghanistan of more than 9,000 books with materials ranging from primary to post-graduate levels (see p. 4). These books took a circuitous route to Afghanistan—Boston/Antwerp/Novorossiya/Tashkent/Mazar-e-Sharif—and today the books can be found in many parts of the country. Sabre is seeking funding for a long-term program in Afghanistan.

I am very proud of the resourcefulness and creativity which Sabre’s staff brought to two complex opportunities in two very needful countries. I wish human history were otherwise, but there is no shortage of other such needful countries. As current examples, Sabre is preparing to send its seventh container of books to Liberia, to be shipped when calmer
conditions prevail, and a program for Iraq is now under discussion.

In 2002 we broadened our Philosophy of Institutions Project. In keeping with Sabre’s history of incubating creative initiatives, www.EconomicPrincipals.com, a site which features the work of David Warsh, who reports upon the economics profession, began operation. David has a wide following among economists all over the world; we are very pleased to have him with us.

I would like to thank Ford Davidson, who interned at Sabre during his four years at Harvard, for his diligent and creative work (especially in the information technology area) on Sabre’s behalf. As a nice bit of symmetry, Ford’s dad Bob was Sabre’s first full-time employee after his own graduation from Harvard in 1971. I also would like to thank Jack Walter, who retired from Sabre’s Board in May, 2003. Jack had served as a Sabre Director since 1984. I shall miss Jack’s wise counsel, in particular helping me better understand the folkways of the non-profit world.

I am pleased to report that at our May, 2003 Board meeting four new Directors joined our Board. Tom Conroy is a Vice President at a major insurance broker; earlier in his career Tom was a congressional staffer and for many years led refugee relief efforts in several countries in Southeast Asia and in Haiti. Boyden Gray is a Washington lawyer and former White House Counsel. Bruce Rabb is a lawyer in Manhattan who has been active for many years with Human Rights Watch. Susan Winthrop teaches at Montserrat College of Art in Beverly, Massachusetts. A friend of Sabre for many years, Susie helped initiate Sabre’s program in Afghanistan. Welcome all.

I hope you find this Annual Report informative. I look forward to any questions you might have, or thoughts about how we could do our work better; please contact me at sabre@sabre.org.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Kenneth G. Bartels
President

Ken Bartels and Arefaine Tekle, Library and Information Association of Eritrea, at the January 2002 conference in Accra, Ghana.
Highlights of 2002

• In January, a Dialogue of African Partners conference was held in Accra, Ghana, bringing together present and prospective Sabre partner organizations from eight countries. Discussions centered on ways to improve the quality of book donation programs to respond better to needs in the field. The five-day meeting, co-hosted by the Ghana Book Trust, also included “hands-on” computer and Internet training workshops.

• The Internet Training Workshops provided—in addition to the Accra sessions—customized training in Sierra Leone and in Cambridge. The training is especially helpful to librarians, teachers, students and researchers.

• The volume of book donations reached a new high. Thirty-nine ocean-freight containers—up from 32 containers in 2001—went to 25 countries (eleven of them “first-time” recipients, also a new record; see p.10). Smaller shipments went by mail and courier service. In all, over 576,000 volumes, valued at over $16 million, were shipped to Sabre partners on four continents.

• Sabre continued to work with American universities—Columbia, Indiana, and Michigan—to strengthen institutions of higher learning abroad.

• Near year-end, Sabre’s first container shipment reached Afghanistan, bringing more than 9,000 new books to benefit schools, universities and medical facilities. The books were selected by local organizations in Afghanistan and distributed by The Project for Economic Reform and Development in Central Asia (PERDCA). Shipping expenses were funded by a silent auction at the annual meeting of the Association of American University Presses (the fourth consecutive year Sabre was so honored).

• Sabre was awarded a U.S. State Department grant for the selection and shipment of some 25,000 Spanish-language books for the children of Cuba over a one-year period. The books, for pre-school and elementary levels, are donated by American publishers and cover a wide range of subjects, including: nature and animal life; geography; astronomy; literature and language arts; and worldwide folktales.

• In line with its interest in the Internet as a means to spread information, Sabre agreed to act as sponsor for an interim period of EconomicPrincipals.com, a new website of former Boston Globe columnist David Warsh. Warsh has won international recognition for his scholarly, non-doctrinaire coverage of the economics profession, and of economic thought more generally.

• The Michael Oakeshott Association, launched under the aegis of Sabre’s Philosophy of Institutions Project in 2001, became an independent entity when its tax-exempt status was approved provisionally by the Treasury Department. Members of the Association study and write about the work and influence of the late English philosopher.
Sabre Foundation: An Overview

Sabre Foundation was started in 1969, with no endowment, by a small group of recent university graduates. They shared an interest in the philosophical underpinnings of free institutions in society, and a commitment to try to strengthen them in innovative ways.

The health and vitality of any community in today’s world depends increasingly on the capacity of its people to receive, discover and communicate knowledge. That principle has guided Sabre’s three lines of work in recent years: book donations, information technology training, and philosophical studies.

The Book Donation Program began in 1986 with a shipment of much-needed new text and reference books to assist doctors, teachers, students and researchers in Poland. It soon expanded to other countries in Central and Eastern Europe, and later to the former Soviet Union, Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. The program has been built on the generosity of scores of U.S. and European publishers, who have donated large quantities of new educational materials on a wide range of subjects. The books are ordered and distributed by Sabre’s non-governmental organization (NGO) partners abroad. Through 2002, over 5.2 million books, CD-ROMs and other educational materials, valued at over $150 million, have been sent to over 80 countries. (For more about the Book Donation Program, see pp. 6-14.)

Sabre’s work with such NGOs around the world led in 1998 to another program: the Internet Training Workshops. This initiative helps people in developing and transitional countries take better advantage of the rapidly evolving tools of electronic research and communication. These custom-tailored workshops, held both in Cambridge and overseas, have so far assisted close to 250 trainees from over 20 countries. (For more about the IT Workshops, see p. 15.)

The Philosophy of Institutions Project has kept its focus on Sabre’s original theme, through fellowships, participation in academic associations and conferences, scholarly publications, and, most recently, interim sponsorship of the website EconomicPrincipals.com. (For more about the Philosophy of Institutions Project, see pp. 16-17.)

Sabre’s work in its home state of Massachusetts is done in a small office in Cambridge and large book distribution center in Lawrence. The foundation’s lean staffing and no frills operations, combined with the high quality of its book inventory, have earned praise from philanthropic professionals. Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org), the web-based “Guide to Intelligent Giving,” which evaluates the efficiency of over 2,370 charities, gives Sabre its top, four-star rating (“exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in its Cause”).

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Book Donation Program

Two factors have combined to make Sabre’s Book Donation Program uncommonly effective:

The exceptional quality of Sabre’s inventory. From thousands of titles offered throughout the year by leading publishers, Sabre carefully chooses only the materials likely to interest its constituencies abroad. Donated books cover such diverse fields as medicine and nursing, law and government, business and economics, the natural sciences, geography and the environment, history, the arts and literature, English language and education, library science, computer science and the Internet. Most of the books are new, unremaindered college- and professional-level titles, but more high school, elementary and pre-school materials are being ordered recently to meet growing demand. The books are usually in English, a widely preferred second language of choice, but Spanish-language children’s books are being added for new programs. Sabre also receives multiple copies of academic monographs from university presses, especially in the humanities and social sciences.

A network of knowledgeable, resourceful and motivated partners in the field. Sabre’s non-governmental partner organizations are in close touch with libraries, schools, universities, and medical and research institutions in their countries. They are thus attuned to local educational needs. So, instead of trying to send as many books as possible, regardless of demonstrated need, Sabre asks its partners abroad to select titles and quantities of books and CD-ROMs from offering lists sent by e-mail.

From Sabre’s Book Distribution Center in Lawrence, MA (the size of a football field and a half), shipments are normally dispatched in 20- or 40-foot ocean freight containers, holding up to 20,000 books. Overseas partners (listed on p. 26) take care of clearing the shipments through customs, warehousing, stamping, re-packing and distributing the books locally, and reporting back to Sabre. The beneficiaries of the donated materials include teachers and students, doctors and other health care professionals, scientists, researchers, lawmakers, jurists and entrepreneurs.

From the Program’s beginnings in 1986 through the end of 2002, Sabre had shipped more than 5.2 million books, journals and CD-ROMs, with a fair market value of over $150 million, to over 80 countries. Over 200 U.S. and European publishers have participated over the past 17 years, and roughly 30 are current donors. Many of their donations are governed by a provision of the U.S. tax code requiring that the materials benefit the needy, the ill or children. Where requested books are not available by donation, Sabre may seek supplemental program funding for reduced-cost purchases.
2002 Shipments and Plans

During 2002, the Book Donation Program shipped to Sabre’s partners overseas 576,045 books, with a fair market value of over $16 million. The total of 39 ocean-freight containers was a record, topping the 32 containers of the year before. Smaller shipments went by mail and courier service. Sub-Saharan Africa was the destination for roughly half of the books, led by Ghana and Tanzania.

In the last half of the year, shipments left the Massachusetts warehouse bound for two new countries on Sabre’s roster: Afghanistan (in August) and Algeria (in November).

The Afghan shipment was the culmination of months of planning which began with a “brainstorming” meeting hosted by Sabre in April, bringing together members of the Afghan community of New England and representatives from academic, medical, foreign aid and philanthropic circles. The group assessed priority book needs and distribution modes.

The first container shipment of over 9,000 new books of all levels will benefit schools, universities and medical facilities. To handle country-wide distribution, Sabre enlisted The Project for Economic Reform and Development in Central Asia (PERDCA), with which the Foundation had already worked in Uzbekistan. Funding of preparation and shipping costs was generously provided by the Association of American University Presses (AAUP), which donated proceeds from a silent auction of advertising space at its annual meeting (the fourth time Sabre was so honored).

Sabre hopes that this initial shipment will mark the start of a long-range program to assist the damaged Afghan educational system, and fresh funding is being sought as this report goes to press. The chancellor of Kabul University, Professor Akbar Popal, wrote that he was “thrilled with the intention of Sabre Foundation to help us rebuild our libraries and universities.”

The shipment to Algeria contained over 8,000 upper-level books on a wide range of subjects: agriculture, business, computer science, ecology/environment, economics, engineering, geography, mathematics, medicine, political science, psychology and science. About one-fifth of the books were earmarked for the Ecole Nationale d’Administration, for its joint program with the Picker Center of the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University. The balance were chosen by Sabre’s new Algerian NGO partner FOREM, which distributed the books to schools and universities around the country.

The launch of this new program benefited from help by the U.S. Embassy in Algiers and the Starr Foundation (whose grant also funded IT training for four Algerian librarians in 2000). As with Afghanistan, Sabre hopes to provide longer term assistance to Algeria.

During recent years, Sabre has sent smaller shipments to Cuba on many occasions, in response to requests for books on such topics as medicine and nursing, the environment, and architecture. In October, a new initiative got underway to bring some 25,000 Spanish-language children’s books to the island within a year. This will make use of the growing number of Spanish-language titles offered to Sabre, and is supported by a grant from the U.S. Department of State. Sabre welcomes private funding as well to enable it to continue and broaden its book donation program for Cuba, and has added to its website a facility for on-line credit card donations. (See www.sabre.org/cuba.)
Focus on Ukraine

2002 marked a dozen years of partnership between Sabre Foundation and Sabre-Svitlo, a Lviv-based NGO operating in all 25 regions of Ukraine. It works to promote education through donations of print and electronic media, and has so far distributed close to 800,000 books, journals and CD-ROMs to libraries, universities, colleges, schools, medical institutions, and individuals throughout the country.

Sabre-Svitlo has emphasized material on disciplines which are key to building an open society in Ukraine: political and social sciences, legal studies, history, philosophy, and public administration. With generous help from the International Renaissance Foundation (IRF), Sabre-Svitlo improved its database and set up a council of academic specialists to advise on the selection of titles.

The year 2002 was especially fruitful. Thanks to the combined efforts and financial support from IRF, the Ukrainian Federation of America (UFA), the Ukrainian Studies Fund at Harvard University (USF), and the Freedom Support Act program of the U.S. Embassy in Ukraine, as well as from individual sponsors, Sabre-Svitlo accomplished these important projects:

- Three complete sets of the Loeb Classical Library, consisting of some 500 works of ancient Greek and Roman authors (with English-language translations), were placed with the Vernadsky National Library in Kyiv, the Korolenko Scientific Library in Kharkiv, and the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv (whose rector, Rev. Borys Gudziak, is shown in photo).

- More than 2,000 copies of monographs from the Harvard, Yale and MIT university presses were inventoried and made available to the Ukrainian scholarly community.

- New, revised editions of two important health care books were received, in quantities of 15,000 each, for general distribution: the Ukrainian translation of E. Fenwick’s Complete Book of Mother and Baby Care and the Atlas of Human Anatomy. Similar quantities of earlier editions had been distributed to various institutions during 1999-2001. Sabre-Svitlo is cooperating closely with Lviv Medical University in placing the new editions.

- With the help of the Ukrainian Federation of America, Sabre-Svitlo launched a “Ridne Slovo” (Our Language) project aimed at enhancing Ukrainian language skills in the eastern regions of Ukraine by providing rural school libraries in selected districts with modern Ukrainian publications of their choosing. English language publications from Sabre Foundation also were included and the district pedagogical universities were involved in the project. In 2002, the project focussed on the Nishyn District of the Chrenihiv Region and the Uman District of the Cherkasy Region, with four schools in Sevastopol included as well.

The schematic map on the facing page identifies important sources of support (entities numbered 1 through 6) for Sabre-Svitlo (7). The boxes at the bottom indicate the range of its beneficiaries.


3. Ukrainian Diaspora organizations supporting the work of Sabre-Svitlo: Ukrainian Studies Fund; California Committee for Aid to Ukraine; Ukrainian Federation of America; Orest & Lidia Bilous Family Foundation; Sos Family Fund.

4. Sabre Foundation: Since 1990, Sabre has provided new books, CD-ROMs and other educational materials.

5. U.S. Embassy: grant supports books for Ukrainian institutions with U.S. government-supported partnership or outreach program.


7. Registered as an all-national non-profit organization, Sabre-Svitlo is in its 14th year of operation.
Shipments to New Countries

In 2002, Sabre sent containers of donated books to eleven “first-time” recipient countries. The projects in Afghanistan and Algeria have been described on p. 7. Information on the shipments to the nine other new countries follows.

Albania - The project was initiated at the request of the U.S. Embassy in Tirana and involved the active interest of the Ambassador’s wife, who was teaching a course at Tirana University in American history and culture. She noted that the 100 students in her class had access to only a limited number of relevant texts through the American Reading Room, a small library at the University. The 20-foot shipment which Sabre sent out in October to the Book and Communication House, an Albanian NGO, held a wide range of secondary and tertiary level books to help meet some of the book needs at Tirana University, along with those of other educational institutions in Albania.

China – Sabre worked in conjunction with San Francisco-based Books for Asia (a branch of the Asia Foundation) to ship a container of academic monographs for universities throughout China. The books, published by Harvard University Press, Yale University Press and MIT Press, were distributed by the Shanghai Books Distribution Center at the Shanghai International Studies University. The Center’s director noted that “those librarians invited to come to our Center to select the books were very impressed” and consequently a second shipment was scheduled for 2003.

Ecuador – This 20-foot container was sent to the Minga Community Development Foundation in Quito, in conjunction with Peace Corps. All but 120 of the more than 15,000 books in the container were in Spanish and included readers and picture books, along with math and science texts. Peace Corps projects throughout Ecuador benefited from the shipment.

Kiribati – Sabre’s first shipment to this country, composed of 33 islands in the mid-Pacific Ocean, was also carried out in conjunction with Peace Corps. The shipment to Tarawa, a series of atolls linked by causeways, involved a number of logistical challenges. For example, the Peace Corps was unable to provide Sabre’s freight forwarders with a street address for the delivery of the container, noting that “there are no street addresses here. There is only one main road, and that doesn’t even have a name. You can never get lost here.” The 20-foot container was shipped via New Zealand and contained a mixture of primary, secondary and tertiary level books, in a wide range of subject areas.

Macedonia – Sabre worked with the Center for International Education and Development Assistance at Indiana University to send a 40-foot container in support of the South East European University, a new trilingual, multi-ethnic international university, opened in 2001 in Tetovo. The shipment of more than 16,000 volumes focused on such areas as business, public administration, education and communications. A second shipment to Macedonia is scheduled for 2003.

Moldova – This container of secondary and tertiary level books was carried out in conjunction with the Peace Corps and the National Youth Council of Moldova, based in Chisinau. Unusual for a Sabre/Peace Corps shipment, the focus was on tertiary level books and the Peace Corps requested specifically “health-related books targeting the general public.”

Executive Director Tania Vitvitsky with staff of the University of Montenegro and World University Service, Podgorica, Montenegro.
Montenegro – In September 2001, Sabre’s Executive Director, Tania Vitvitsky, traveled to Podgorica for meetings with the Montenegro branch of World University Service, an Austria-based NGO, and the University of Montenegro. The container that followed the visit—in November 2002—included over 7,500 books and CD-ROMs covering a wide range of primarily college-level materials.

Uganda – At the request of the Quebec-based non-profit, Terres Sans Frontières, Sabre shipped a container of secondary and tertiary level books to the Uganda Private and Integrated Schools Association (UPISA) in Kisubi. A portion of the container also was designated for Uganda Martyrs University in Nkozi. Bro. Francis X. Byarugaba (shown in photo), who coordinated the project in Uganda, was one of the participants at Sabre’s Ghana conference in January, 2002.

Vietnam – Sabre worked with Washington, DC-based Health Volunteers Overseas to send a container of medical books to the Faculty of Nursing and Medical Technology at the University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Ho Chi Minh City. Although the container held just over 5,000 volumes—published for the most part by Lippincott Williams and Wilkins and McGraw-Hill—the shipment had a fair market value of approximately $250,000, reflecting the high average cost of new medical books.

Environmental Bookshelf

During 2002—and even into 2003—Sabre continued to receive messages of appreciation from conservation professionals abroad who are making good use of the Environmental Bookshelf in their work. These 20-volume collections were shipped, beginning in 2001, to some 80 environmental centers in Latin America, Africa and Asia, in a Sabre project supported by the Prospect Hill Foundation, Island Press and the Wildlife Conservation Society.

The Program Director of the Wildlife Conservation Society in Shanghai wrote following receipt of the books that: “We find them very useful. I believe these books will help the projects here in China and we will enjoy reading them for many years to come.”

An ecologist working to protect the unique biodiversity of eastern Cuba wrote: “Everybody in my office is sending you their most sincere thanks... All of the books are really wonderful, so they will be useful not only for us but also for other people in our city.”

These two photos were sent to Sabre by Gazy Kattan of the Fundación EcoAndina, in Cali, Colombia.
Sabre’s Partnership With Peace Corps

Sabre Foundation has shipped more than 300,000 books, with a fair market value of over $5 million, through a cooperative agreement with Peace Corps which began in 1998. With the help of its many partner organizations, Sabre has so far supplied educational materials for use in Peace Corps projects in 25 countries on four continents.
Sabre’s Book Donation Philosophy

Sabre Foundation’s Book Donation Program is valued by overseas NGOs because of Sabre’s steadfast adherence to the policy that when it comes to the educational needs of developing and transitional countries, indigenous organizations know best. The keystone of Sabre’s book program is that it is demand-driven. Rather than trying to send as many books as possible, regardless of demonstrated need, Sabre gives its overseas partners the opportunity to select books and CD-ROMs from detailed inventory offering lists that are sent electronically. Only titles and quantities specifically requested by its partners are shipped by Sabre. Those titles are new, high-quality, up-to-date books selected by Sabre from the offerings made by donating publishers. In the selection process, Sabre’s rule-of-thumb is that something which is of no value in the U.S. is usually equally valueless overseas. The schools, universities, libraries and individuals that benefit from Sabre’s Book Donation Program are not regarded as the recipients of aid for whom “any book is better than no book at all.” They are regarded instead as clients with limited resources.

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For more information on the book donation program, or for Sabre’s guidelines on making a financial or material contribution, please contact Colin McCullough, Book Program Manager, at (617) 868-3510 or colin@sabre.org.
Scenes from recent activities at Sabre-Zagreb and Sabre-Svitlo, both Sabre partners now for a dozen years since the Communist era. Photos 1, 2 & 4: Saturday mornings at the National Library in Zagreb, Croatia. Scenes 3, 5 & 6: book presentation ceremonies at the Uman Pedagogical University, Ukraine.
Internet Training Workshops Program

Sabre’s Internet Training Workshops, now in their fifth year, grew out of the same premise that underlies the Book Donation Program: that economic and civic development benefit from enhanced access to information and ideas.

The World Wide Web has added a powerful new dimension to research, education and communication. Sabre perceived early on that Internet facility would be important for librarians, researchers, teachers and students—and especially for its NGO partners, who order books electronically from Sabre, and who depend on their website to publicize their activity. The Workshops are fashioned to meet the particular occupations, experience and needs of trainees.

Training can be in Cambridge as well as abroad. 2002 saw two notable Workshops in Africa. In January, during the conference of Sabre partners in Ghana (see p. 4), two days of custom-tailored, “hands-on” training were provided for NGO partner staff from seven countries: Eritrea, Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Tanzania and Uganda. The training sessions were held at Busy Internet, a newly-built Internet and computer access facility in Accra. A full report on the training program as well as conference papers can be found on Sabre’s website, at: www.sabre.org/dap.html.

Then, in July, Sabre IT Training Manager Tim Nikula traveled to Sierra Leone to instruct ten information professionals from libraries in computer and Internet skills at the Center for Media Education and Technology in Freetown. (This was followed by a visit to Cambridge in January 2003 for further planning and training by Sallieu Turay, executive director of Sabre’s new partner, Sierra Leone Book Trust.) For information about the newly-established Sierra Leone Book Trust and the training program, please see www.sabre.org/sierraleone.

Workshops also were conducted in Cambridge during the year with an environmental activist from Tajikistan and a Fulbright Scholar from Nigeria.
Philosophy of Institutions

The Economic Principals Project (www.economicprincipals.com) follows on the heels of the Michael Oakeshott Association (see below) as a further Sabre experiment in incubating a web-based project. Sabre will sponsor for up to three years EconomicPrincipals.com, a site that features the award-winning column of David Warsh, for the past twenty years a lead writer for Forbes and the Boston Globe.

Warsh, an economic journalist, is internationally recognized as a knowledgeable, non-doctrinaire commentator on the economics profession and on economic thought generally. He focuses on the people (the “principals”) who give economic ideas their practical force. His is the column one reads to understand the work behind the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics, the influence of the Chicago or Cambridge School, the intellectual ferment likely to shape policies in coming decades. The EconomicPrincipals.com site features not only his own work but also has links to other influential economic commentary.

In 2003, Warsh was awarded a J. P. Morgan International Prize Fellowship in Finance, Policy and Economics at the American Academy in Berlin for the first six months of 2004, so that EconomicPrincipals.com will be continued from Germany during that period and will include coverage of important European developments. In the autumn of 2004, Norton will publish Warsh’s latest book, focusing on the treatment of knowledge as a factor of production in contemporary economics. Beginning in 2003, Warsh will join the roster of commentators on “Nightly Business Report,” a half-hour television program that appears on public broadcasting stations nationwide.

The Economic Principals Project was launched at a brunch hosted in the fall of 2002 by economists Zvi Bodie and Robert C. Merton. During 2002 the readership of EconomicPrincipals.com, as measured both by hits and by registered on-line subscribers, quadrupled to reach an influential audience in 62 countries. Access to the site and to subscriptions is free. Initial funding has come from private individuals. Sabre welcomes financial contributions earmarked for the Economic Principals Project.

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The Michael Oakeshott Association (www.michael-oakeshott-association.org) achieved provisional recognition by the United States Treasury Department as a 501(c)(3) exempt organization, thus leaving Sabre’s aegis to operate independently under its own officers and board. Sabre Director Josiah Lee Auspitz remained as a founding member of the MOA Executive Committee through 2002 to see the spin-off to a successful conclusion. Sabre Secretary Charles Getchell has been designated with power of attorney to guide the Association through the further five-year process of final registration as an exempt organization in 2007.

During 2002 the Association funded and scheduled its second international conference to be held September 25-28, 2003, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Presidential Address will be delivered by Kenneth Minogue, Professor Emeritus at the London School of Economics. The conference chair, Timothy Fuller, Professor and former Dean of the Faculty of Colorado College, will succeed Minogue to a two-year term as President. As with the Sabre-sponsored inaugural conference in London in 2001, the meeting will draw scholars from four continents to discuss about three dozen papers relating to Oakeshott’s philosophical work in aesthetics, religion, education, politics, law, history, metaphysics and science.
As in the 2001 conference, Auspitz will contribute a paper to the opening session. A selection of papers from the first two conferences will be published by Imprint Academic under the editorship of Glasgow University Professor Robert Grant, who is also at work on a biography of Oakeshott. The Association’s third biennial conference is planned for 2005.

That the three-year incubation under Sabre was so successful is due in large measure to the family and friends of the late Burton C. Gray, an early President of Sabre, to whose memory the Association’s inaugural conference was dedicated. Gray was an admirer of Oakeshott’s work and drew upon it in his own inquiries in the philosophy of law and economics.

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The Centrality of Trust, a work in the philosophy of institutions by Josiah Lee Auspitz, continues as an ongoing Sabre project.

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In Memoriam

Gábor Vályi
President, Sabre-Hungary Alapítvány
President, Hungarian Librarians’ Association
Librarian of the Hungarian Parliament
Valued friend of Sabre Foundation

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Sabre records with sorrow the passing of Gábor Vályi. As President of Sabre-Hungary Alapítvány and of the Association of Hungarian Librarians, Vályi coordinated Sabre and other book donations for more than a decade. Ably assisted by Miklós Fagarassy and Katalin Kovács, he led three unique initiatives. First, Sabre-Hungary Alapítvány (Foundation) itself was the first independent foundation to meet the standards of U.S. charitable law (previously, non-profits had to operate as committees under bureaucratic aegis). Completely self-funded, it set a precedent for non-profit law in Hungary. Second, the Alapítvány spearheaded the first region-wide distribution project for donated scientific materials: Sabre-Hungary coordinated a multi-country distribution of a major ($13 million) collection of scientific books under grants from the Andrew W. Mellon and Soros Foundations. Third, Vályi chaired the Dialogue of Eastern European Partners held in Budapest in 1995, the first conference on improving book donation standards in post-communist countries and a model for Sabre’s recent regional conference on African donation programs held in Accra, Ghana. By the time Sabre moved from Hungary to needier countries in the late 1990s, its substantial donations of books and journals had made a major contribution to higher learning in central and eastern Europe.

Hungary is a country where librarianship has an unusually honored place. Vályi, a man of great kindness and dignity, was at the pinnacle of his distinguished profession. We mourn a valued friend and colleague.
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| Change in net assets                                                | (45,234)     | 81,345         | 36,111   |
| Net assets - beginning of year                                      | 221,762      | 326,912 [d]    | 548,674  |
| Net assets - end of year                                            | 176,528      | 408,257 [d]    | 584,785  |

Notes: [a] SFAS No. 116 provides: “Contributions are recognized when the donor makes a promise to give that is, in substance, unconditional, and are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted, depending on the existence or the nature of any donor restrictions.” [b] For tax and financial statement purposes, in-kind services and donated materials are reported as expended in the same year in which they are received. Therefore, inventory of books and materials are not carried on Sabre’s audited statement of financial position. [c] Of this total, the component relating to the Library and Information Technology Services program was estimated by management. [d] Except for $1,400 permanently restricted endowment, these figures refer to assets restricted temporarily.
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The table below is a comparative summary of inventory transactions:

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9 July 2002

Dear Tania, Colin, Ken, Ray, Sarah, Sasha and Tim,

I wanted to express my gratitude to you for allowing me to be a part of the Sabre team over the last four years. It was a special part of my time at Harvard, made so by your kindness and encouragement. I’ve had many internships and summer jobs, and can honestly say that it is rare to find a work environment and combination of people that make going to work an enriching experience. . .

To think my dad was the Sabre Foundation’s first employee is incredible, and for me, more than 25 years later, to have played a small role in Sabre’s success, is special. Your thoughtful gifts of a “wireless communication system” and gift certificate from Amazon were very much appreciated. Thank you.

I wish you all the best of luck as you lead Sabre into the future.

Sincerely,
Ford

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Autobiographical note of SONG HENG (Sabre’s newest warehouse assistant):

I was born in Battambang province in a town called Phom Froke Sangkie. I have little education. My mother and my two younger brothers are the sole survivors in my family of the Communist era. After Pol Pot’s regime, the Vietnamese invaded Cambodia in 1979. My family left the country for the Thai border. We came to live in a refugee camp called Kaow Eadang. We lived there from 1979 to 1984. Until one day we received news that our family had been selected for immigration to go live in the United States. It took us almost two years before we passed all the requirements and preparations. By May of 1985 our family finally arrived in the States. We established our new home in Albuquerque, New Mexico. We lived there for a few years. Then we decided to move to California. After a few months in California I decided to follow a friend to the East Coast. Which is how I came to live in Lowell, Massachusetts, since 1988.
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