

### **Doc. D3. Use of “Frequency varies” in Field 321**

The use of “frequency varies” was a practical decision made many years ago when writing the CONSER Editing Guide to help libraries deal with serials that had undergone multiple frequency changes. This was before the days of online check-in and publication patterns! Now that CONSER is involved with providing patterns in records for each frequency change, should we reconsider the practice of giving the “Frequency varies” note?

#### **Questions**

- The Bremer macro is used primarily to provide patterns for the current frequency. Can it be used on the 321 as well? (This is a question for Robert)
- In what ways does the note hinder the provision of pattern creation?
- Would inclusion of the patterns in the record (or eventually in a subrecord or other location) reduce the need for detailed information in the record?
- Should we stop using it at this point? Existing records would remain as they are.