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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Volume six opens with few surprises. Herein you will find the usual columns, Membership News and Of Note. Fritz Snyder has contributed an updated super-expensive acquisitions list and John Edwards provided information regarding the MAALL staff exchange program, including applications for the program and for travel grants to assist with associated expenses.

Unfortunately, no book reviews or articles appear. Volunteers may still step forward. Perhaps soon. Until then, The newsletter will continue to provide information and news as it has for five years. And now, the news and information shall arrive six times annually.

Glen Peter

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MALSL SUPER-EXPENSIVE ACQUISITIONS

(1) International Law Research Collection. IDC (Switzerland). 6,000 - 10,000 titles. 1,000 titles annually at a price of Sfr 20,000 (about $9,600). ANYONE?


(6) Complete Blackstone Collection. Microfiche, LLMC. 550 vols. $2,000. Illinois and Oklahoma City have. Iowa has a good collection of originals.


(10) Northern Ireland Revised Statutes. Gaunt. $1,312. Iowa has.


(12) 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?
(13) Amnesty International Collection. IDC (Meyer Boswell). Sfr 2400 (about $1,150). ANYONE?


(15) English Legal Manuscripts Collection. IDC (Meyer Boswell).
   I. Harvard Law School. about $4,000
   II. Lincoln's Inn. about $4,100
   III.-IV. Bodleian and Gray's Inn. about $800
   V. Yale Law School about $750
   VI. Harvard Law School Addenda. about $1,400
   Iowa has.

(16) 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).
   A) Corpus Juris Civilis. Institutions. (English and Latin). Callaghan, 1876. KFL, KWL, SOL, UIU, SLU, WUL, OKL have.
   C) Studies in International Law. Clarendon Press, 1898. LMU, WUL, IWD have.
   D) Illustrated Treatise on the Law of Evidence, Callaghan, 1907. KFL, LMU, OKY have.
   E) Studies in Comparative Jurisprudence and the Conflicts of Laws. Little, Brown, 1886. IWD has.
   F) Commentaries on Equity Jurisprudence. Little, Brown, 1877. AFU, LMU, IWD have.
   G) Nature and Sources of the Law. MacMillan, 1921. KFL, ILY, SOL, UMK, OKL, OKY, WUL have.
   H) Some Lessons from our Legal History. MacMillan, 1928. AFU, UIU, KW, LMU, OKL, OKY, LLL, WUL have.
   J) Sources and Literature of English Law. Clarendon Press, 1925. ILY, LMU, WUL, OKL, IWD have.
   K) Commentaries on American Law. 4 vols. O Halsted, 1826-30. AFU, LMU have.
   M) Law of Corporate Mortgage Bond Issues. Callaghan, 1937. IWD, WUL have.
   O) Chief Sources of English Legal History. Harvard Univ. Press, 1925. KFL, ALR, LMU, OKL, WUL, OKY have.
   Iowa has all in original.
(17) Canon Law: a basic collection. LLMC microfiche. $3,000. Oklahoma City has.

(18) Civil Law: a basic collection. LLMC microfiche. $3,000. Oklahoma City has.

(19) Hebraic Law: a basic collection. LLMC microfiche. $3,000. Oklahoma City has.


(23) ABA Consortium for Professional Education/NITA. 13 videotapes on training the advocate. $1,995. Washburn has.


(25) CIS State Constitutional Conventions, 1776-1978. Fiche. $18,800. Oklahoma City has.


(31) American Legal Manuscripts (from Harvard Law School Library). University Publications of America. Microfilm. 63 collections. Total Price: $231,000. Individual collections (such as items 28, 29, and 30 above) may be purchased. ANYONE?


(33) American Legal and Constitutional History (Dissertations). Garland Publishing. 55 vols. $2,000. ANYONE?

(34) Palestine: The Legal Background. IDC 23 titles. 1,310 microfiche. Sfr 4900 (about $2,350). ANYONE?

(35) English Legal Sources (printed in English legal literature up to 1800). IDC. 172 titles. Microfiche. Sfr 2500 (about $1,200). ANYONE?


(37) Unpublished U.S. Senate Committee Hearings (early 1800's through 1964). CIS. Microfiche. $18,400 (the index alone is $1,985). ANYONE?


Please send information regarding your holdings with respect to any of the above items (plus any other super-expensive items you have purchased or are thinking of purchasing) to Fritz Snyder, Acquisitions Librarian, School of Law Library, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045.
APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR STAFF EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Library staff members who would like to visit other MAALL law libraries in 1986 may want to consider applying for the staff exchange program. In an exchange program a staff member is able to spend several days in another library learning how it or one of its departments operates. Summer is the best time for many libraries to host visitors, so those wishing to travel to other institutions should begin making plans in the next few months. Reports from participants in the program indicate that the experience is invaluable for the visitor and the host. Exchange visits have been made to the law libraries at the University of Iowa, St. Louis University and Washington University by staff members from Southern Illinois University, Creighton University and University of Kansas.

Most of the host libraries or staffs are able to provide some housing or meals for the visitor, so that the primary expense for the trip is travel. Travel grants of up to $100 are available to cover expenses involved in visiting other MAALL libraries as part of the staff exchange program. For more information or application contact: John Edwards, Drake University Law Library, Des Moines, IA 50311, or call (515) 271-2141.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Roy Bird, Reference Librarian (Washburn), has left the library to take a position with the Kansas State Library as Special Projects Coordinator.

Virginia Bryant, Cataloger (Washington University), recently joined the staff. Virginia has ten years of library experience including approximately two years with a law firm in Washington, D.C., and more recently, two and one-half years as Cataloger at the Missouri Botanical Garden Library. Virginia has a B.A. from Eisenhower College and an M.L.S. from Indiana University.

Sue A. Burkholder (Washington University) has left the Library and is now the Director of Southern Oregon State College Library in Ashland, OR.

Michelle Finnerty, Head of Technical Services (Missouri--K.C.), has joined the staff of the Orange County Law Library in Santa Ana, CA, as Head of Technical Services.

Paul F. Hill, Reference Librarian (Creighton), won WESTLAW's Great American Law Story competition. Paul's picture, along with his story are on the back page of the December WESTLAW NEWS UPDATE.

Jo Ann Humphreys (Missouri-Columbia) has returned to the library after a one-year leave of absence. Jo Ann spent 1985 in Costa Rica working as a librarian in a Baptist Seminary located in San Jose. She also coauthored Comparable Worth: An Annotated Bibliography, (New York: Compubibs, 1985). Jo Ann is a former editor of the MAALL NEWSLETTER.

John Tessner, Assistant Professor of Law Librarianship/Catalog Librarian (University of Arkansas--Little Rock), joined the staff 2 January. John has a B.S. and M.A.L.S. from the University of Wisconsin and a J.D. from Gonzaga.

OF NOTE

NEBRASKA LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH DIVISION

The Division recently announced a new on-line service called Nebraska Legislative shared Information System (NLSIS). This service provides the text and status of bills, Attorney General opinions from 1977, hearing schedules, speaker agenda, current legislative documents, the Constitution of Nebraska, Revised Statutes of Nebraska and the Uniform Commercial Code.

According to the Omaha World Herald, "Nebraska is the thirteenth state to allow public access to such documents through computers." The Douglas County Law Library has been providing on-line searches and printout from NLSIS for almost one year. Access through WESTLAW should be available soon.

OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL REGISTER

The Office will be conducting a public workshop in St. Louis 11 March, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. The workshop, entitled "The Federal Register: What It Is and How to Use It," will be held in room 1612 of the Federal Building at 1520 Market Street.

The workshop teaches participants how to gain access to the important regulatory information in the Federal Register and Code of Federal Regulations. Participants will receive workbooks and step-by-step guidance through various publications, as well as the opportunity to work through a research problem using Federal Register finding aids.
OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY

OCU would like to know if the following microfiche collections have been entered onto OCLC. They are particularly interested in the OCLC numbers assigned to the collections.

The collections OCU is interested in are the State Session Laws, State Attorney General Reports and Opinions, National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws Archives and American Law Institute Archives, all published by Hein, and the Native American Indian Set and State Reports (post NRS), published by LLMC. Please contact Nancy Smith, Head of Technical Services, 2501 N. Blackwelder, Oklahoma City, OK 73106.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The law library will be moving into their new building beginning the first week of May. Because of the move, there will be NO SERVICE to users for three weeks beginning 1 May. Please do not send interlibrary loans during this time; we will be unable to act upon them, and they might get lost.

The library is also losing a library assistant in acquisitions. The assistant is returning to school and the staff applauds her. However, the University is in a hiring freeze; no applause there.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

The law library recently obtained Oral Roberts University's Rapicom 3300. A gift from the firm of Kutak, Rock & Campbell, the machine has been installed and is now operational. The telefax phone number is: 402-472-5185.

LEXIS and WESTLAW temporary learning centers were installed in the library to provide first-year students with an introduction to on-line legal data bases. One hundred forty students were trained by three law librarians in two weeks. The terminals remained in the library one week after the training period so students could continue using them for their moot court memos.

Wrapping two strips of three-eighth inch Scotch 3-M "898" fiber packaging tape around the soft rubber roller (not the platen) of the SE-Lin assembly, Brian Striman tells us, should help librarians using the notorious Gaylord SE-LIN book labeling system avoid the messy brown glue build-up on their labeling typewriter rollers and SE-Lin assembly soft rubber roller and platen. The two strips of tape should be about three-eighths of an inch apart from one another so that each edge of the white SE-LIN label tape is centered over the fiber tape. The brown adhesive will now be present, in trace amounts, on the edges of the labels on the spines of the books, rather than building up on your typewriter rollers.
MAALL PLACEMENT

The MAALL Placement Office acts as a clearinghouse for job openings in the membership area. These positions may be professional, paraprofessional, 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 open should contact the Placement Chair. 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 Chair. Contact Needra Jackson, MAALL Placement Chair, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, MO 65211; phone: 314 882-4597; telefax: 314 874-2412; E-MAIL: MLMU.

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LIBRARIAN/CATALOGER (subject to University approval).
Requirements: M.L.S. from accredited library school. Familiarity with AACR2, MARC format, LC subject headings, and LC classification. Preference given to candidates with experience in cataloging and technical processes, and in using OCLC bibliographic utility. Duties: reports to the Head Of Technical Services and to the Library Director. Supervises one library assistant and one student assistant. Inputs all original cataloging for materials including monographs, serials, microforms, machine-readable data files, and audio-visual material. Shares responsibility for copy cataloging, maintaining the public card catalogs, processing materials, and shelf maintenance. Responsible for all documentation associated with the cataloging process. Performs other duties as assigned. Salary: commensurate with experience, $17,000 minimum. Available 1 July 1986. Submit a resume and the names of three references to David Ensign, Associate Director, Washburn University of Topeka School of Law Library, Topeka, KS 66621. Washburn University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.
MAALL Staff Exchange Program
Application

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Library to be visited__________________________________________________________

Proposed dates of visit--1st choice: ____________________________ 2nd: ____________________________

Departments of interest: All ______ Administration ________
                          Reference ______ Acquisitions ________ Cataloging ________
                          Circulation ______ Other ______

Applicant's name__________________________________________________________

Position__________________________________________________________ since:__________

Library__________________________________________________________

Address__________________________________________________________

Phone__________________________________________________________

1. Are any of the following prerequisites for the visit?
   a. Housing provided by host library or staff member. Yes ____ No____
   b. Some meals provided by host library or staff member. Yes ____ No____
   c. Receipt of a MAALL travel grant. Yes ____ No____

2. If not, would you prefer to:
   a. have accommodations provided by the host library or staff member? Yes ____ No____
   b. have some meals provided by the host library or staff member? Yes ____ No____

3. Do you plan to drive to the library? Yes ____ No____
3.a. If not, will someone need to meet your: plane/train/bus? Yes ____ No____

4. Estimated time of arrival: ________________ departure: ________________

Visit approved by applicant's library director_________________________________________
Director's comments________________________________________________________

II. RETURN TO: John Edwards, Drake University Law Library, Des Moines, Iowa 50311.

III. FOR HOST LIBRARY (after committee review)

Approved by the host library__________________________________________ Dates

Not approved(please indicate reason)__________________________________________

Contact person for host library:__________________________________________

5. Will the library or staff members provide housing? Yes ____ No____

5.a. If not, what accommodations would you recommend?__________________________________________

5.b. Will the library or staff members provide some meals? Yes ____ No____

IV. RETURN TO: John Edwards, Drake University Law Library, Des Moines, Iowa 50311.
Applicant notified________________________________________________________
MAALL Travel Grant
Application

Name __________________________ Date: __________

1. Are you a member of MAALL? _____ If so, when did you become a member? ______
2. If you have been active in MAALL, please list your activities.

3. Have you received a MAALL travel grant previously? _____ If so, when? __________
4. What is your current position? ________________________________
   How long have you held that position? ________________________
6. EXPERIENCE: List other law library service, beginning with the most recent, and any other relevant experience. Please give employer, position, and length of service with inclusive dates.

7. EDUCATION: Beyond high school, list schools attended, dates, and degrees awarded.

8. What is your career goal?

9. Would a MAALL travel grant assist you in furthering your career? If so, how?

10. Will your employer pay any of your travel expenses to visit another library? ______
    If so, what portion? __________________________________________
11. Will acceptance of a grant affect your employer's willingness to pay your travel expenses?
12. Estimated travel expenses and means of transportation: __________________________
13. Location of library to be visited: ___________ Distance: ________________
14. References: List the names and addresses of at least two persons who are familiar with your library experience.

15. Additional comments:

RETURN TO: John Edwards, Drake University Law Library, Des Moines, Iowa 50311.
Note: Please submit four(4) copies of this application.
MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Glen Peter Ahlers, Assistant Director and Head of Public Services (Washburn), will be a panelist at the ALA convention in New York. Glen's talk is entitled "We Are In This Also," and discusses the support offered non-law librarians by the AALL Legal Information Services to the Public Committee.

Hal Brown (Watson, Ess, Marshall & Enggas) has agreed to fill in as Acting Treasurer to temporarily fill the void created by the recent resignation of Sharon O'Donoghue, Treasurer. Thank you Hal, for jumping in and helping out on such short notice.

Susan Catterall (Drake) has been promoted to Reference/Circulation Librarian and Assistant Professor in the Law Library. Congratulations Susan!

Renee Chapman, Head Cataloger (University of Iowa), left 15 March to join the staff at the State University of New York, Buffalo, as their Head of Technical Services. We all wish Renee the best. She certainly did an exceptional job for Iowa's retrospective conversion project and was a large help to MAALL in the program at Lake of the Ozarks where she enlightened all the non-RLIN librarians. Due to the hiring freeze currently in effect at Iowa, they are NOT looking to replace Renee. OUCH!

Barbara L. Lantz, Head of Public Services (University of Nebraska), will be leaving 30 June 1986. She has decided to practice law with the firm of Tringe and Illingworth, in Holdrege, Nebraska.

Sharon O'Donoghue, Director of Information Services (Gage & Tucker), has resigned and accepted the position of Senior Product Analyst with Mead Data Central in Dayton, Ohio. Sharon of course, has been serving as MAALL Treasurer and has been active in organizing and participating in our annual meetings. Such an active, talented and participating member will be missed. Good Luck Sharon!

Sylvia Toombs, Principal Cataloger (St. Louis), joined the staff with the rank of Instructor of Legal Research. She comes to law librarianship after having been Librarian of the Earth and Planetary Sciences Library at Washington University. She is a graduate of Washington and holds an M.A.L.S. from Missouri-Columbia.
OF NOTE

BRS

Are any libraries using BRS via OCLC's Gateway service? How are you using the Gateway service? In Technical Services? Public Services? If you can answer these questions or have any advice or cautions concerning them, Brian Striman (University of Nebraska), would appreciate hearing from you. His phone number is 402 472-3547.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS, PUBLIC LIBRARY

The following letter was recently sent to Washburn in regard to an interlibrary loan:

I am sorry for the delay in the return of this interlibrary loan. It took the issuance of a city ticket and a court appearance to get it back. The individual involved simply had no sense of responsibility for the book. He had had his secretary check it out and had taken it home from his place of business. It has taken repeated phone calls, personal visits to his office and finally the city ticket to get the book returned. Thank you for your patience in this matter and thank you for your willingness to loan your materials.

The letter was signed: "Sincerely, Margaret Anderson, Librarian." Thank you Mrs. Anderson for your persistence. You can borrow whatever we lend!

MAALL ANNUAL MEETING 1986

St. Louis, Missouri will be the site of our next annual meeting, 30 October through 1 November. Linda Duvall (May Department Stores) tells us the meeting will include sessions on business reference sources and a full day of instruction on such databases as NAARS, EXCHANGE and NEXIS. There will be on-line time available for practice. There will also be an opportunity to learn about SEC materials on-line. Linda notes that Bechtal, not Disclosure, won the new contract from the SEC to provide SEC Materials on-line. Judith Messerle, President of the Medical Library Association, will deliver our closing speech entitled "How to Sell Your Library to Management."
OMAHA LIBRARIANS

A group of Omaha law librarians met at LA STRATA 72 restaurant for an informal meeting 27 February. Avis Forsman summarized the activities and presentations of the 1986 MAALL convention and provided handouts on stress in the library. Avis also shared copies of Law Library Lights, the newsletter of the Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C., which contained information on automation of technical services. Participation in the local National Library Week and 1986 Law Day activities were discussed. The group represented Kutak Rock & Campbell; Kennedy, Holland, Delacy & Svoboda; Baird, Holm, McEachen, Pedersen, Hamann & Strasheim; the Union Pacific Law Library and Library Updating Services.

Omaha law librarians will be represented in the National Library Week poster display. THE LAWYER'S KEY TO LEGAL INFORMATION--LAW LIBRARIES, was borrowed from the AALL's pamphlet with the key on the cover. The pamphlets will be available near the display.

PUBLICATIONS CLEARING HOUSE BULLETIN

The February issue of the Bulletin, volume 9, number 2, contains the AALL's Committee on Relations with Publishers and Dealers' Report, "Law Librarians as Consumer Advocates--Some thoughts and Recommendations Based on the FTC Guides for the Law Book Industry" by Reynold Kosek with "Annotations and Specific Complaints Citing FTC Guidelines" by Sue Welch.

The Report attempts to address whether the FTC guides achieved their goal of insuring fair business practices, whether the same publishers continue to violate the same FTC guides, some of the most common complaints by librarians and some of the new problems that arise as publishing formats change.

Subscriptions to the Publications Clearing House Bulletin are $10 annually; the February issue may be purchased separately for $5. To order either a subscription or the single issue containing the Committee's Report, send the appropriate amount to: Mary D. Smith, Akerman, Senterfitt & Edison, P.O. Box 231, Orlando, FL 32802.
ST LOUIS UNIVERSITY

Dean E. Cody, Serials Assistant at St. Louis University, tells us the Law Library has obtained permission from the State Historical Society of Missouri to acquire the Missouri Times on microfilm. Before making the film copies available, the Library had to obtain permission from the publisher, and agree not to sell or distribute copies of the microfilm.

As far as St. Louis knows, the State Historical Society has the only microform copy of the Times. According to Dean, interested libraries could obtain permission from the publisher (Daniel L. Schlafly of St. Louis), and then approach the Society or microfilm the entire run themselves. The Missouri Times is one of the few sources of legislative history in Missouri.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The University of Iowa Law Library staff will begin moving into their new building 4 May. They have been working on the plans since 1977 and hope things turn out to be as great as expected. Keep them in mind while you are all enjoying the lovely spring sunshine. Any volunteers to help with the move?? (Editor's Note: This is their second request for volunteers).

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Joan Latta of the McGoogan Library of Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center, gave a walking presentation of Medical Reference Sources 20 March. She introduced a group of 13 law librarians to medical subject headings and print sources, trees, special medical directories and the public health service collection. The group met at Casio's restaurant after the presentation. Special guests included the law librarians of Kutak Rock & Campbell's Atlanta, Denver and Washington D.C. offices.

Brian Striman would like to send his thanks to all MAALL librarians who returned the questionnaire on problem publications in the law library. Of the 441 surveys sent to all types of libraries in the 50 states, over 40% have been returned. Weekends and evenings are being spent "tallying" up the results. The AALL program [E4] promises to provide participants with some solution to some of their problem publications.

Sally Wise is interested in knowing how other law libraries treat the CCH State Tax Review. Do you bind them? If you toss them, how long do you retain the issues? She would appreciate any information you are willing to share. Sally asks you call, telefax or mail the information to her, whichever you prefer.
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LIBRARIAN-CATALOGER -- Washburn University. Qualifications: MLS from an accredited library school. Familiarity with AACR2, MARC format, LC subject headings, LC classification. Prefer candidates with experience in cataloging, technical processes and OCLC. Responsibilities: Limited supervision; input all original cataloging for materials, including monographs, serials, microforms, machine-readable data files, audio-visual material; share responsibility for copy cataloging, maintaining public card catalogs, processing materials, shelf maintenance. Other duties as assigned. Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience, $17,000 minimum. Application deadline July 15, 1986, or until suitable candidate is identified. Position available August 1, 1986. Submit resume and names of three references to David Ensign, Associate Director, Washburn University School of Law Library, 1700 College, Topeka, KS 66621.

WASHBURN IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER.
HEAD OF TECHNICAL SERVICES -- University of Missouri/Kansas City, Leon E. Bloch Law Library. The UMKC law library is seeking candidates for the position of Head of Technical Services, with the rank of Librarian II. The position will be a challenging and rewarding one since the law library is presently automating quite heavily. Responsibilities: Managing the technical services department, including acquisitions, serials control, and processing. The library is bringing up INNOVACQ, an advanced online acquisitions and serials control system. The library is also switching to a four-campus University-wide automated catalog called LUMIN, which is based on WLN software. We are also doing retrospective conversion, participating in several union lists, and working on other projects. Although a small department now, technical services is expected to grow considerably in the next few years. We need a good planner. Qualifications: Minimum requirements are an M.L.S. from an ALA accredited program and at least three years law library or academic library experience. Supervisory experience is preferred. Familiarity with automated systems and experience with legal materials is desirable. Salary competitive. Contact: Professor Charles R. Dyer, Law Librarian, UMKC Law Library, Kansas City, MO 64110-2499. Interested candidates should send a resume and references. If you have questions, please call professor Dyer at (816) 276-1659.
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Daylight is staying a little longer these days; once again the summer and its easy living is almost upon us. The Newsletter brings membership news, items of note, an updated super-expensive acquisitions list, and more.

Remember the MAALL brunch in Washington, 9 July at noon in the Sheraton Washington. Please be prepared to discuss reader participation in the Newsletter and how you feel about advertising. I need your input on your Newsletter.

Glen Peter

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BOwker Initiates Direct Sales Programs

As of April 1, 1986, the R. R. Bowker Company has assumed the marketing and sales functions for all its annual and continuation reference works, including the *Books in Print* series and *Ulrich's*. Bowker claims the new policy will improve the timeliness and responsiveness of its service. Order fulfillment is scheduled on a 48-hour basis, and an overnight shipping service will be offered. (From *SWALL Bulletin* 17(May 1986):18)

Law School Enrollment Continues Decline

For the third straight year enrollment in U.S. law schools has declined, following over 20 years of steady growth. About 40,800 first year students were registered in the 175 ABA-accredited law schools, down from a peak of 42,521 in 1981. Total enrollment is currently 124,160, down from its high point of 127,828 in 1982. An even greater drop has been experienced in the number of applicants for the entering class—20% since 1982. While officials of the Law School Admission Council predict a continuation of this trend for the next several years, they are hopeful of a turnaround in the 1990s when many attorneys now in practice will begin retiring, opening up the field to newcomers. (From *SWALL Bulletin* 17(May 1986):18)

New Librarianship Program Offered

The University of Missouri-Columbia School of Library and Information Science, in association with the University's School of Law, is offering a specialty program in law librarianship. Students may earn the specialty either during their course of study for a master's degree in library science, or through a post-master's course of study. In either case, the specialty requires 15 hours of classes in law librarianship and related courses. Further information can be obtained from: Specialty in Law Librarianship, School of Library and Information Science, 104 Stewart Hall, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, MO 65211 or by phoning (314) 882-4044.

Nominations Committee Seeks Candidates for 1987/88 Elections

The new Nominations Committee for 1986/87 has already been appointed. The Committee wants to begin early to seek candidates for vacancies on the 1987/88 election slate and invites the membership to submit names of potential candidates. This will be the first election covered by the revised Art. III of the AALL Bylaws, which require a slate of two candidates for each position. The Committee seeks two nominees for Vice-President/President Elect, and four Executive Board candidates.
If you have any suggestions for nominees for 1987/88, please send them to: Kathy Carrick, AALL Nominations Committee Chair, Case Western Reserve University Law Library, 11075 East Boulevard, Cleveland, OH 44106.

Northern Illinois University

Northern Illinois has been selected as the site for a 1987 AALL pre-convention institute on basic acquisitions. Program co-chairs are Robert Buckwalter (Harvard) and Donna Tuke (Winston & Strawn). Blair Kauffman is responsible for local arrangements. The institute will be held 1-3 July.

-- Formal Dedication of Law Library

The Northern Illinois law library was formally dedicated the David C. Shapiro Memorial Law Library 24 May. Governor James Thompson was the principal speaker. The late state Senator Shapiro introduced the legislation which authorized Northern Illinois University to acquire the College of Law.

-- Law Library to Receive Additional Space

Plans are currently underway to add another 6,000 square feet of space to the Northern Illinois law library. The space to be added is adjacent to the law library and is presently used as one of the N.I.U. art galleries. This space is similar in style to the high-ceilinged, oak-paneled gothic facility already occupied by the library.

Private Law Libraries-Special Interest Section-Programs

Nuchine Nobari sent a memorandum on AALL Private Law Libraries Special Interest Section programs. In the interest of space, it has been edited to an outline of events.

Sunday 6 July, 10:00-12:00: A discussion of responsibilities and salaries of the private law librarian, with a special focus on using this information to enhance your position in your firm. Helen Burwell will chair this session. Libraries across the country will have been surveyed to gather the data. 12:00-2:00: Luncheon with speaker (reservations required). 2:00-3:55: "How-to" aspects of fundamental library functions (routing, check-in/kardex, bills and budgeting, cataloging and acquisitions). Paula J. Perry organized the program and Eileen Dolan will moderate the discussion. The goal is to provide ideas for the entry-level/new law librarian.

Monday 7 July, 2:30-3:55: Management of Legal Documents, Briefs and Memos and other Court Papers. Martha Goldman, Manager of Information Services at CBS, Inc., Law Department will chair a panel which will discuss how to set up files and manage both a library and records department.

Tuesday 8 July, 1:00-2:25: Branch Libraries: The Process and Problems of Management will be the topic. Carrie Hirtz of
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, will chair a panel of four representing a wide range of experience in this aspect of law librarianship. 4:00-5:25: Issues in Federal Banking Law. Chaired by Kathleen Martin, with panelists, Representative Douglas Barbend, member of House Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee, James E. Scott, senior attorney of the Federal Reserve Board, and Dennis O'Tool, senior Federal Legislative Counsel of the American Bankers Association. Discussion will focus on the regulatory and statutory aspects of banking.

Thursday 10 July, 8:30-3:30: All-day workshop on "Making an Effective Presentation" will be conducted by Dr. Glen Pfau. Dr. Pfau has conducted workshops for the American Management Association, and he will demonstrate how adopting a new style in presenting one's material can determine the odds of getting a proposal approved by management. (From HALL Newsletter 5(Spring 1986):14)

Purchase of Current Official State Reports

The University of Nebraska College of Law Library would appreciate any information other law libraries can provide concerning the purchase of current official state reports. How many law libraries currently receive state reports for states which publish their own official reports? Has any library figured the cost of acquiring these official state reports? What are the reasons why a library would continue to receive them? If your library has recently dropped subscriptions to official state reports, have you had any negative reactions from faculty, students, attorneys or other users?

Supreme Court Reporter Expands into New Formats

West Publishing Company has announced an addition to the Supreme Court Reporter. Beginning with volume 106, in the fall of 1986, two "interim volumes" will be issued to consolidate the advance sheets. These interim volumes will make the opinions in the advance sheets easier to use during the period the Court is correcting and editing its official opinions. The final versions of the opinions will be published in the permanent Supreme Court Reporter volumes. (From SWALL Bulletin 17(May 1986):18)
MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Pat Anderson (St. Louis), has resigned to become the Director of the University of Louisville School of Law Library.

Blair Kauffman and Mary Anne Royle (Northern Illinois) will begin a column on law library automation news for the AALL Newsletter in August.

Marian F. Parker (University of Tulsa) left the Library 30 April for new challenges in the corporate world. She is now the Manager for Legal Quality, LEXIS Product Development, at Mead Data Central; Please send her your ideas about LEXIS. Her address is: Marian F. Parker, Manager, Legal Quality, LEXIS Product Development, Mead Data Central, 9393 P.O. Box 933, Dayton, OH 45401. Phone: 800 227-9597.

Sue Sark, Collection Development/Acquisitions Librarian (University of Tulsa), is serving as Acting Director of the Law Library as well. Sue is also serving on the search committee for a new director.

Fritz Snyder, Head Reference Librarian (University of Kansas), has written A Guide to Kansas Legal Research published by the Kansas Bar Association.

Retaining FDR is like having 1,000 bright-eyed & bushy tailed law clerks hot-footing it around Washington* digging up all that info you need to make your law firm thrive!

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MALSL SUPER-EXPENSIVE ACQUISITIONS
April 1986

(1) International Law Research Collection. IDC (Switzerland). 6,000 - 10,000 titles. 1,000 titles annually at a price of Sfr 20,000 (about $9,600). St. Louis has on order.


(6) Complete Blackstone Collection. Microfiche, LLMC. 550 vols. $2,000. Illinois and Oklahoma City have. Iowa has a good collection of originals.


(10) Northern Ireland Revised Statutes. Gaunt. $1,312. Iowa has; St. Louis has on order.


(12) 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?
(13) Amnesty International Collection. IDC (Meyer Boswell). Sfr 2400 (about $1,150). ANYONE?


(15) English Legal Manuscripts Collection. IDC (Meyer Boswell).
I. Harvard Law School. about $4,000
II. Lincoln's Inn. about $4,100
III.-IV. Bodleian and Gray's Inn. about $ 800
V. Yale Law School about $ 750
VI. Harvard Law School Addenda. about $1,400
Iowa has all except part VI.

(16) 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).
A) Corpus Juris Civilis. Institutiones. (English and Latin). Callaghan, 1876. KFL, KWL, SOL, UIU, SLU, WUL, OKL have.
C) Studies in International Law. Clarendon Press, 1898. LMU, WUL, IWD have.
D) Illustrated Treatise on the Law of Evidence, Callaghan, 1907. KFL, LMU, OKY have.
E) Studies in Comparative Jurisprudence and the Conflicts of Laws. Little, Brown, 1886. IWD has.
F) Commentaries on Equity Jurisprudence. Little, Brown, 1877. AFU, LMU, IWD have.
G) Nature and Sources of the Law. MacMillan, 1921. KFL, ILY, SOL, UMK, OKL, OKY, WUL have.
H) Some Lessons from our Legal History. MacMillan, 1928. AFU, UIU, KWL, LMU, OKL, OKY, LLL, WUL have.
J) Sources and Literature of English Law. Clarendon Press, 1925. ILY, LMU, WUL, OKL, IWD have.
K) Commentaries on American Law. 4 vols. O Halsted, 1826-30. AFU, LMU have.
M) Law of Corporate Mortgage Bond Issues. Callaghan, 1937. IWD, WUL have.
O) Chief Sources of English Legal History. Harvard Univ. Press, 1925. KFL, ALR, LMU, OKL, WUL, OKY have; Iowa has all in the original.
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(31) American Legal Manuscripts (from Harvard Law School Library). University Publications of America. Microfilm. 63 collections. Total Price: $231,000. Individual collections (such as items 28, 29, and 30 above) may be purchased. ANYONE?


(34) Palestine: The Legal Background. IDC 23 titles. 1,310 microfiche. Sfr 4900 (about $2,350). Iowa has ten of the titles.

(35) English Legal Sources (printed in English legal literature up to 1800). IDC. 172 titles. Microfiche. Sfr 2500 (about $1,200). ANYONE?


(37) Unpublished U.S. Senate Committee Hearings (early 1800's through 1964). CIS. Microfiche. $18,400 (the index alone is $1,985). ANYONE?

(38) Public General Acts (Great Britain). 1714-1800 ($2,000). 1801-1933 ($2,000). Trans-Media. Iowa has 1866 to date.


(42) United States Constitutional and Legal History (450 articles which appeared in academic journals and law reviews). 21 volumes. $1,580 ($1,250 if purchased before 7/1/86). Garland Publishing, 1986. ANYONE?
Please send information regarding your holdings with respect to any of the above items (plus any other super-expensive items you have purchased or are thinking of purchasing) to Fritz Snyder, Acquisitions Librarian, School of Law Library, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045.

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The MAALL Placement Office acts as a clearinghouse for job openings in the membership area. These positions may be professional, paraprofessional, 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.

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IOWA

Technical Services Librarian. University of Iowa Law Library is seeking an experienced librarian to coordinate the planning, procedures, and work flow within the areas of acquisitions, cataloging, binding and documents in a library of 420,000+ volumes. The library has just (May 1986) moved into a beautiful new facility and is in the process of automating all library systems. REQUIREMENTS: ALA-accredited MLS degree, minimum four years professional library experience with a technical services department, knowledge of and experience with an automated bibliographic utility, organizational and management ability, a definite interest in automation of library procedures. PREFERRED: Experience in a law library, experience with RLIN, experience with automation of library systems. SALARY: $26,795, generous benefits. Position to be filled Summer 1986. Please
send resume, including three names of reference to Kathie Belgum, Executive Law Librarian, Law Library, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242. Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

KANSAS

LIBRARIAN-CATALOGER -- Washburn University. Qualifications: MLS from an accredited library school. Familiarity with AACR2, MARC format, LC subject headings, LC classification. Prefer candidates with experience in cataloging, technical processes and OCLC. Responsibilities: Limited supervision; input all original cataloging for materials, including monographs, serials, microforms, machine-readable data files, audio-visual material; share responsibility for copy cataloging, maintaining public card catalogs, processing materials, shelf maintenance. Other duties as assigned. Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience, $17,000 minimum. Application deadline 15 July 1986, or until suitable candidate is identified. Position available 1 August 1986. Submit resume and names of three references to David Ensign, Associate Director, Washburn University School of Law Library, 1700 College, Topeka, KS 66621. WASHBURN IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER.

MISSOURI

Reader Services Librarian. St. Louis University School of Law Library. REQUIREMENTS: Accredited JD and MLS; library experience; familiarity with LEXIS, WESTLAW, OCLC and DIALOG; ability to interact with students, faculty, and other users. DUTIES: Responsible for reference, information, and circulation services; teaching responsibilities. SALARY: Commensurate with qualifications. Available: July 1, 1986. CONTACT: Eileen H. Searls, Law Librarian, St. Louis University School of Law Library, 3700 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108.

NEBRASKA

Public Services Librarian. Tenure-leading Assistant Professor, College of Law Library, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. FUNCTION: Direct the activities of the public services area; provide reference service to students, faculty and the bar; participate in law library planning. Possibility of participating in collection development. Reports directly to the Head Law Librarian. QUALIFICATIONS: MLS from approved library school; JD degree preferred. Strong service orientation. Possibility of working some evening and/or weekend hours. SALARY: Commensurate with experience and qualifications. STARTING DATE: When available following date of hire. DEADLINE: July 15, 1986. APPLICATIONS: Submit resume, including names of three references to: Sally H. Wise, Law Librarian, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, College of Law Library, Lincoln, NE 68583-0902.
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It is August. The sun rises later in the mornings and retires earlier each evening. The MAALL membership, however, seemingly is awakening earlier and staying later. Contributions to the newsletter came from all over. Truly this time I had to edit and select materials for inclusion rather than create them.

The issue begins with a letter from the President, and includes business meeting minutes from both the Tulsa and Washington, D.C. meetings, a Treasurer's Report, Information and hotel reservation envelopes for the MAALL meeting in St. Louis in October, short OF NOTE, MEMBERSHIP NEWS and PLACEMENT columns and other items of interest.

Thank you for your contributions to the Newsletter. Do not be disappointed if your material fails to appear. Some of it requires obtaining permission before republication and you may see the items in future issues. Please keep the articles and news blurbs coming in, and enjoy the waning days of summer.

Glen Peter

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DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER IS 15 SEPTEMBER
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

Contrary to the practice of most Chapter Presidents, I have not favored you with letters in the Newsletter. Here I depart from practice, not to help you but to get help from you.

Last fall at the wonderful 1985 annual meeting in Tulsa, the Secretary Avis Forsman gave me her handwritten copy of the Minutes of the meeting to send on to Glen Ahlers for the newsletter. Editor Ahlers never received them. Because Avis Forsman is the best Secretary in the world, she has reconstructed them. She says this is a sketchy account since it does not include reports from all Committee Chairs and from the Consortium. Will those who took part in the discussion send their recollections and corrections to Secretary Avis B. Forsman at Kutak Rock & Campbell, The Omaha Building, Omaha, NE 68102? She will revise in the light of her recollections and then the corrected minutes will go directly to Editor Ahlers, untouched by irresponsible hands.

Eileen H. Searls

MAALL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
25 OCTOBER 1985
Tulsa, Oklahoma

President Eileen Searls opened the business meeting at 4 pm., October 25, 1985.

Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed by Treasurer Sharon O'Donoghue. A discussion ensued concerning the dues and membership records and the transfer of bank accounts and records. It was proposed and agreed that dues be paid on a calendar year basis.

Sharon pointed out that subsidies from publishers had been in large measure responsible for many of the amenities of the meeting.

John Christensen reported that the fax project is working well. The union list will be made available for purchase in 1986.

An amendment to the bylaws was proposed and discussed at length. The proposal would raise the annual dues to $10.00 and apply to a calendar year membership. Charles Dyer proposed an amendment to the proposed amendment to establish an institutional membership. After much discussion, the restated amendment to the bylaws was approved to require a dues assessment of $10.00 for individual membership and $20.00 for the first institutional member and $10.00 for each additional member up to a total of $100.00 per institution.

Avis Forsman reported for the membership committee that membership solicitation letters had been sent to the legal administrators of all private law firms which were listed in the biographical section of Martindale-Hubbell Law Direc-
tory in Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Arkansas and Missouri and which had at least 10 attorneys. Chicago was excluded and Oklahoma was missed. Oklahoma will be covered by an additional mailing.

The meeting for 1986 will be held in Iowa City, the home of Katherine Belgum, President-Elect. Sharon O'Kehoe agreed to serve as program chairman.

Avis B. Forsman, Secretary

Carol Moody reported on the program for the October meeting. The theme is "Business Reference Sources for the Law Librarian." Major speakers will be Lolly Gasaway, President of AALL, and Judith Messerle, President of the Medical Libraries Association. An added feature this year will be a "mini-institute" on book repair for 4-5 people on Saturday, conducted by Kathy Meitl at St. Louis University Law Library.

Hal Brown had not had time to prepare a Treasurer's Report, but finances seem to be in good shape.

Heija Ryoo reported that corrections are completed for the new MAALL directory, which this year has been put on IBM-compatible disk.

Membership in MAALL is up over last year.

Ms. Searls mentioned that Laurel Wendt has compiled a manual for those running meetings and conventions. Avis Forsman's excellent minutes from last year's MAALL meeting had been submitted to Ms. Searls, but have been mislaid; Ms. Forsman has reconstructed them, and they will be circulated so that the membership can help complete them.

John Edwards is gathering statistics on telefax usage. His report to AALL should be completed next year. Ms. Searls asked that anyone who would like a copy of her telefax directory, or would like to add information, please let her know.
This was the first MAALL meeting for Virginia Bryant, Evelyn Gardner, Faye O'Connor, Margaret Hohenstein, and Mary Jensen. MAALL members include Ms. Jensen at the University of South Dakota Law Library, and Mark Linneman at the University of Melbourne Law Library in Australia.

John Edwards reminded the members of the staff exchange program; travel grants up to $100 are available. Mon Yin Lung talked about her visit to SLU Law via the exchange program; it offered a valuable look at how things are done elsewhere. No firm librarians have applied. Mr. Brown said that the politics of confidentiality make exchanges impossible; Lori Hunt added the difficulty of getting away from a one-person library. Ms. Searls asked what we can offer as continuing education for firm librarians in lieu of staff exchanges. Ms. Hunt felt that regional and local meetings were beneficial. Jacqueline Wright proposed that firm librarians visit court libraries; however, the firm librarians would have to be from out-of-state, again because of confidentiality problems.

Frank Houdek asked that the members keep in mind the AALL Occasional Papers series as an outlet for publication. There should be several Papers coming this year; there may be a standing order plan.

David Ensign reported that the MAALL Newsletter has resumed advertising; thus far ads for two companies have been run. Mr. Ensign asked whether we should continue the traditional requirement of a $10 membership in AALL in addition to the regular advertising rates ($25/half page, $12.50/quarter page, $10/business card size). Mr. Ensign recommended that the additional $10 charge simply be tacked on to the regular rates. Debate ensued on whether the rates were too high or too low, and on whether the issue called for a vote at the next meeting. The debate was inconclusive. Ms. Searls reported that the IRS has balked at accepting some chapters as official chapters of AALL, rather than simply as affiliates; it may prove necessary for the chapters to incorporate separately. Both tax and insurance problems are involved. The meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

--James Milles
Nominations Sought For MAALL Officers

The Nominations Committee is seeking candidates for election as MAALL officers. The positions of Vice-President/President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer will be filled by election at the MAALL annual meeting in St. Louis this October. Candidates will be elected to serve two-year terms. Katherine Belgum of the University of Iowa Law Library will succeed Eileen Searls as President at that meeting. Avis Forsman currently serves as Secretary and Hal Brown is Acting Treasurer.

Please submit nominations to Committee chair John Edwards (Drake), 515 271-2141, committee member Katherine Tooley (Tulsa), 918 592-6000 Ext. 2404, or Richard Amelung (St. Louis), 314 658-2755.

Southern Illinois Publication Series

The Southern Illinois University School of Law Library is pleased to announce the availability of the first titles to be included in its new Publication Series:

No. 1, Rare Book Collection in the School of Law Library. 3rd ed. 124 p. Compiled by Elizabeth W. Matthews. $10.00.


Titles in the Publication Series will be sold separately or a library may establish a standing order for all items as they are published. Orders should be addressed to Mildred Brown, Southern Illinois University School of Law Library, Lesar Law Building, Carbondale, IL 62901.
The U.S. Courts Library System was established in 1980 following a critical 1977 Federal Judicial Center study by Raymond Taylor. Prior to establishment of the system, the federal courts were served by a variety of staffed and unstaffed libraries and chambers collections. Library staffs might report to circuit or district courts or court clerks. No consistency or standards existed.

In 1978, the Administrative Office of Courts established the position of Chief, Library Services Branch (now Office of Library and Legal Research Services) and hired an experienced law librarian, Patricia Thomas. She studied the existing situation and produced recommendations for a nationwide library system which were implemented beginning in 1980.

A library system was established which followed the jurisdictional boundaries of the eleven (now 12) Courts of Appeals. Each system was to be headed by a circuit librarian, and all library staff in the circuit were brought under the coordination of this librarian. The circuit librarians were to be selected by and answerable to their respective circuit courts. All staffed library locations outside circuit headquarters were designated satellites (also called branches) of the circuit library, and the branch library staffs came under the supervision of the circuit librarians.

The Eighth Circuit Library System has grown from two libraries and four positions in 1980 to eight libraries and 13 F.T.E. positions today. The system consists of a Circuit headquarters library in St. Louis and seven branch libraries, located in Little Rock, Kansas City, Omaha, Des Moines, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Fargo.

The Circuit library staff consists of 6.5 F.T.E.: the Circuit Librarian, Deputy Circuit Librarian/Technical Services Librarian, Reference Librarian, Computer-Assisted Legal Research Librarian, and 2.5 F.T.E. library technicians. The branches are staffed by 5 full-time and 2 half-time librarians and one half-time technician.

The libraries serve federal judges at all levels in the seven states of the Eighth Circuit: Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Many judges are located in cities which lack a staffed library, so much service is done by telephone, mail, and telefax.

All libraries have terminals for accessing LEXIS and WESTLAW. The Circuit Library and the Kansas City branch can also access OCLC. All cataloging is done centrally in St. Louis. A project is presently underway to catalog and classify the treatise collections of all of the libraries. Upon completion each library will have a full union card catalog which indicates which libraries hold each title.
Book ordering for all of the libraries, as well as all judges' chambers collections, is also done by the headquarters library in St. Louis. Purchase orders prepared in St. Louis are forwarded to the Administrative Office of Courts in Washington, where the Office of Library and Legal Research Services must give final approval for purchase. Due to space limitations in the downtown St. Louis Courthouse, the headquarters library has a large portion of its collection in microform. First series reporters, session laws of the seven Circuit states, U.S. Statutes-at-Large, Congressional Hearings and Reports, and retrospective C.F.R.'s, Federal Registers, and Congressional Records are available only in microfiche. Back runs of many law reviews are on microfilm. The Circuit headquarters library in St. Louis is a federal document depository. It is open to the public, although only court personnel have check-out privileges or access to LEXIS and WESTLAW. Branch library admission policies vary, but generally are open to members of the Bar.

The St. Louis library participates in interlibrary loan through OCLC, and has access to a telefax machine. Because their collections are specialized and limited, all of the Eighth Circuit libraries borrow frequently from other libraries in their areas.

The library staff produces several publications for the judges. These include reproduced table of contents pages from periodicals received in the Circuit Library, a clipping service of articles dealing with judges and cases in the Circuit, and a newsletter which includes a list of recent acquisitions. Copies of the Newsletter are available to other libraries upon request. Due to budget cuts, the library recently ceased publication of an Index of the Eighth Circuit's slip opinions.
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Librarian (Cataloger) or Librarian (Head of Technical Services)

Qualifications: MLS from an accredited library school required. Candidates with significant experience and qualifications may be considered for the position of Head of Technical Services. Must be familiar with AACR2, MARC format, Library of Congress subject headings and classification tables. Willingness to work with microcomputers and computer terminals. Previous experience with the OCLC M300 Work stations or with IBM-PC compatible microcomputers desirable. Candidates for the Head of Technical Service must have significant supervisory experience in an institutional library. Responsibilities: Supervision of library assistants and student assistants. Inputs all original cataloging onto OCLC. Shares responsibility for copy cataloging with a Library Assistant. Supervises and assists in the accession, processing, and shelving of materials, and in filing catalog cards in the public catalogs. Materials processed include monographs, serials, microforms, machine-readable data files, and audio-visual materials. Responsible for all documentation associated with the cataloging process. In addition, the Head of Technical Services will be responsible for supervision of serials check-in, claiming and routing procedures. The Head of Technical Services is responsible for establishing departmental policies and procedures. The Head of Technical Services will hire, manage, and train all personnel in the department, and will mediate issues relating to the department with other departments and with the library administration. Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience; $17,000 minimum. Application deadline 2 September 1986, or until suitable candidate is identified. Position available immediately. Send a resume and the names of three references to: David Ensign, Associate Director, Washburn University School of Law Library, Topeka, KS 66621.

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JUNE 1 - OCTOBER 1, 1985

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  *08/30/85 10.00
  *09/25/85 20.00

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MAALL Exchange Program 100.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES: $ 843.34

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5:00-9:00 pm Registration and hospitality info
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THURSDAY, OCT. 30

DESPERATELY SEEKING BUSINESS INFORMATION I

7:30-9:00 am Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:55 am Introduction: Finding Business Information on Mead Data Central's Lexis/Nexis

10:05-12:00 pm Mead Data Central Concurrent Sessions
1. Finding prospective clients, getting info about other firms, merger & acquisition work
2. Finding info on judgments and settlements; proving economic damages
3. Finding medical information

12:15-1:30 pm Opening Luncheon
Speaker: Frank Hamsher, Assistant to the Mayor of St. Louis, on the Renovation of Union Station

1:45-3:30 pm Reprise of MDC's concurrent morning sessions

3:40-4:00 pm MDC's wrap-up

4:30-7:00 pm Tours of law firm libraries—3 groups, bussed

7:00-9:30 pm Reception at Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

9:00-10:00 pm Busses to Clarion and Laclede's Landing

FRIDAY, OCT. 31

7:30-9:00 am Continental breakfast

9:00-10:30 am 4th sess.
William Jenkins, Manager of Online Database Services: Overview of Predicasts Databases

9:00-10:30 am Committee

10:50-12:00 pm 5th sess.
Bechtel Information Services
Jack H. Kemeny, Director of Marketing: SEC Contract, New Services Available

10:30-12:00 pm Committee

12:15-1:30 pm Luncheon
Speaker: Laura Gasaway, AALL President, on Comparable Worth Issues in Law Libraries

1:45-2:30 pm 6th sess.
ABA/Net
Leah Wallace, on the Electronic Mail System Endorsed by AALL

1:45-4:00 pm Committee

Academic Directors Meeting

TRICKS AND TREATS

Serials in Law Libraries, Or, Are We Having Fun Yet?
Wilsonline
Deborah Loeding, of H.W. Wilson

Business Meeting
Shuttle to Cupples House for Happy Hour

Happy Hour continued
Dinner at Cupples House
Speaker: Judith Messerle, President of Medical Library Association, on How to Sell your Library to Management

Shuttle bus to Clarion

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7:30-9:00 am  Continental breakfast

DESPERATELY SEEKING BUSINESS INFORMATION III

9:00-9:45  Print Sources for Business Reference
9th sess.  Ron Allen, Librarian, Washington University
           School of Business Library

9:00-11:00  Micro-Computer Committee Meeting

BIG RABBITS OUT OF SMALL HATS

10:00-10:45  The Svengalis Article: Has It Caused Changes in Library Practices?
10th sess.  Peter Schanck, University of Kansas
            Charles Dyer, UMKC
            John Edwards, Drake

11:00-12:00  Questions and Answers on Svengalis Article
11th sess.  Presentation

11:00-12:30  Cataloging the Small Library
12th sess.  Lori Hunt, Shook Hardy & Bacon
            Mary Anne Keller, Gallop Johnson & Neuman
            Gregory Whitfield, RLIN
            Linda Duval, May Dept. Stores Co.

11:00-12:00  Reference Committee Meeting

2:00-4:00 pm  Basic Book Repair and Preservation: A Hands-On Workshop
               Kathy Meitl, formerly of St. Louis University
               (Limited to five registrants. $30.00 fee includes manual and supplies.)

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Won't it be exciting to sit and stare into the AllHallows Eve sky awaiting together the arrival of the Great Pumpkin? Just picture the image: the pumpkin floating through the arch. . . . perhaps President Searls could even arrange a full moon to reflect off the Mississippi. Right now, however, I should be reflecting upon and introducing you to this issue of the Newsletter.

Thanks to the extent of the news collecting vine work in this editor's pumpkin patch, you should find in your hands some informative reading. Learn, for example, what fiscal and physical planning have to do with other paranormal phenomena in a piece by Katherine Tooley. And read too, of the latest update on the St. Louis meeting. There also appears an expanded version of our Super-Expensive Acquisitions List (for which we have in the past been noted in several other regional newsletters, good work Fritz), and, of course, the omnipresent Of Note, Membership News and MAALL Placement columns.

Please see me during the meeting in St. Louis regarding improvements you would like to see made in the Newsletter. Please see me too, about articles you wish to write, or columns you wish to edit.

Glen Peter

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THE DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER'S NEWSLETTER IS 15 NOVEMBER
MAALL MEETING UPDATE

The 1986 MAALL Annual Meeting will be an exciting combination of practice-oriented, information-packed educational session and gala social events in glamorous surroundings.

Thursday's sessions on finding business information on LEXIS/NEXIS have been expanded to four: Information about Filings and Settlements; Medical, Chemical and Product Information; Information about Corporations; and Insurance Information. The evening will begin with tours of a variety of law libraries, law firms, corporate legal departments, and the law schools of St. Louis University and Washington University. In addition, there will be a visit to the Law Library Association of St. Louis, a subscription law library founded in 1836 and the oldest lawyers' association of any kind in St. Louis. Following the tours will be a reception at the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, atop one of the tallest buildings in the city.

On Friday afternoon, Ron Anderson, WESTLAW Marketing Representative, will be speaking on business information sources on WESTLAW. The Friday afternoon session on serials in law libraries has been cancelled. After the business meeting, the reception Friday evening (Halloween) will be held at St. Louis University's Cupples House, a beautiful Richardsonian Romanesque mansion constructed of pink granite with elaborate wood and plasterwork throughout, which presently houses the Department of Art History and the McNamee Gallery. Rumor has it that a noted Oklahoma law librarian has promised to appear in costume.

Saturday afternoon will conclude with a MAALL first, a "hands-on" workshop on Basic Book Repair and Preservation, conducted by Kathy Meitl, formerly of St. Louis University Law Library and now at University of Illinois' Commerce Library. Registration is limited to five, so sign up now.
MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Juli Annin (University of Nebraska), a recent graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Law, has been hired to work in Reference until the vacancy of permanent Reference Librarian is filled. The library is fortunate to have acquired her services.

Hazel Arnold (Creighton), acquisitions clerk, has left the law library.

Ben Cole, former Reference Librarian (Oklahoma City University), has taken the position as Head of Public Services at the University of Mississippi Law Library in Oxford, MS. He began his new duties 1 August.

Evelyn Gardner (Creighton), has returned to the law library after recently receiving her Masters degree in Library Science from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Evelyn is Acquisitions Librarian.

Carol Jestrab (Creighton), is expecting her first child in December.

Richard Leiter (University of Nebraska) joined the library staff as Public Services Librarian on September 15, 1986. Mr. Leiter has his M.L.S. degree from the University of Texas and his J.D. degree from Southwestern University School of Law. He has most recently been Head of Reference at the University of Texas, Tarlton Law Library. He has also been Managing Librarian at Hopkins, Mitchell & Carley in San Jose, CA, and Legal Research Assistant at Irell & Manella in Los Angeles, CA. The library is very pleased to have Rich on the staff.

Bob Voelker (University of Nebraska), Reference Librarian, left the law library 5 September. Bob and his family will stay in Nebraska while his wife Pat teaches Special Education in the Lincoln Public School system.

Martin Wisneski (Washburn) joined the staff as Head of Technical Services. Currently splitting his time between K.U. and Washburn, Martin will begin full-time at Washburn 10 November.
Creighton University law library recently acquired 2 Leading Edge computers. One will be located in reference, where it will be used to input an Index to the Nebraska Administrative Rules and Regulations. The second computer will be located in technical services, where it will be used in acquisition and in serials. There are later plans for uses in circulation.

Omaha-Area Law Librarians met 28 August at the law offices of Baird, McEachen, Pedersen, Hamann & Strasheim. Librarian Anne Lomax and Library Assistant Madeleine Graz gave the eight in attendance a tour of the offices and the collection, which is housed on three floors.

Mary Neilson of Kutak, Rock & Campbell; Evelyn Gardner of Creighton Law Library; and Mary Stultz of Kennedy, Holland, Delacy & Svoboda spoke of their experiences at the 1986 AALL Meeting in Washington DC.
The 1986 AALL Institute on Automation: State of the Art and a Look into the Future was held at the University of Maryland School of Law in Baltimore, 1-4 July 1986. The theme was: The Systems Approach, Not a Trivial Pursuit. The institute emphasized systems analysis; fiscal and physical planning; the psychology of change; vendor selection; and a look into the future towards mental modems. The institute co-directors were Micky Voges, O.U. Law Center Library and Bobbie Johnson, a former Law Firm Librarian and now an Information Management Consultant.

The institute faculty included: Paula Alvary and Joe Busch from Price Waterhouse's Management Consulting Services Division; Paul Tobias, Industrial Psychologist; Bruce Stein, Research Analyst with the Department of Defense; and Edward J. Kazlauskas, Associate Professor, Dept. of Education, Psychology and Technology at U.S.C.

One particularly interesting lecture and activity was conducted by Jack Houk, a Systems Engineer with an aerospace firm and a researcher into paranormal phenomena and psychokinesis. He conducted a PK party one evening where there was a great deal of metal bending; and gave a lecture on mental modems, the "unlimited potential for the use of our minds to access and affect information." This was a definite exercise in open mindedness!

There were group sessions every day where we broke down into topic areas: serials control; creation and maintenance of data bases; controlling acquisitions and book budget; and providing bibliographic control. Individual needs, requirements and experiences were discussed.

The Baltimore Inner Harbor area is a wonderful place for an institute. The National Aquarium is there. Wonderful shopping and seafood like you never get in Oklahoma! The University of Maryland Law School has something we all could be envious of: Westminster Church, crypt and graveyard, which contain both of the burial plots of Edgar Allen Poe! The tour of the crypt was one of the highlights of the institute.

The University of Maryland has the GEAC system, and the tour which the law library staff gave was entitled: "Expectations vs. Reality", a situation we are all familiar with.

One of the most important aspects of any institute or meeting are the people. It is a time to renew acquaintances and put faces to names.

The institute concluded on July 4 with a banquet held on the 27th floor of the Trade Center, overlooking Federal Hill and the Inner Harbor, where we watched the sunset and a fabulous fireworks display.

--Katherine Tooley
MALSL SUPER-EXPENSIVE ACQUISITIONS
October 1986

(1) International Law Research Collection. IDC (Switzerland). 6,000 - 10,000 titles. 1,000 titles annually at a price of Sfr 20,000 (about $9,600). St. Louis has on order.

(2) Congressional Research Service, Major Studies and Issue Briefs. 2-3 years worth of studies cost $450-600. Iowa, Washington, and Southern Illinois have. Arkansas-Little Rock has 1916-1980; Oklahoma has 1975-.


(6) Complete Blackstone Collection. Microfiche, LLMC. 550 vols. $2,000. Illinois and Oklahoma City have. Iowa has a good collection of originals.


(10) Northern Ireland Revised Statutes. Gaunt. $1,312. Iowa has; St. Louis has on order.


(12) 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?


(15) English Legal Manuscripts Collection. IDC (Meyer Boswell).
   I. Harvard Law School. about $4,000
   II. Lincoln's Inn. about $4,100
   III.-IV. Bodleian and Gray's Inn. about $800
   V. Yale Law School about $750
   VI. Harvard Law School Addenda. about $1,400
   Iowa has all except part VI.

(16) 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).
   A) Corpus Juris Civilis. Institutiones. (English and Latin). Callaghan, 1876. KFL, KWl, SOL, UIU, SLU, WUL, OKL have.
   C) Studies in International Law. Clarendon Press, 1898. LMU, WUL, IWD have.
   D) Illustrated Treatise on the Law of Evidence, Callaghan, 1907. KFL, LMU, OKY have.
   E) Studies in Comparative Jurisprudence and the Conflicts of Laws. Little, Brown, 1886. IWD has.
   F) Commentaries on Equity Jurisprudence. Little, Brown, 1877. AFU, LMU, IWD have.
   G) Nature and Sources of the Law. MacMillan, 1921. KFL, ILY, SOL, UMK, OKL, OKY, WUL have.
   H) Some Lessons from our Legal History. MacMillan, 1928. AFU, UIU, KWl, LMU, OKL, OKY, LLL, WUL have.
   J) Sources and Literature of English Law. Clarendon Press, 1925. ILY, LMU, WUL, OKL, IWD have.
   K) Commentaries on American Law. 4 vols. O Halsted, 1826-30. AFU, LMU have.
   M) Law of Corporate Mortgage Bond Issues. Callaghan, 1937. IWD, WUL have.
   O) Chief Sources of English Legal History. Harvard Univ. Press, 1925. KFL, ALR, LMU, OKL, WUL, OKY have; Iowa has all in the original.
(17) Canon Law: a basic collection. LLMC microfiche. $3,000. Oklahoma City has; St. Louis has on order.

(18) Civil Law: a basic collection. LLMC microfiche. $3,000. Oklahoma City has.

(19) Hebraic Law: a basic collection. LLMC microfiche. $3,000. Oklahoma City has.


(22) American Maritime Cases, 1934-1943. Hein. $1,500. Washburn has; Iowa has 1923 to date.

(23) ABA Consortium for Professional Education/NITA. 13 videotapes on training the advocate. $1,995. Washburn has.


(25) CIS State Constitutional Conventions, 1776-1978. Fiche. $18,800. Oklahoma City has; Iowa has 1776-1976.


(31) American Legal Manuscripts (from Harvard Law School Library). University Publications of America. Microfilm. 63 collections. Total Price: $231,000. Individual collections (such as items 28, 29, and 30 above) may be purchased. ANYONE?


(34) Palestine: The Legal Background. IDC 23 titles. 1,310 microfiche. Sfr 4900 (about $2,350). Iowa has ten of the titles.

(35) English Legal Sources (printed in English legal literature up to 1800). IDC. 172 titles. Microfiche. Sfr 2500 (about $1,200). ANYONE?


(37) Unpublished U.S. Senate Committee Hearings (early 1800's through 1964). CIS. Microfiche. $18,400 (the index alone is $1,985). ANYONE?

(38) Public General Acts (Great Britain). 1714-1800 ($2,000). 1801-1933 ($2,000). Trans-Media. Iowa has 1866 to date.


(42) United States Constitutional and Legal History (450 articles which appeared in academic journals and law reviews). 21 volumes. $1,580 ($1,250 if purchased before 7/1/86). Garland Publishing, 1986. ANYONE?


(45) Conspiracy Trials in America, 1919-1953. 23 Trials. 80 reels of microfilm. $2,469. Michael Glazier, Inc. ANYONE?


(47) Legislative History of Federal Laws concerning the Mentally Handicapped. 42 vols. $1,595. Hein, 1981. UMKC, Missouri, Washington, Arkansas (Little Rock), and Arkansas (Fayetteville) have.


(51) Women and Law Series. 40 reels of microfilm. $1,738. Women's History Research Center. UMKC has.


Please send information regarding your holdings of the above items, any other super-expensive items you have purchased, and any items you are thinking of purchasing, to Fritz Snyder, Associate Librarian for Research and Acquisitions, University of Kansas, School of Law Library, Lawrence, KS 66045.

At the MALSL Acquisitions Agents meeting at AALL in Washington, interest was expressed in our members' policies concerning the retention of superseded volumes of codes, digests, legal encyclopedias and treatises, both earlier editions and individual volumes. Would you please send Fritz a note about your policy in this area. It may be possible to have certain libraries serve as storage areas for specified superceded materials.
MAALL PLACEMENT

The MAALL Placement Office acts as a clearinghouse for job openings in the membership area. These positions may be professional, paraprofessional, 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 open should contact the Placement Chair. 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 Chair. Contact Needra Jackson, MAALL Placement Chair, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, MO 65211; phone: 314 882-4597; telefax: 314 874-2412; E-MAIL: MLMU.

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Reference Librarian -- University of Missouri-Kansas City. Requirements: M.L.S. from an ALA-accredited library school and J.D. from an ABA-accredited law school. Professional library experience preferred. Strong service orientation is essential. Duties: Provide extensive reference service to students, faculty, attorneys, and the general public; assist LEXIS and WESTLAW users; participate in computerized legal research instruction; prepare research guides, and participate in collection development. Some evening and occasional weekend hours. Background: The Law Library is a modern facility, using LUMIN, on-line catalog of the University of Missouri, and INNOVACQ, an automated serials control and acquisition system. Salary: $22,000 minimum. Application: A letter of application with
resume and names of at least three references should be received by 1 December 1986, by Ms. Pat Court, Head of Reader Services, UMKC Law Library, Kansas City, MO 64110. (816) 276-2435. The University of Missouri is an Equal Opportunity Institution.

NEBRASKA

Reference Librarian, Assistant Professor of Law Library (tenure-track) -- University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Provides reference assistance to library users, participates in Law Library planning and in LEXIS and WESTLAW training, and assists microcomputer users. Possibility of working some evening and/or weekend hours. Qualifications: M.L.S. from ALA-approved library school. Relevant law library experience desirable. Strong service orientation. Salary: Commensurate with experience. Starting Date: 1 December 1986. Application Deadline: 14 November. Apply to: Sally Wise, Head Law Librarian, University of Nebraska College of Law Library, Lincoln, NE 68583-0902.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The holidays approach so soon. Were we not just in St. Louis for Halloween? Something about the Great Pumpkin floating through the Arch? Alas, the sun approaches its winter solstice as longer and colder nights approach. Timely arrival I'd say, for the warming news of your favorite blue newsletter. I have been warmed by the news that the newsletter committee is off and running with three additional members: Mary Ertle, David Ensign and Katherine Tooley. David will continue to focus his attention and energies on advertising, Mary has agreed to cull other regional newsletters to bring us news from "abroad" and Katherine Tooley has agreed to shake members down for articles and reviews for our newsletter. With their assistance, I am sure we will provide an improved newsletter. Why not share in the creative fun? Drop us a line or write us a summary. The committee may be contacting you soon. Enjoy the holidays, I'll write again in February.

Glen Peter

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THE DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY'S NEWSLETTER IS 15 JANUARY
President Eileen Searls opened the business meeting at 5:00 p.m., October 31, 1986.

Treasurer Harold Brown reported on MAALL finances. At the time of the report, the balance was $8,377.98, less outstanding meeting expenses.

John Edwards of the Nominations Committee presented the ballots for Vice President/President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. Candidates for Vice President/President Elect were Peter Schanck and Lynn Foster; candidates for Secretary were Avis Forsman and James Milles; Harold Brown ran unopposed for the office of Treasurer. There being no nominations from the floor, the ballots were distributed as printed. The votes were tallied by Blair Kauffman and Sally Wise. Peter Schanck was elected Vice President/President Elect, James Milles was elected Secretary, and Harold Brown was elected Treasurer. The Association expressed its appreciation to Avis Forsman for many years of faithful effort in the office of Secretary.

Laurel Wendt of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee had no formal presentation. At Eileen Searls' request, Ms. Wendt has begun work on a manual to describe the operations of MAALL and the functions and duties of the Executive Board, to supplement the Constitution and By-Laws. She will solicit input from past officers in order to reach a synthesis of the Association's customary ways of operating. Harold Brown suggested appointing a committee, but Ms. Wendt felt that a committee would be premature at this information-gathering stage. John Christensen felt that keeping procedures unwritten may leave more room for innovation. Kristy Elam suggested putting the discussion on a closed conference on ABAnet, but the court libraries and most firms do not have access to that system.

Heija Ryoo of the Directory Committee reported that the data is now stored on IBM-compatible diskette. John Edwards moved that it should be made an annual publication. Eileen Searls suggested that a standing committee be formed, consisting of the Directory Editor, the Newsletter Editor, and the Treasurer, to facilitate sharing of the information to which each of those persons has access.

Charles Dyer is Local Arrangements Chair for the 1987 Annual Meeting, to be held in Kansas City. Mr. Dyer proposed a straw poll to choose the most desirable location, but Frank Houdek suggested that the Association entrust this matter to the Local Arrangements Committee.

Glen Peter Ahlers, Editor of the MAALL Newsletter, reported that reaction to the bimonthly publication schedule has been uniformly favorable.

John Edwards reported on resource sharing efforts of the Mid-America Law School Library Consortium. Most members of the Consortium have telefacsimile capabilities, and most are on ABAnet. The
Union List of Periodicals should be available by next November.

Blair Kauffman, Program Chair for the 1987 Annual Meeting, reported that the meeting will have a high-tech theme, focusing on the uses of laser disk technology. The meeting will last from Thursday afternoon through Saturday morning.

At this point, Eileen Searls relinquished her office to the new President, Kathie Belgum.

Kathie Belgum's new phone number is (319) 353-9016; in January it will change again to (319) 355-9016. Sue Emde is Local Arrangements Chair for the 1988 meeting in Iowa City; it is not too early to start thinking about a location for the 1989 meeting. This year mass mailings were sent to members of SWALL and CALL; one member of each attended our meeting.

Kathie Belgum will be asking for volunteers for various committees and functions. Volunteers are particularly needed to gather information from each state for the Newsletter.

John Edwards and Kathie Belgum each expressed appreciation to the members of the Local Arrangements and Program Committees--Linda Duval, Carol Moody, Mary Ann Keller, Peggy McDermott, Diane Medcalf, and James Milles--for their hard work and effort.

Needra Jackson was not called upon to report on MAALL Placement activities, but submitted her report after the meeting. From November 1985 to October 1986, 17 job descriptions were submitted by employers, two requests for information were received from applicants, and two resumes were submitted. There are currently 25 registrants, and ten resumes on file.

The meeting was adjourned by President Kathie Belgum at 5:46 pm. The next business meeting will be at the AALL Meeting in Chicago next July.

Respectfully submitted,
James Milles, Secretary

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57.
The St. Louis meeting of MAALL was only a short time ago. The memories are so pleasant: the conversations, the informative meetings, the food, and the surroundings, to say nothing of the gorgeous weather. Driving back north it took only two hours to be in cold, grey drizzle. What a contrast. Those of you who live in metropolitan areas DO have some advantages. LaCledes Landing was charming, the view from the Bar Association on the 36th floor was spectacular, and visiting Union Station is alone worth a trip to St. Louis. It was a pleasure to share almost three days with you and to get to become acquainted with some people whom I had not ever met.

Those of us who took over MAALL responsibilities in St. Louis owe a debt of gratitude to the outgoing officers. Eileen and Avis (and Sharon too) though you are no longer serving in official capacity as officers your experience will be called upon by us from time to time. I am grateful that you are willing to serve in other capacities for the next couple of years. It is this continuity which will carry us forward.

The more I, personally, associate with MAALL the more I find can be learned from its members. Unfortunately the geography which gives our group diversity also works against us in being able to communicate easily. Whenever two or three librarians are gathered together it seems things happen. Some of us don't manage to gather frequently enough to allow the ideas to flow. Thus I will begin my term of office by trying to stress to all of you the friendly art of communication. There are several ways we hope to accomplish this. Mary Ertl has volunteered to be our communication gatherer from other chapter newsletters. There are some gems of information in these which are well worth sharing with all of you. Mary, working with Glen Peter Ahlers will make this happen via our newsletter. ABAnet which was so ably introduced to us in St. Louis can also be a boon for sharing ideas and opinions. Once I master this new tool it should be fun to bat out a quick memo to you and you. I hope you will do the same to me and to each other. Then of course there are always the staid methods of communication, namely the telephone and letters. When in doubt please resort to these to let your thoughts flow to the rest of us.

With the Local Arrangements Committee for our meeting next fall in Kansas City already working hard under the leadership of Charley Dyer, and the Program Committee enthusiastically putting together the ideas part of our gathering with Chair Blair Kauffman, things are off and running.

We do need more persons to help this chapter with its work. The last page of this Newsletter is a form sheet for you to use to send me you name as a willing member of a working Committee. Glen Peter Ahlers would like a small committee to help him with the
Newsletter. He already has one volunteer and could well use several more. He has some great ideas and helping produce our publications should be fun. James Milles, our newly elected secretary, has volunteered to take the MAALL Directory under his supervision. The chapter voted to have the directory published every year in the spring, sometime after January and before the AALL Annual Meeting. James will need some assistance to bring this off. What a great way to get to know the membership. With the marvel of computers the laborious listing and typing are now a thing of the past. This is your chance for idea input and creativity. Avis Forsman has agreed to continue as Membership Chair but would welcome some help. And most importantly we do need liaisons with the states and the big cities. How else will the rest of us know what is going on? K.C. AND ST. Louis librarians, why not give us a special representative so we hear about you and your work? PLEASE, all of you, think what you can do to help MAALL become more informative, more fun and more COMMUNICATIVE. This is the theme for the year.

The busy Holiday Season is soon upon us but don't let that deter you. I look forward to hearing from many of you very soon. CHEERS!
-Kathie Belgum

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OF NOTE

AALL SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR 1987

The December issue of the AALL Newsletter contains the Application for Grants for those interested in seeking financial assistance to help defray the costs to attend the AALL Annual Meeting and/or Institute in 1987. The AALL Scholarships and Grants Committee, in awarding grants, will give preference to highly motivated individuals who are new members of the profession and to those who have been in law librarianship for a relatively short period of time.

This same issue of the Newsletter contains information on how to apply for the four types of scholarship assistance available from AALL. Please note that the Executive Board has again approved a $3,500 stipend to be awarded to a member of a minority group who is a college graduate with library experience, working toward an advanced degree which would further his/her law library career. The Committee is especially interested in increasing the applicant pool for the minority stipend. The deadline for receipt of grant applications is March 1, 1987, and the deadline for scholarship applications is April 1, 1987.
MAALL ARCHIVES

Jim Milles is beginning to collect archival materials on the history of MAALL. The most obvious candidates for collection that occurred to Jim are back issues of the MAALL Newsletter, old membership directories and copies of programs from the annual meetings. Jim is in need of the following materials and would appreciate receiving any items (or photocopies) from those of you can spare them.


Annual Meeting Programs: Has copies of the 1986 Annual Meeting program, as well as various material from the planning of that program.

Miscellaneous: Has copies of early drafts of the Constitution and By-Laws, as well as agendas and minutes from the early meetings in 1975 and 1976.

Any material that members can spare to fill in gaps would be appreciated. Jim would also like suggestions or donations of other material that would be suitable for retention for archival purposes.

Please send anything you may have to James Milles, Secretary, Mid-America Association of Law Libraries, St. Louis University Law Library, St. Louis, Missouri 63108.

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The University of Iowa has decided to purchase NOTIS for automating and integrating the functions of its main library, twelve departmental libraries and Law Library. The NOTIS software was successfully installed in the University's Administrative Data Processing Center in September and a test data base of some 35,000 records is now available to library staff at various locations on campus. The Law Library and Health Sciences Library will serve as pilot sites in bringing up the system. By late 1987 the system in the Law Library will include cataloging, authority control and a shared online public access catalog. Acquisitions, serials control and circulation will be added over the next few years as the rest of the libraries' records are placed online and made available throughout the campus.
MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Herb Cihak (Oklahoma City) assumed the position of Head of Public Services 1 December. He was the Associate Director and Head of Public Services at the Dallas County Law Library.

Rich Ducey (University of Tulsa), has been appointed Director of the College of Law library and a member of the law faculty. Rich earned his law degree from New England School of Law in Boston and a masters degree in library & information science from Simmons College in Boston. A variety of work experience included a position as State Code Editor with Michie Law Publishers in Charlottesville, VA; a stint as Assistant Law Librarian for Public Services at New England School of Law; assisting a small Boston firm with some litigation; and, most recently, spending two and one-half years as Associate Director of the Thurgood Marshall Law Library of the University of Maryland in Baltimore. Rick has published an article on prisoner access to the courts, has edited an American Association of Law Libraries list on recommended materials for inclusion in prison and institution libraries, and has frequently spoken to interested groups on the use of computers in legal practice.

David Ensign, Associate Director (Washburn), has been appointed by Governor John Carlin to serve on the Kansas Library Network Board. The Board is composed of twelve members representing all types of libraries. The Board is responsible for developing and implementing programs that facilitate interlibrary cooperation and resource sharing in the State.

Donna Hirst, former Technical Services and Automated Systems Librarian (University of Iowa Law Library), has been promoted to the position of Acting Project Manager for Library Automation for the University. This is a great opportunity for Donna who has much talent in this area and is also a much benefit to the Law Library. Donna had been a professional member of the Law Library staff since 1975, first as acquisitions librarian and then as technical services librarian. We are delighted that Donna will be working with us as we move into the sphere of automation.

Frank Houdek, Director (Southern Illinois), delivered a presentation entitled "The Need for Long-range Planning" to the Fall conference sponsored by the Michigan Association of Law Libraries and the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries 1-3 October in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Melinda Shirley Matson, former Law Reference Librarian (Oklahoma Department of Libraries) and former private sector librarian, has returned to the Department of Libraries as a Librarian in the Archives and Records Department.

Judy Morgan (Oklahoma City) assumed the position of Director of the Oklahoma City Law Library in mid-September.
Melanie Nelson (University of Tulsa) is the new Public Services/Circulation Librarian at the Law Library. Melanie is from Little Rock, Arkansas. She received her undergraduate degree at the University of Central Arkansas, and her masters of Library Science at OU. She has also attended evening classes at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Law School. Melanie has previously worked at the Arkansas State Library, Library for the Blind and Handicapped (2 years), the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Law Library (8 years), and ORU (2 years).

Johnese Petty, former Law Reference Librarian (Oklahoma Department of Libraries), has taken the position of Director at the Springdale Public Library in Springdale, Arkansas.

Caitlin Robinson (University of Iowa) will replace Donna Hirst as Technical Services Librarian. Caitlin comes originally from Michigan. She earned her A.B. and M.L.S. degrees at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. For the last six years Caitlin has been working in the Northwest, where her first position was Catalog Librarian at Whitman College. She moved from there to the position of Bibliographic Products and Retrospective Conversion Librarian with WLN. Her immediate past position was Systems Librarian for the Timberland Regional Library in Olympia, Washington. Caitlin is eager to become acquainted with people in the MAALL chapter and looks forward to meeting the membership in Chicago and Kansas City next year.

Assistant Director for Technical Services. Duties: Under the general direction of the director, this individual supervises the cataloging, acquisitions, serials and binding operations of the library, and assumes responsibility for the budget and personnel required to carry out these functions. Requirements: M.L.S. from an accredited library school and substantial experience in technical services, preferably in a law library using OCLC or RLIN, is expected. Experience in the application of library processes to micro-computers or an integrated library system is desirable. Supervisory experience is anticipated. Library faculty status and a very competitive salary based on education and experience is available. Available: 1 December 1986, and will remain open until filled. Send applications with 3 references to Roger F. Jacobs, Director, Kresge Library, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

Law Librarian. Full-time, head librarian position available with major Kansas City law firm. Responsibilities include monitoring main library facility and two off-site facilities and supervising one staff person. Bachelors or Masters in Library Science required; previous experience preferred. Submit resume with salary requirements to: Sue Wildgen, Morrison, Hecker, Curtis, Kuider & Parrish, 1102 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64106.

Deputy Director Law Library. Requirements: J.D. and M.L.S. (or equivalent) degrees from accredited programs (substantial completion of J.D. is acceptable). Duties: Deputy Director serves as daily administrator of a law library nearing 270,000 volumes and equivalents, serving a faculty of 43 and a student body of 1,000. Successful candidate will possess six years of professional information community experience and will be prepared to coordinate the law library's automation efforts. Knowledge of legal bibliography, computer-assisted legal research instruction and modern library management is essential. Candidate can expect to serve on the library's reference staff, including evenings, weekends, and holidays, and will be challenged in terms of quality and quantity of work produced. Available: January, 1987. Salary: minimum $32,000. Contact with curriculum vitae, 3 references and transcripts by 31 December 1986: Professor Robert J. Nissenbaum, Director of the Law Library, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH 44115. An Equal Opportunity Employer. Minorities, female and handicapped individuals are encouraged to apply.
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Director of the Law Library. Requirements: J.D., M.L.S., significant law library administrative experience and qualifications for appointment to the faculty. The Director reports directly to the Dean of the College. Duties: Administration of all aspects of library with collection of 247,000 volumes, including budgeting, collection development, supervision of full-time staff of 12, developing new library programs, and planning for new or expanded facilities. Salary: Competitive and negotiable for this exceptional opportunity to direct a major law library expansion. Available: On or before 1 August 1987. Contact: Professor Elaine Carlson, Law Librarian Search Committee, South Texas College of Law, 1303 San Jacinto Street, Houston, TX 77002. South Texas College of Law is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and Educator.

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