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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The vernal equinox is but weeks away, our annual meeting only weeks after that. While our days may be growing shorter, our newsletter is not.

Susan Catterall tells us about an AALL Institute, Mon Yin Lung reports on her visit to the St. Louis University Law Library, Fritz Snyder provides us with a listing of expensive acquisitions, and Roy Bird sets out a list of Electronic mail contact persons in the various Consortium libraries.

There was discussion at the business meeting in New York regarding increasing the frequency of the newsletter and reverting to bulk mailing. If this were done, we would have the opportunity to increase the size of the newsletter without sacrificing currency. A full vote is expected to be called for on the issue at the annual meeting. Please give the idea thought and be ready to participate in the discussion in Tulsa. It is your newsletter, I just edit it.

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REPORT ON THE AALL INSTITUTE

Law librarians need to be familiar with resources not directly related to law. An AALL Institute held at Delaware Law School in Wilmington, 2-5 July, proved invaluable in identifying some of these materials. The Institute, "Broadening the Reference Base: Nonlegal Resources for Law Librarians", reflected the smoothly coordinated efforts of the Program chairs and the Local Arrangements Committee. Shelley Dowling, Head of Reference at Georgetown University Law Center, and Liza MacMorris, Librarian at McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen in San Francisco, served as Program chairs. The two brought together experts from the selected subject areas and created a well balanced program. The Institute's instructors represented such diverse information centers as Congressional Research Service, Georgetown University Law Center, the National Library of Medicine, the Kennedy Institute of Ethics and Dialog Information Services.

The first of the three days was given over to the discussion of Business/Economics, the second to Social Sciences, and the third to Health/Medicine. Many handouts were distributed. Especially abundant were annotated bibliographies for print and online sources. Usually one of the instructors went over the bibliographies and made recommendations. Participants were encouraged to ask questions and to contribute suggestions. For each discipline, sample exercises were handed out. Phil Berwick, Assistant Law Librarian for Public Services at Georgetown University Law Center, served as moderator for all subject areas. He discussed the sample exercises, suggested reference approaches and offered alternative sources to use when responding to questions.

Jan Halligan, Associate Law Librarian at Delaware Law School, was in charge of the local arrangements. Jan was assisted by Karin Thurmin and Mary Alice Peeling, also from Delaware Law School. The committee did an excellent job of coordinating the activities and meeting the needs of the participants. The highlights of the Institute's social activities were the opening reception and the closing banquet, both held at the nearby Sheraton. On the Fourth of July, participants were taken to Longwood Gardens, where a picnic supper was served. Inside the park, participants enjoyed an open air concert and a breathtaking music/water/colored lights extravaganza.

Approximately forty librarians attended the Institute. Three quarters of the participants represented academic law libraries and law firms. Although librarians from all geographic areas attended, east coast librarians were best represented. The Institute encouraged an informal exchange of ideas and a sharing of concerns. Librarians who might never have had the opportunity to meet were brought together within a relaxed environment.

For a time, the Institute was on the verge of being cancelled due to a lack of registrants. Fortunately, there were enough interested librarians to warrant holding it. In addition to broadening the reference base with nonlegal resources, participants began developing valuable friendships and working networks with colleagues with whom they would not normally have a chance to interact.

Susan Catterall

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

The business meeting of the MAALL chapter at the annual meeting of AALL in New York City on 7 July, 1985, was called to order by President Eileen Searls.

A copy of the financial report was presented to each attending member by Sharon O'Donoghue, Treasurer. Sharon reported a membership of 192, 145 of whom are dues-paying members.

John Edwards reported on a couple of additional staff exchanges which have occurred recently. President Searls pointed out that exchanges were not limited to academic staff or to professional staff. Susan Csaky inquired about the availability of the exchange program grants for use in connection with the foreign library exchange being tried by AALL. Peter Schanck and John Edwards questioned that such a use would satisfy the original purposes of the MAALL exchange program. John pointed out that grants were currently being used to cover actual transportation costs.

Laurel Wendt reported for the Constitution and Bylaws Committee that they were drafting changes with regard to changing the fiscal year so that the transfer of accounting and banking functions will occur at a time other than the annual meeting. A transfer at a time after the annual meeting will avoid the delays and confusion connected with these changes in the recent past.

Heija Ryoo reported that the MAALL Directory should be available before the fall meeting. The committee is planning to put the directory on computer to facilitate changes and speed production.

John Edwards and Sharon O'Donoghue reported for the Annual Meeting Programs Committee that the meeting will be extended by a half day, starting on Thursday, at the Sheridan Kensington in Tulsa. Program topics were reported in the last newsletter. Professor Laura Gasaway will be one of the speakers. Sponsors have been arranged for several events.

The 1986 meeting will be in St. Louis, Paul Foster is the program chairman. He reported that Laura Gasaway, 1986 AALL President, and Judith Messerle, 1986 Medical Library Association President, have agreed to speak. The theme will be "Trends in Special Libraries".

President Searls asked for suggestions for a location for the meeting in 1987. Sharon O'Donoghue volunteered Kansas City.

By tradition, the meeting in 1988 would be held in Iowa City, the home of the MAALL President.

President Searls suggested that members of the various metropolitan library groups should send their membership lists to Avis Forsman, Membership chair, so that membership solicitation letters could be sent out.

A unanimous approval was the response to a straw vote to increase the dues from \$5.00 to \$10.00. Approval of a majority of the membership would be necessary to implement the increase. This will be an agenda item in the fall.

Newsletter editor, Glen Peter Ahlers, said that liaison people have been lined up for all areas. He also presented for consideration several options in connection with the size and method of mailing the newsletter. First class mail for 12-14 pages costs about \$100, and delivery is within 3-4 days. Bulk rate mailing is \$20,

but delivery can be 2 to 3 weeks. Should the mailings be more frequent and mailed by bulk mail? More frequent mailings might permit inclusion of additional material, as well as getting the information to members in a more timely way. An increase in the frequency would require consultation with the administrator of any library providing staff to handle the work, John Christensen, in this instance. An Ad-Hoc Committee was appointed, including Charles Dyer and, ex officio, Glen Peter Ahlers.

Susan Csaky reported that the MAALL consortium would be offering the union list on microfiche for \$10. The list covers the holdings of 19 schools, except that coverage for some areas is limited to 12 schools for technical reasons. The committee will consider producing a paper copy.

A telefacsimile directory is being produced. The fax project is going well.

OF NOTE

The University of Illinois Law Library has used the new LC classification schedule for law of the Americas, Latin America, and the West Indies, KDZ, KG-KH, since the beginning of 1985. At present, they have no plans for a retrospective classification of materials already in the collection and are applying the new table to new materials only.

The Law Library has also begun using the LC schedule for the law of France, KJV-KJW. They obtained a photocopy of the preliminary form now being used by the Library Congress, without an index; the general format follows that of KK, KKA-KKC. The Library hopes the Western law project, funded by a special grant which expires 30 September, will be able to retrospectively classify the present materials in their French law collection. They first began using the KJV table 26 June.

Drake University will conduct a ribbon cutting ceremony officially opening their Opperman Computer Law Center, 13 September. The ceremonies will be officiated by Iowa's Governor, the Honorable Terry E. Branstad.

Evelyn Gardner, before leaving Creighton, outlined the history, purpose and format of the LC classification system to six Omaha law firm and corporate librarians. The 6 June meeting was held at Creighton's Klutznick Law Library. The introduction to LC was followed by a discussion comparing its use in two Omaha law firm libraries to its use at Creighton. It was learned that law firm librarians sometimes modified classifications to fit the title classified. Unlike the experience at Creighton, assigned classifications rarely changed in law firm libraries. Creighton continually modifies their catalog to reflect LC schedule revisions.

After the discussion, the firm librarians were shown OCLC and other cataloging tools used at Creighton. The evening ended with a tour of the Klutznick Law Library.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Kathy Bermel, Circulation and Interlibrary Loan Assistant (Creighton), has left the library to teach at a mission school in Porcupine Ridge, South Dakota.

Susan Catterall (Drake) completed work on, passed comprehensive examinations in and has been awarded her Master's in Public Administration.

Claudia Dansby (UMKC) has accepted the position of Acquisitions Librarian. Claudia was formerly with Data Phase Corporation as a Library Automation Manager, responsible for providing technical assistance and system training to libraries using the Automated Library Information System. Claudia earned her B.A. at Northeastern State University in Oklahoma, and her M.L.S. at Emporia State.

David Ensign (Washburn) has written another article. For some interesting reading, see Ensign, David. "Hewlett Packard's ThinkJet Printer and the OCLC M300 Workstation" M300 and PC Report 2 (September 1985): 1-4.

Evelyn Gardner (Creighton) has left the library to pursue her M.L.S. at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Evelyn is now working part-time in the Missouri-Columbia Law Library. The Creighton staff wants Susan Csaky to know she is getting a good deal with Evelyn!

Lori Hunt (Missouri-Columbia) has joined the staff as Instructional Services Librarian. Lori has an M.L.S. from Missouri-Columbia and graduated from Missouri-Kansas City law school in May. Lori had been working as part of the library staff at Stinson, Mag & Fizzell on special projects. She will be responsible for LEXIS, WESTLAW and other data base training, and for coordinating and sharing legal research instruction and library research services.

Barbara L. Lantz (University of Nebraska) joins the library staff as Public Services Librarian. Beginning 19 August, Barbara is responsible for circulation, interlibrary loan, reserves, looseleaf filing supervision and stack maintenance, all in addition to sharing reference responsibilities with Bob Voelker.

Barbara received her library degree from Southern Connecticut State College, and her law degree from the University of Connecticut, where she was the Assistant Law Librarian for Public Services. Barbara has practiced law and taught legal assistants.

Elizabeth W. Mathews (Southern Illinois) was promoted to Professor, School of Law Library, in July. Elizabeth's paper, "New Methods for Old Records," was selected for presentation at the American Library Associations meeting, also in July.

Bob Voelker (University of Nebraska) is now Reference Librarian. Bob had been Public Services Librarian.

MEMBERS PLAN FOR TULSA MEETING

The programs planned for the MAALL annual meeting in Tulsa should have something of interest for everyone. MAALL members will be receiving a special convention mailing this month which details the programs and the events planned for the conference. Although the meeting officially begins with the opening luncheon on Thursday, October 24, Mead Data Central is sponsoring a pre-conference program that morning on "Teaching Computer-Assisted Legal Research". Mead Data will be providing additional information on the program, which is open to anyone interested in CALR.

The Thursday afternoon program involves management of the new technologies. Selecting and integrating text with online services is the first topic. Guidelines for selecting online services is covered in the second session. Demonstrations of several online services will be available at various times during the conference. The evening social activities include a reception at the renowned Gilcrease Museum.

Managing stress is the primary topic for the Friday morning session. Managing time to reduce stress also will be discussed. ~~Several of the concurrent activities on Friday afternoon include~~ library tours, discussion groups and other meetings.

On Saturday the emphasis is on the effective management and use of limited resources. The topics include use of the new technologies in selection and acquisition, collection development on a limited budget and resource sharing.

The program is supplemented by various social events and activities, including hospitality suites each evening. The registration fee (\$50 for MAALL members) includes meals during the convention - two lunches, two continental breakfasts, one dinner and one evening reception. Sponsorship of several events by vendors makes it possible to provide meals and other activities without increasing the registration fee.

The Sheraton Kensington, one of Tulsa's newest hotels, is the site for the meeting. Additional information on the meeting is available from either of the program cochair: Sharon O'Donoghue of Gage & Tucker in Kansas City, MO at 816-474-6460 or John Edwards of Drake University in Des Moines, IA at 515-271-2141. Local arrangements are being coordinated by Marian Parker at the University of Tulsa Law Library.

MID-AMERICA LAW SCHOOL
LIBRARY CONSORTIUM

Electronic Mail Contacts (July, 1985)

Arkansas, Fayetteville	(not participating)	
Arkansas, Little Rock	Donna Davis	MALR
Illinois	(not participating)	
Northern Illinois	Blair Kaufman	MILY
Southern Illinois	Laurel Wendt	MSOL
Drake	Kaye Stoppel	MIWD
Iowa	Tom Eicher	MIAUL
Kansas	Martin Wisneski	MKFL
Washburn	David Ensign	MKWL2
Missouri-Columbia	Steve Lambson	MLMU
UMKC	Pat Court	MUMKL
St. Louis	Kristy Elam	MSLU
Washington	Peggy McDermott	MWUL
Creighton	Doug Murdock	MCLL
Nebraska	Bob Voelker or Brian Striman	MLLL
Oklahoma	Marilyn Nicely	MOKL
Oklahoma City	Charlotte Corneil	MOKY
Oral Roberts	Lorin Lindsay	MOKOL
Tulsa	Sheryl Stanley (no equipment yet)	MOKW

SPECIAL MESSAGE TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE TELEFACSIMILE PROJECT:

August Statistics are due to Roy Bird, Washburn Law Library at your earliest convenience.

August 16, 1985

MALSL SUPER-EXPENSIVE ACQUISITIONS

This is an update of the POTENTIAL MAJOR PURCHASES list which appeared in the June 1985 MAALL Newsletter. However, with two exceptions which I've had inquiries about, the list is now limited to items over \$1,000. As I receive items, I'll add them to this list which I'll send out periodically.—Fritz Snyder.

- (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). ANYONE?
- (2) Congressional Research Service, Major Studies and Issue Briefs. 2-3 years worth of studies cost \$450-\$600. Iowa and Washington have. Oklahoma has from 1975 on.
- (3) Congressional Journals of the United States, 1789-1817. 65 vols. \$2,316. Published by Michael Glazier. Washington and Washburn have.
- (4) Early American Indian Documents: Treaties and Laws, 1607-1789. \$1,500 (\$1,350 with prepayment). 20 vols. University Publications of America. Iowa, Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Washburn have; Kansas has ordered.
- (5) Commercial Laws of Europe. Vols. 1-6 (1978-1983). \$1,125. Vol. 7, 1984, monthly - \$195. Gaunt. ANYONE?
- (6) Complete Blackstone Collection. Microfiche ed. LLMC. 550 vols. \$2,000. Illinois has.
- (7) ALI Archive Publications. Microfiche. Selected documents from its inception in 1923. \$11,500. Hein, 1984. Iowa, Washington, Illinois, Washburn have.
- (8) Environmental Impact Statements. EIS, 1970- . Digests and texts. \$27,000 or various increments. ANYONE?
- (9) U.S. vs. A.T.&T: Court Documents, 1974-84. University Publications of America. Microfilm. \$1,900. Washburn and Iowa have.
- (10) Card Catalogs of the Harvard Law School Library, 1817-1981. Saur. Fiche. About \$5,000. Iowa, Illinois, Washburn and Washington have.
- (11) Northern Ireland Revised Statutes. Gaunt. \$1,312. Iowa has.
- (12) Government Organization Manuals, 1900-1980 (73 countries). Microfiche. Meyer Boswell. A mere \$29,000. ANYONE?

- (13) Law, Crime and Society in Hanovarian England. Harvester Microform. The Old Bailey Proceedings. Part I: 1714-1793 (\$2,100). Part II: 1793-1834 (\$2,180). ANYONE?
- (14) National State Papers of the United States: Texts of Documents (1789-1817). Michael Glazier. \$2,378. The main libraries at Oklahoma, UMKC, Southern Illinois, and Illinois have.
- (15) Process Books of the Court of Arches, 1660-1911. Meyer Boswell. Microfiche. \$29,530. Also, cases relating to manners and morals of clergy —\$7,640. ANYONE?
- (16) Amnesty International Collection. IDC (Meyer Boswell). Sfr 2400 (about \$1,000). ANYONE?
- (17) Human Rights Documents. IDC (Meyer Boswell). Sfr 5927 (about \$2,500). ANYONE?
- (18) English Legal Manuscripts Collection. IDC (Meyer Boswell).
I. Harvard Law School. Sfr 8625 (about \$3,600).
II. Lincoln's Inn. Sfr 8742 (about \$3,650).
III.-IV. Bodleian and Gray's Inn. Sfr 1702 (about \$700).
V. Yale Law School. Sfr 1610 (about \$675).
VI. Harvard Law School Addenda. Sfr 3065 (about \$1285).
ANYONE?
- (19) United Nations Microfiche Editions: Legal and Legislative. UNIFO. No price available. Is anyone buying U.N. publications comprehensively?
- (20) Historical reprints in jurisprudence and classical legal literature. Hein. Parts I and II (15 titles all together). \$857.50 (with 20% discount if all titles are purchased). Is anyone buying all titles in this series?

Please send information to: Fritz Snyder, Acquisitions Librarian, School of Law Library, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045.



REPORT TO THE MAALL RESOURCE SHARING COMMITTEE
ON THE VISIT TO THE ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY LAW LIBRARY
OCTOBER 9-11, 1984

by
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Cataloging Librarian
University of Kansas Law Library

I. Purposes of the visit

The University of Kansas School of Law Library had been considering using microcomputer(s) to automate library operations. During our planning stage, knowledge of how similar sized libraries utilized their microcomputer(s), the impact the computers had, and their plans for the future was very helpful. St. Louis University Law Library was chosen because of their size (slightly larger than KU Law Library's collection), because they were designated as the demonstrating site of the OCLC M300 workstation, and because of their reputation in technical services. I also hoped to exchange opinions, experience, and ideas with technical services personnel in SLU Law Library.

II. The program

The program began 9 October, and ended on the morning of 11 October, 1984. The program included an introduction to the library structure and routine operation, reviewing the procedures of processing various types of material, meeting with all staff members of Technical Services, discussing SLU's plans on automation and their current use of the microcomputer, and exchange of opinions on various aspects of technical services. I was also given the chance to attend a session of the university librarians' meeting.

SLU Law Library has several unique features: The amount of materials processed in 1983/84 ranked number 22 among law school libraries in the nation. They are the only law school library serving as one of the twenty OCLC cataloging enhance centers. Although the size of collection is slightly larger than KU's, they have three OCLC terminals, so they can provide public access to OCLC database.

As a cataloger, I was impressed by the fact that SLU cataloged all government documents, and that they have already brought all cataloging records (records of new titles and records of retrospective conversion project alike) to AACR2 I level. These procedures make their archives tapes ready to use as soon as they arrive at SLU. With every cataloging field indexed, SLU can have the computer produce bibliographies on any given subject, with any kind of coverage, by any author. Hence, the usage of online catalog is broadened.

SLU's serial control procedures are quite different from KU's. I had the chance to watch how SLU avoided ITU fees when they did cataloging for new serial titles. KU now uses this method, too.

SLU mainly plans to use the microcomputer to compile bibliographies, to keep records of various materials, to produce book labels, and to do wordprocessing and secretarial jobs. There are ideas that KU can borrow or modify in the future when we start utilizing our own microcomputer.

III. Epilogue

Because there are differences between the two libraries, some of SLU's plans would not be suitable for KU. There are ideas that KU can modify to suit its needs, and there are ideas KU adopted right away. Ideas which cannot be used presently may still be inspirational to us in the future. The exchange program provided an excellent chance for the sharing of information and ideas.

I want to thank the Committee for giving me the opportunity to observe and absorb others' ideas. I also want to express my deep appreciation to my colleagues in SLU. In addition to sharing their ideas with me, the hospitality they provided made my visit enjoyable and made me forget I was in an unfamiliar big city.

NEWSLETTER STATE LIAISONS

Illinois -- Laurel Wendt, Southern Illinois University

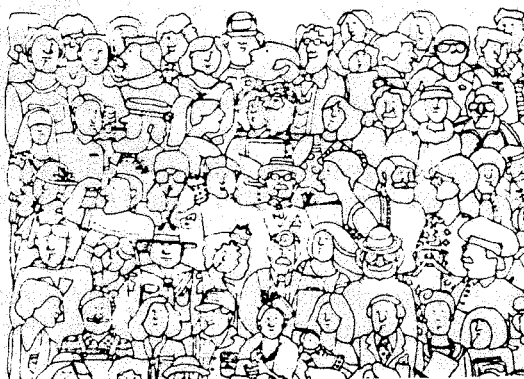
Iowa -- Kathie Belgum, University of Iowa

Kansas -- Mary Burchill, University of Kansas

Missouri -- Jim Milles, St. Louis University
-- Patricia Dagenais, Hallmark Cards (law firms in K.C. & St. Louis)

Nebraska -- Brian Striman, University of Nebraska
-- Mary Stultz, Kennedy, Holland, et. al., (law firms)

Oklahoma -- Katherine Tooley, University of Tulsa



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.

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As of September 4, 1985 positions known to be available are as follows:

ARKANSAS

Director of Law Library. Requirements: J.D. and M.L.S. or substantial administrative experience in a law library. All three qualifications preferred. Responsible for the administration, development and planning of both law library and Pulaski County law libraries. Position will carry academic rank and candidates must provide evidence of the ability to meet standards of research, publication and professional service necessary to obtain tenure. Candidates must have strong leadership and communication skills, knowledge of legal scholarship, and should be knowledgeable about computers, computer data bases and their application to the law library. Salary: competitive. Available: July 1, 1986. Deadline: December 1, 1985. Interviews will begin as soon as qualified candidates are identified and approved by Faculty Appointments Committee. Send inquiries, nominations, and applications to Dean Lawrence H. Averill, Jr., School of Law, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 400 W. Markham, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

MASSACHUSETTS

Director of Law Library. Requirements: M.L.S. and J.D. and demonstrated aptitude for directing a major law school library. Responsible for administration, facilities planning, collection development and implementation of new technologies. Available: January 1, 1986 and carries faculty status. Send inquiries to Prof. Dennis S. Aronowitz, Boston University School of Law, 765 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02215.

MISSOURI

Professional Cataloger. 20 hours per week, some evenings and Saturdays required. Catalog current monographs, identify errors in monographic records in database, and perform other cataloging-related aspects of technical services. Requirements: Working knowledge of automated library cataloging systems, an understanding of LC classification, AACR2, LCSH, and practical experience with OCLC or other bibliographic utilities highly desired. Knowledge of one or more European foreign languages desired (German preferred). Two years experience in cataloging on OCLC or other utility preferred. Send inquiries to Prof. Eileen Searls, St. Louis University, Omer Poos Law Library, 3700 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63108.