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#### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Summertime, with its easy living, is just around the corner, but some have been hard at work to bring information to the MAALL reading public.

Susan Catterall tells us of a new Computer Law Center at Drake, John Edwards tells us some of what might be expected at the MAALL Annual Meeting in Tulsa, and our state liaisons, now at full force, bring us news from all the MAALL states. It makes an editor's life much easier when contributors are plentiful. Thank you all.

In addition to the familiar MEMBERSHIP NEWS and MAALL PLACEMENT COLUMNS, you will find a new column of note, entitled just that: OF NOTE. The column will contain items of interest which do not fit well in the MEMBERSHIP NEWS column. One example is the information regarding several Nebraska on-line databases contained in this month's column.

Enjoy your summer. Remember, the living is easy. I look forward to seeing you in Tulsa, if not New York.

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## COMPUTER LAW CENTER OPENS AT DRAKE UNIVERSITY

The Dwight D. Opperman Computer Law Center officially opens at Drake University this fall. Unofficially, the center has been in operation for some time. The center houses the new AT&T Information Systems Computer Laboratory. Separate LEXIS and WESTLAW training facilities adjoin the center.

The origins of the computer center lie with the 1983 decision to discontinue the LEXIS subscription in favor of WESTLAW, which was less expensive. While the Law School Faculty was eager to try WESTLAW, the school could not fund both systems. Aware of Drake's reluctance to drop its LEXIS subscription, our Mead Data representative initiated negotiations for the establishment of a permanent LEXIS training facility, the first of its kind at any law school. This facility, operational since 1 September 1984, is used today to train subscribers and is also available for faculty and students' use. Mead Data bears the costs of the facility. In addition to the LEXIS terminal in the Law Library (for which the library pays the regular subscription rate), Drake students and faculty have access to the training center's eight terminals, one on-line printer and one off-line printer. Law faculty are permitted exclusive use of the facility in the morning; students are allowed to use the center at night and on weekends. WESTLAW also established a training center in the law school and has provided chairs, computer tables, seven terminals, three printers and a set of CJS. The WESTLAW training center is more accessible to the student population because WESTLAW has not yet begun to conduct training sessions for local subscribers, and because WESTLAW hired students to staff the center afternoons.

After the WESTLAW and LEXIS training centers became reality, Drake Law School's Dean, Richard Calkins, began negotiations for the establishment of a computer laboratory. As a result, AT&T selected Drake Law School as its National Computer Law Center. Space was provided for seventeen AT&T PC 6300's and printers. The laboratory will be used to train students in the use of computers and to develop software programs for legal education and programs for dealing with the practice of law.

The purchase of the AT&T computers and the expansion of the center was made possible by an endowment from Dwight D. Opperman, President and Chief Executive Officer of West Publishing Company. Mr. Opperman is a 1951 graduate of Drake University Law School. Among many things, the endowment will provide for the initial purchase of computers and software. In appreciation, the University has named the center the Dwight D. Opperman Computer Law Center. Drake is the first law school to have such a center.

Richard Calkins, Dean of Law, is anxious that students take advantage of these facilities. Beginning with the first-year class of 1984, all students are required to learn both LEXIS and WESTLAW systems. Professor John D. Edwards, Director of the Law Library, designed scripts and coordinated the training of the first-year students. The training, conducted by law librarians, consists of a combination of off-line and on-line written exercises, as well as a 90-minute "hands on" training session. During the months of February and March, the librarians conducted 40 such sessions. In addition to the training of law students, the facilities are used for Continuing Legal Education courses. During the month of February, over fifty practitioners participated in CLE courses.

Future plans call for continuing the training of students, practitioners and subscribers. Drake also plans to train the Des Moines Area Community College para-legal students in computer-assisted legal research. In addition, the Law School has been selected by the Iowa State Bar Association as the site for their first Electronic Research Center. The Center will allow practitioners access to the WESTLAW, and possibly, the LEXIS terminals in the training center. Drake Law School has reason to be proud of its facilities.

Susan Catterall

#### OF NOTE

The Nebraska Library Commission offers Nebraska on-line databases, including Nebraska Revised Statutes, (NRS) Introduced Legislative Bills (ILB) and State Publications Checklist (SPC). NRS contains the full text of the current statutes, including supplements. One search scans the entire body of Nebraska statutory law. ILB includes the text of all current legislative bills as they are introduced; amendments are not reflected. While bill tracking, amendments and hearing schedules are not currently available, they may be added in the future. SPC is a catalog of Nebraska state government publications. It provides subject, author, title, series and agency access to documents. The SPC is sometimes used as an acquisition tool, because it identifies and provides ordering information for State publications.

Carol Gendler, Douglas County Law Library, has access to the databases. Call Carol (402 444-7174) if you have a search request.

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Seven librarians from Omaha and one from Council Bluffs met recently at the offices of Kennedy, Holland, DeLacy and Svoboda. The group, interested in improving library services by sharing information and expertise, will meet next to discuss the results of Profile/Surveys which have been distributed by the group to local law libraries. The eight will be joined by at least four additional individuals who have expressed an interest in the group. Input from all MAALL members is invited. Please contact Mary T. Stultz (402 397-0203) for further information.

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Staff members of law libraries in MAALL are visiting other libraries through the staff exchange program. A participant in the program is able to spend several days at another library to see how it or one of its departments operates. Often, the staffs of host libraries provide some housing or meals for the visitor so that the expenses of the visit can be kept to a minimum. Also, grants to cover travel expenses of up to \$100 are available. For more information, or for applications, contact John Edwards at Drake University Law Library in Des Moines.

## POTENTIAL MAJOR PURCHASES

The following list is composed of potential major purchases in terms of price, and to a lesser extent, esoteric titles whose prices are not particularly high. When an item seemed to fit within a MAALL library's area of strength or emphasis, we listed the library's name followed by a question mark to indicate a possible purchase for that library. Of course, any such purchases would be strictly voluntary. We hope a knowledge of each other's strengths will lead to sound selective purchasing and minimize duplication of major purchases within MAALL.

There is a second list of titles which identifies items owned by at least two MAALL libraries. Ownership was determined by checking OCLC and the MAALL Union List of Looseleaves. If a library already has an item on the first list, is going to buy an item, is strongly thinking about buying an item, or would buy an item if another library would buy something else (perhaps specified), please notify Fritz Snyder at Kansas or Connie Fennwald at Missouri. Fritz and Connie are also soliciting other possible major purchases to be listed in the Newsletter.

(1) International Law Research Collection. IDC (Switzerland). 6,000-10,000 titles. 1,000 titles annually at a price of Sfr. 20,000 (about 8,000 dollars). One title equals 20 Sfr. (about 8 dollars).

(2) Swiss Review of International Competition Law. A journal issued 3 times a year for 70 dollars. Apparently nobody in MAALL owns this.

(3) Congressional Research Service. Major studies and issue briefs. 2-3 years worth of studies cost 450-600 dollars. DOES ANYONE OWN, OR IS ANYONE PLANNING TO GET, ALL OR PART OF THIS SET?

(4) Earliest Laws of the Original Thirteen States. Compiled and introduced by John Cushing. 20 vols. 887 dollars (less 100 dollars discount for purchasing complete collection). Michael Glazier, 1723 Delaware Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19806 (1-800-548-3535). St. Louis, Iowa, Southern Illinois -- do you have or are you interested?

(5) Colony Laws of North America. Ed. by John Cushing. 316 dollars. 9 vols. Same publisher as (4). Tulsa owns this. Is anyone else interested? -- St. Louis, Iowa, Southern Illinois?

(6) Congressional Journals of the United States, 1789-1817. 65 vols. 2,316 dollars. Same publisher as (4). Washburn has purchased. Is anyone else interested?

- (7) Human Experimentation: Federal Laws, Legislative Histories, Regulations and Related Documents. Ed. by Bernie Reams. Trans-Media Oceans. 500 dollars. Anyone besides Washington contemplating a purchase?
- (8) National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. Contains all available transcripts of the proceedings of each annual meeting, as well as the transcripts of the discussions in the Committee of the Whole of each Uniform and Model Act. Hein. 850 dollars. Microfiche. (1983) Washburn. Is anyone else interested?
- (9) Archive of the Fourth Russell Tribunal (On the rights of the Indians in the Americas) held in Rotterdam in 1980 with reports, documents and testimony pertaining to 47 cases. IDC microfiche. 280 dollars. (Meyer Boswell Books, 982 Hayes St., San Francisco, CA 94117). Anyone interested -- Oklahoma, Tulsa?
- (10) Early American Indian Documents: Treaties and Laws, 1607-1789. 1,500 dollars (1,350 with prepayment). 20 vols. University Publications of America, 1984. Washburn has. Only v. 1,2,4,5,7 published to date. Is anyone else interested -- Oklahoma, Tulsa?
- (11) Commercial Laws of Europe. Vols. 1-6 (1978-1983) 1,125 dollars. Vol. 7, 1984, monthly - 195 dollars. Gaunt. ANYONE?
- (12) Complete Blackstone Collection. Microfiche ed. LLMC. 550 vols. 2,000 dollars. ANYONE?
- (13) ALI Archive Publications. Microfiche. Selected documents from its inception in 1923. 11,500 dollars. Hein, 1984. Washburn has. Is anyone else interested?
- (14) Environmental Impact Statements. EIS, 1970- Digests and texts. 27,000 dollars or various increments. ANYONE?
- (15) U.S. vs. A.T.&T.: Court Documents, 1974-84. University Publications of America. Microfilm. 1,900 dollars. Washburn has. Is anyone else interested?
- (16) Card Catalogs of the Harvard Law School Library, 1817-1981. Saur. Fiche. about 5,000 dollars. Washburn and Washington have. Is anyone else interested?
- (17) Crankshaw's Criminal Code (Canada). 8th ed. Carswell. 480 dollars. St. Louis has. Anyone else interested -- Iowa?
- (18) Statutes Revised, Northern Ireland. Gaunt. 1,312 dollars. Anyone interested -- St. Louis?

TWO OR MORE MAALL LIBRARIES OWN THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- (1) Bioethics Reporter. University Publications of America. 500 per year. Washington, Nebraska, Oklahoma.
- (2) Plymouth Court Records, 1686-1859. Ed. by David Konig. 16 vols. 895 dollars per set. Southern Illinois, Washington, Oklahoma.
- (3) Commons Debates 1628, a record of the debates which led to the adoption of the Petition of Right. Yale Univ. Press, 1977. 6 vols. 350 dollars. Seven libraries have.
- (4) Opinions of the Committees on Professional Ethics, 1980-. Eugene Wypyski, ed. Oceana. 4 vols. 360 dollars. Iowa, Washburn, Southern Illinois, Washington.
- (5) CCH Energy Resources Tax Reporter. 315 dollars per year for 2 years. 2 vols. Oklahoma, Tulsa.
- (6) Collection of International Concessions & Related Instruments, historical series. 12 vols. 45 dollars per vol. 595-1974. Oceana. Illinois, Southern Illinois, Oral Roberts.
- (7) Collection of International Concessions & Related Instruments, contemporary series. 1975-. 6 vols. 50 dollars per vol. Oceana. Four libraries have.
- (8) Holocaust: selected documents in 18 vols. John Mendelsohn, ed. 1982. 55 dollars per volume. 837 dollars for set. 5 vols. legally related. Southern Illinois (main library), St. Louis public, Oklahoma (main library).
- (9) Court Awarded Attorney Fees. Bender. 210 dollars per year. Southern Illinois, Washburn, Washington.
- (10) Competition Law in Western Europe & the U.S.A. (West, 1984- ). 10 vols. 400 dollars. Four libraries have.
- (11) Federal Income Taxation of Life Insurance Companies. Bender. 210 dollars. Eight libraries have.
- (12) Cobbett's Parliamentary History of England, 1066-1803. 36 vols. Hein. 975 dollars. Southern Illinois (main library), Oklahoma (main library).
- (13) Acts & Ordinances of the Interregnum, 1642-1660. Edited by C.H. Firth & R.S. Rait. 230 dollars. Five libraries have.  
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The following list supersedes the listing, by school, of collection strengths which appeared at MAALL Newsletter 5 (1985): 4.

SCHOOLS

ARKANSAS (LITTLE ROCK)

Insurance  
Oil & Gas

CREIGHTON

Antiquarian Law (1500-1900)  
Agriculture  
Labor Law  
Meat Packing  
Urban Planning

IOWA

Agriculture  
Briefs (2d, 8th, & D.C. Circuit  
Court of Appeal)  
Congressional Committee Hearings  
Copyright  
English Yearbooks & Legal Manuscripts  
Insurance  
Labor Law  
State Administrative Codes  
State Legislative Journals  
State & Federal Constitutional  
Convention Materials  
Canada

KANSAS

Agriculture  
Federal Lands

ILLINOIS

Argentina  
Brazil  
Copyright  
Family Law  
Jury Instructions  
Labor Law  
Professional Ethics (Including areas  
other than law)  
Western Europe  
U.S.S.R.

NEBRASKA

Chile

MISSOURI

Australian Statutes & Court  
Reports (Federal & State)  
Dispute Resolution & Mediation  
Labor Law  
New Zealand Statutes & Court  
Reports  
State Reports  
Trials (19th Century)

OKLAHOMA

Copyright  
Oil & Gas  
Indian Law (North American)

OKLAHOMA CITY

Oil & Gas

ORAL ROBERTS

Congressional Reports, Hearings,  
Bills (CIS microfiche since 1953)  
Religious Liberty  
Labor Law

ST. LOUIS

Canon Law  
Colonial & Territorial Constitutional  
& Legislative Materials  
Criminology  
Health Law  
Hebrew Law  
Irish Law  
Land Use  
Legal Fiction

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Federal Lands  
Jury Instructions  
Lincoln, Abraham  
Mining Law  
State & Federal Constitutional  
Convention Materials  
Water

TULSA

Maritime Law (Law of the Sea)  
Mining Law  
Indian Law (North American)  
Oil & Gas

U.M.K.C.

Urban Planning

WASHBURN

Psychiatry & the Law

WASHINGTON

Social Security  
State Administrative Codes



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

GLEN PETER AHLERS, Assistant Director and law student, (Washburn) has been named Technical Editor for volume 25 of the Washburn Law Journal. Glen became eligible for the editorship upon publication of his Comment in the Journal last winter.

ARTHUR EARL BONFIELD, John Murray distinguished Professor of Law, (University of Iowa) will become the Assistant Dean for Research at the Iowa Law School on 1 July 1985. Arthur will assume administrative responsibility for the law library at that time.

MARY BURCHILL, Public Services Librarian, (University of Kansas) was granted tenure and promoted to Librarian II this spring.

DAVID COWAN, (University of Missouri--Columbia) has accepted a position at Baylor University. David was responsible for preparing the MAALL PLACEMENT column for our Newsletter.

CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY LAW LIBRARY speaks of one of its volunteers: It is generally accepted that the human resources of our libraries are their most valuable assets. An example in point is Joan Kohout. An honor graduate of Columbia University's School of Library Service and former member of the library staff of Hughes, Hubbard & Reed in Washington, D.C., MS. Kohout has been sharing her knowledge of computer assisted research with Creighton University law students. This summer and fall she will offer tutorials on the use of LEXIS and WESTLAW. Her colleagues salute Joan as a super volunteer!

PATRICIA DAGENAIS, (Hallmark Cards, Inc.) has agreed to act as liaison for private firm libraries in the Kansas City and St. Louis areas.

AVIS FORSMAN (Kutak, Rock & Campbell) has results from her salary survey. Avis sent surveys to twenty-four MAALL law firm libraries and to three Chicago firm libraries.

NEEDRA JACKSON, (University of Missouri--Columbia) has agreed to assume responsibility for the MAALL PLACEMENT column in our Newsletter. Welcome aboard Needra!

JIM MILLES (St. Louis University) has volunteered to serve as the Missouri liaison. Please help Jim out and let him (and us out of state MAALL members) know what you sceptics are up to!

ANGELA RUSTOVEN, Library Assistant, (University of Iowa) received her MLS in May. Angela started with the law library as a student worker.

GEORGE STRAIT, Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law, (University of Iowa) will retire 30 June 1985.

George was honored recently by his alma mater, Suffolk Law School, for his contribution to law librarianship over the past 34 years. He was awarded an honorary degree at Suffolk's recent Commencement exercises.

KATHERINE J. TOOLEY, Technical Services Law Librarian, (University of Tulsa) has offered to serve as Oklahoma's liaison. Thank you, Katherine! Members in the Sooner state, please help Katherine out by giving her news to print in the newsletter.

The UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS LAW LIBRARY held its First Annual Hazel Anderson Memorial Book Sale in March. Over three hundred books were sold at a moderate price during the successful sale. Hazel Anderson was the librarian for the law school during the 1930's, 1940's and 1950's.

The UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, LINCOLN LAW LIBRARY was host for part of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Great Plains Federal Tax Institute. The Law Library's tax collection has benefited recently from major contributions and was the site of the meetings. The College of Law itself has also received major contributions.

The Library expects delivery of an OCLCM-300 for cataloging "any day now." The staff is looking forward to having two terminals to speed cataloging, interlibrary loan, reference and occasional acquisition functions.

SALLY H. WISE (University of Nebraska) has been appointed Director of the Law Library and Professor of law, beginning 1 July 1985. Sally obtained her J.D. at the University of Puget Sound and her Master of Law Librarianship at the University of Washington. Sally was formerly Associate Director at the Underwood Law Library at Southern Methodist University and Associate Law Librarian at the University of Puget Sound School of Law Library.

MARTIN WISNESKI, Serials Librarian, (University of Kansas) was granted tenure and promoted to Librarian II this spring.



## EXPECTATIONS GREAT FOR ANNUAL MEETING IN TULSA

One of the enhancements in the program for MAALL's annual meeting in Tulsa will be an earlier commencement of the meeting. The annual conference will begin with an opening luncheon on Thursday, October 24, 1985, and end at noon on Saturday, October 26, 1985. This will permit two full days for programs, committee meetings, product demonstrations, library tours and other activities associated with a convention.

Plans call for the opening luncheon to be followed by an afternoon program on the effective management and use of limited resources. That session should include discussions on use of the new technologies in the selection and acquisition of materials, collection development on a limited budget and resource sharing. A gala opening reception is being planned by local arrangements for Thursday evening.

Friday morning's sessions include programs on managing stress. One session explains how to make stress work for you and another explains how to manage time to reduce stress. The program after lunch includes various group meetings, library tours and discussion groups. Several product demonstrations also are planned.

Saturday's program involves management of the new technologies. Selection and integration of text with online services is the topic for the first session of the morning. Guidelines for selecting online services will be covered in the second session. Demonstrations of several online services also are planned.

The topics for the program came from the suggestions made following the 1984 meeting at the University of Illinois. The subjects of greatest interest to MAALL members as indicated by the questionnaires were the topics selected for the program.

Anyone with suggestions or questions concerning the program is encouraged to contact either of the program co-chairs: Sharon O'Donoghue of Gage & Tucker in Kansas City, Missouri, at 816-474-6460 or John Edwards of Drake University Law Library in Des Moines, Iowa, at 515-271-2141. The program co-chairs are especially interested in suggestions concerning speakers for the program. Local arrangements in Tulsa are being coordinated by Edward Fishpaw of Oral Roberts University Law Library and Marian Parker of the University of Tulsa Law Library. Several festive events are being planned by local arrangements to help ensure a memorable meeting. One of the newest hotels in Tulsa, the Sheraton Kensington, will be the convention hotel.

## MAALL PLACEMENT

The MAALL placement office acts as a clearinghouse for job openings in the membership area. These positions may be professional, para-professional, full or part-time, for any type of law library. In order to be effective, we need help from prospective employers to keep us posted on positions to be filled. Some of the listings may have been filled by publication date. This is due to the time lag between submission of the list and publication date.

Any law library that has a position that needs to be filled should contact the Placement Chairperson. Anyone interested in law library positions is invited to register with Placement. Job notices will be sent to registrants as soon as they are received by the Placement Chairperson.

This is the last listing prepared by David Cowan. David is leaving the Mid-America region. The new Chairperson is Needra Jackson. Contact Needra at:

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Columbia, MO 65211

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electronic mail MLMU

Feel free to contact Needra about resumes currently on file. As of May 16, 1985, positions known to be available are as follows:

### ARKANSAS

Assistant Professor of Law Librarianship/Catalog Librarian. Requirements: MLS from an accredited library, knowledge of AACR II and OCLC. Preferences: appropriate law library experience and supervisory skills. Shared supervision of two clerks. Salary: competitive, with good benefits package. Available: Immediately. Applications will be reviewed until vacancy is filled. Interviewing may begin as soon as acceptable applications are received and are reviewed by the Committee. Send letters of application, resume and three letters of reference to Dean Lawrence Averill, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 400 West Markham, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

## MISSOURI

Instructional Services Librarian. Requirements: J.D. and M.L.S.; relevant law library experience. Responsible for training and use of LEXIS, WESTLAW and other data bases, coordinating and sharing legal research instruction and other library research services. Salary: competitive. Send application with resume and 3 letters of recommendation by June 15, 1985 to Prof. Susan Csaky, University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, Columbia, MO 65211

Assistant Librarian (Public Services). Requirements: M.L.S. and/or J.D., law library experience preferred. Experience with government documents, legislative histories very desirable. Duties: Provide traditional reference services, oversee circulation, interlibrary loan and stack maintenance; perform Lexis/Westlaw searches. Assist with collection development and library publications. The library, together with its five branches, serves the federal judiciary throughout the seven states of the Eighth Circuit. Starting salary: \$17,824 - \$21,804. Contact: Ann T. Fessenden, Circuit Librarian, U.S. Courts Library, 1114 Market Street, St. Louis, MO 63101

