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It is with a bit of sadness that I announce my resignation as Newsletter Editor effective after the April 1987 issue. I have very much enjoyed meeting and working with the MAALL Membership since I became editor in September 1984. However, my mind will soon be focused elsewhere as I graduate from law school in May and begin to gear up to take the Kansas Bar Exam in July; I feel MAALL deserves an editor with a mind on editor's work. Kay Andrus at Southern Illinois has accepted the challenge. With the support of his colleagues at Southern Illinois Kay will no doubt improve the Newsletter I present him with.

In the meantime, you have to endure me this month and once again in April. In this issue we have a short article from the NOCALL NEWSLETTER (Northern California Association of Law Libraries) regarding water damage to library collections, an updated list of MAALL Committee Members, a summary by Avis Forsman of the PLI program "Private Law Librarians" held in Los Angeles on 10-11 November, 1986; ABA Net mailbox addresses and numerous phone number changes in addition to our usual OF NOTE and MEMBERSHIP NEWS columns. Happy Valentine's Day!

--Glen Peter

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THE DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL NEWSLETTER IS 15 MARCH
A New Year can bring changes - and it has to our MAALL organization. Glen Peter Ahlers who has been doing a terrific job as editor of this Newsletter is about to graduate from law school. With time stresses in taking bar exams and more, Glen Peter has asked to step down from his editorship position. We accept this with regret, and only because he promises to remain active in our organization. Luckily this chapter is blessed with talent.

Our new editor will be Kay Andrus of Southern Illinois University Law Library Staff. Kay has been on the staff at SIU for the past three years. He received his JD and MLS degrees in 1980 in a joint degree program at BYU. His first professional experience was at Oklahoma City University Law Library for one year. This was followed by three years on the staff at SMU in Dallas. Kay has attended at least two meetings of MAALL and furthermore was a participant in the Editing Workshop of AALL which followed the San Diego meeting. He is a willing worker and is looking forward to working with his colleagues in MAALL as we look forward to his leadership on the newsletter. Kay will begin with the June 1987 issue. Helping Kay will be a Newsletter Committee. This is a first for MAALL and is a sign not only of growth but of interest and cooperation within the organization. The Committee members are: Pat Court, David Ensign, Mary Ertl, and Katherine Tooley.

The members give broad geographic perspective to this endeavor and will, I know, have many new ideas about format and content. Jim Milles will also be helping the Newsletter Committee with the current membership list which the Secretary has now taken over.

There are several reminders which need to be mentioned at this time of year just to keep us all alert and on target. By the time you receive this issue there will be only a very short period of time left for anyone to apply for a grant or scholarship this year, either for study or for attendance at the AALL Institutes or Annual Meeting. This is too good an opportunity to let pass for newer members of our law library profession. Getting involved by taking an active part in meetings and programs keeps one fresh and knowledgeable. I urge you to take advantage of this fine opportunity.

The other reminder concerns the "exchange" within our own chapter - either on a professional or para-professional level. A wealth of information and experience is available at multiple levels and in various functions - just waiting to be tapped. A small stipend is available. Check with John Edwards for more detailed information.

Whether it was the Holiday busy-ness or innate librarian "shyness" or just plain indecisiveness I don't know but members of MAALL have not rushed forth in volunteering their services for some of our longer-range projects.
This does not worry me now. There is still time - but do think about your in-put for committees like: Nominations, Program for 1988 and Resource Sharing. These particular committees give you a chance to make lasting contributions to MAALL.

We go to press as the new semester starts. I have often wondered what it must be like to work in an office which is not tied to the academic year. How about one of you "Firm Librarians" writing that down for the rest of us to savor. Just a page here in the Newsletter. One last statement. The University of Iowa has just changed ALL telephone numbers. The Law School numbers have changed only the 2nd and 3rd digits, nevertheless it is still confusing and frustrating to our colleagues in distant places. The Law Library is 335-9104. My number is 335-9016. Isn't progress marvelous?

--Kathie Belgum

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WATER DAMAGE

I received one of those dreaded phone calls a few weekends ago. The water heater at our law firm had burst and two of the floors were partially flooded. Luckily, it was not the floor that the library was on, but a large number of documents were water damaged.

I called Stanford Law Library for information on how to handle the water damage. I was told that the most important thing to do was to freeze the documents immediately so that mildew wouldn't start.

Luckily, when I went back to my office I still had the material from a 1980 NOCALL workshop on insurance. In that conference material there was a brochure from a local company that picks up the damaged materials, refrigerates them, and dries them. This company arrived first thing Monday morning and it was a relief to know that this service was available.

To prepare for your emergencies, I would recommend creating a file on fire and water damage. You can call the Preservation Office at Green Library, Stanford, CA for some information. Their number is (415) 723-3970. I would also recommend contacting the company that I used and having a copy of their brochure handy. The company's name and address is: Document Reprocessors, 41 Sutter St., Suite 1120, San Francisco, CA 94104, (415) 362-1290. This company also has offices in the Midwest, Southern States, East Coast and Canada. If you have branch libraries, you may want to take the time to send a copy of the brochures to those offices.

-- Alice McKenzie

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Avis Forsman of Kutak, Rock & Campbell (Omaha) attended the PLI program "Private Law Librarians" in Los Angeles on November 10-11, 1986. Seventy-five law librarians attended this seminar. Following is Avis' summary:

All but five of the 75 plus librarians at the PLI meeting billed time, including for such things as pulling books for copying. Some have targets for hours to bill, but most do not. There were no firmly established procedures for keeping track of the time spent on a project; some were uneasy about whether their records were accurate enough. There appeared to be no universal standard for what activities were billed, but special projects and research outside the firms' own libraries were usually billed. Those from larger (or more sophisticated? business-oriented?) firms billed for the actual time for almost everything they did. There is always the possibility that a billing partner will reduce the amount of time charged to the client for library research so that, if the librarian has already discounted the time to be "reasonable," a large part of the cost to the firm will be written off.

In the context of a discussion about branch libraries, one speaker read the job description for librarians which is used in the Price Waterhouse survey for law firm salaries. The description contained no reference to research activities. The description for a legal assistant coordinator focused on directing of research. The implications were disturbing to the speaker and to the rest of us. In another session, the salary survey discussion was part of the broader question of statistics for law firm libraries. An AALL Statistics Committee is considering questions which should be included in a survey. No one disclosed a salary, but one librarian said she sought, and received, a starting salary of 70 percent of the salary of a beginning associate at her firm. Someone else mentioned a Working Woman article which said that law librarians earn $72,000.

Many of the presentations at the PLI meeting emphasized the use of computers in all aspects of library work. Several of the speakers saw the librarian's role in the future as that of a coordinator who keeps abreast of technological developments, database contents and search strategies in order to be able to guide end users to the most effective and efficient source.

Another major theme was the promotion of the library through communication, coordination of CLE programs, orientations, and annual reports. One of the most effective public relations tools is quality work product. Public relations were touted as a means of gaining recognition, higher pay and power.

The presentation of space planning pointed out some very basic, but important, requirements and also included a caution about the effects of politics (another recurring theme). The speaker did not address in any detail an aspect which I feel is
critical: how to house and integrate into the traditional library setting the sophisticated new information sources which are becoming available.

--Avis Forsman

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OF NOTE

ABA/NET IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

Creighton ABA15015
Drake ABA15014
Northern Illinois ABA15016
Oklahoma City ABA15193
St. Louis ABA1713
Southern Illinois ABA15051
University of Iowa ABA15020
University of Kansas ABA2999
Missouri-Columbia ABA15735
Missouri-Kansas City ABA15018
University of Nebraska ABA15019
University of Oklahoma ABA15077
Washburn ABA15017

BELLEVILLE ILLINOIS

Jean Cowell of the St. Clair County, Illinois, Law Library reports that Fred Grahm, law correspondent for CBS News, spoke at the Belleville Area College 16 January in conjunction with "The People's Law School," a nine-week series of free classes intended for the general public in honor of the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. Since the original course filled rapidly, the series will be repeated again in March.

IOWA

Everyone at Iowa is getting revved up for computerization. Since the online catalog will be the first to come, technical and public services' staffs are all involved. The system is NOTIS; any and all tips from experienced users are welcome.

MAALL 1987 ANNUAL MEETING

Charlie Dyer tells the Newsletter that the Annual meeting scheduled for Kansas City Thursday 15 October through Saturday 17 October will probably be held at the Hyatt Regency, and that rooms will cost sixty-two dollars per night. The Hyatt Regency is located in the Crown Center area of the city. At press time Dyer said the contract was all but signed with the Hyatt Regency.
MAALL STAFF EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Library staff members who would like to visit other MAALL law libraries in 1987 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.

MISSOURI-COLUMBIA

The University of Missouri-Columbia has a new telefax number, 314 882-9676. Needra Jackson's new number is 882-9675. Jo Ann Humphreys' 882-6464, the computer lab 882-2935 and Wilma Gulstad 882-9680. Interlibrary loan requests can be handled by calling Steve Lambson at 882-9674. All other telephone numbers remained the same.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Northern Illinois University Law Library has been busy of late. Blair Kauffman reports that they are trying out some CD ROM products relevant to law and legal information. Two disks that have been sent to them by their vendors include Wilson's Index to Legal Periodicals and ELSS' CFR on disk, part of their Optext Research program. Blair also has an article on optical disks appearing in the February 2 issue of the National Law Journal.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Southern Illinois announces the availability of the latest titles in its Publication Series:


No. 4, Looseleaf Service Holdings, compiled by Heija Ryoo, 1986, 60 p. $10.00.

No. 5, Author and Title Catalog Filing Rules--A Programmed
Instruction. By Heija Ryoo, 1987, 15p. $10.00. (Used to introduce staff to and train them in the use of the library's filing rules for author and title cards, based on the ALA and Library of Congress Filing Rules.)

Titles in the Publications Series may be ordered separately, or a standing order for all items as they are published may be established. Orders should be addressed to Mildred Brown, Southern Illinois University School of Law Library, Lesar Law Building, Carbondale, IL 62901.

The Publications Series is intended for papers, research guides, bibliographies, training materials and similar writings of interest to other law librarians. It is not restricted to SIU law librarians. If you have or are contemplating doing something that may be appropriate for this series, please contact Frank Houdek, Law Library Director, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901. 618 636-7711.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Lonnie Beene, technical services librarian (Drake), is a new author. His Dram Shop Acts, a bibliography of legal articles, was published by Vance Bibliographies last fall. Congratulations to Lonnie on his efforts.

Kathy Garner (Southern Illinois) and her law professor husband Don coauthored a manuscript prepared under a research grant from the Office of Smoking and Health. The study identified, summarized and analyzed state smoking legislation regarding limitations on smoking in public places, commerce including taxation, schools and school health education, regulation of sale to and use by minors, and public safety and occupational regulations. It is included in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Smoking and Health: a National Status Report: a Report to Congress, 1986, DHHS Publication No. (CDC) 87-8396.

Karen Nobbs, head of cataloging (Iowa) had a baby boy 6 January. This was a young man in a hurry, He arrived seven weeks early. Karen is doing fine and her son, Jeremy, will be home from the hospital within the week.

Cheryl Nyberg (University of Illinois) reports that the state bibliography of Illinois documents is being readied for distribution. Entitled Illinois State Documents: A Selective Annotated Bibliography for Law Libraries, the bibliography was compiled by Nyberg, Peter Young of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals Law Library and Joyce Olin, formerly of the DePaul Law Library. The bibliography will be available through the AALL Occasional Papers series. The AALL Newsletter will give availability and order information.

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The Law Librarians of New England (LLNE) fall meeting included a day on microcomputer software covering selection of database managers, spreadsheets, word processing, and communications, and a day on insurance law with speakers from CIGNA, Mead, Westlaw, Travelers Insurance, and a private law firm. (LLNE News, v.7, no.3, Sept. 1986).

The annual institute of the Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association held in Philadelphia in October was entitled, "Special Libraries and Marketing: the Politics of Communication." In addition, GPLLA's PC Users' Group planned a luncheon session on "Pros and Cons of Software." (GPLLA Newsletter, v.11, no.2, October 1986).

The Northern California Association of Law Libraries sponsored four workshops in Napa, CA, in November. The topics of the workshops were: effective communication, the California legislative process, AIDS in the workplace, and billing for librarians' time. NOCALL is also planning a spring institute on hazardous waste law to be held in Oakland, CA, 28 March. (Northern California Association of Law Libraries, v.7, no.2, Sept./Oct., 1986).


In November, LLAGNY held a session entitled "Technical Services in Law Libraries," covering the use of Lotus 1-2-3 for library statistics and budget and accessing RLIN through CLASS.

A regional meeting of seven law library associations from New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Michigan is in the initial planning stages. The meeting is scheduled for 8-10 October 1987, in Colonie, New York. Its theme is "Libraries-Information - Lawyers." Topics thus far include: PC use, air pollution law ("i.e. acid rain"), relating to lawyers through service, technical services, and an all-day session entitled "Law School in a Day." (Law Lines, v.11, no.2, Nov. 1986).

The Fall agenda for the Houston Area Law Librarians featured a meeting on "Stress Reduction" and a presentation on "Developments In International Law." (HALL Newsletter, v.5, no.1, Spring 1986).

The April session of the MALL Legal Bibliographic Institute to be held at Hamline University, will cover primary and secondary source materials, legislative history, and taxation. (MALL Newsletter, v.13, no.2).

The Law Library Association of Greater New York heard Denise Cavanaugh speak on "Organizations' Politics and Librarians'
Effectiveness" at its seminar January 20. Another program to be presented by LLAGNY is called, "'I Didn't Know We Owned That Book': Deciding To Catalog Your Collection," to take place on 3 February. (Law Lines, v.11, no.3, Dec. 1986).


The California Western School of Law has initiated a full-tuition scholarship program for librarians with an ALA accredited MLS degree who wish to obtain a JD degree. For further information, contact: Admissions Office - JD Scholarship Program For Librarians, California Western School of Law, 350 Cedar Street, San Diego, CA 92101. 619/239-0391. (DALL Advance Sheet, v.10, no.11, Nov. 1986).

The Northern California Association of Law Libraries awarded two $650 grants to the 1986 AALL Conference in Washington, DC. NOCALL also gave grants varying from $50 to $125 for their Fall workshop last year. (Northern California Association of Law Libraries, v.7, no.1, July/August, 1986).


A telephone recording with information on the newest U.S. Committee Prints and Hearings available for sale can be reached by calling 202-275-5250. (DALL Advance Sheet, v.10, no.11, Nov., 1986).

The Houston Area Law Librarians announces its first "Special Rule of Order": "All meetings, luncheons, and other functions of the Houston Area Law Librarians be declared non-smoking in the interest of the health and welfare of all its members." ("Passed on a voice vote by a majority of the members present.") (HALL Newsletter, v.5, no.1, Spring 1986).

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ARKANSAS

Assistant Law Librarian for Public Services. University of Arkansas School of Law, Fayetteville. Requirements: MLS and JD from accredited schools. Two years minimum law library experience, preferably in a law school setting. Teaching knowledge of WESTLAW and or LEXIS. Ability to supervise full-time clerical and large student assistant staff. Effective communication skills with faculty, students, bar, and lay users. Duties: Directs personnel, assists in policy formation, and implements procedures for day-to-day operations of circulation, reserve room, stack maintenance and phone-in photocopy service to the bar. Assists in reference to all patrons and research guidance to active faculty. Shares LEXIS and WESTLAW instruction. Handles two evening reference duties weekly. Salary: Highly competitive. Available 1 July. Send letter of application, resume and reference list to: George E. Skinner, Law Librarian, University of Arkansas School of Law, Waterman Hall, Fayetteville, AR 72701. 501 575-5604.

FLORIDA

Information Specialist to work for West Palm Beach, Florida, eighty attorney corporate law firm. MLS, and must be interested in online business, corporate and general information retrieval and in automation of library procedures. Knowledge of Dialog, LEXIS, WESTLAW, Datatimes, etc. helpful. Responsibility will include some supervision of staff and control of budget. Must be assertive, ambitious and possess outstanding academic credentials. Exceptional potential for professional growth. Salary competitive. Please contact Rosemary Uva, Personnel Assistant, Gunster, Yoakley, Criser & Stewart, P.A., Phillips Point, Suite 500, 777 South Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach, FL 33401-6194; (305) 655-1980.

ILLINOIS

Reference Librarian. Requirements: ALA accredited MLS and 1-2 years reference experience, excellent communication skills, supervisory ability, and an interest in professional development. Knowledge of legal bibliography highly desirable. Duties: Provides reference and research assistance to attorneys and paralegals in the Chicago office, and reference support to other offices. Searches legal business, and other databases; prepares bibliographies and legislative histories; monitors legal and business publications; produces firm-wide library bulletin. Salary: Negotiable to $21,000. Contact: Donna M. Tuke, Chief Librarian, Winston and Strawn, One First National Plaza, Chicago, IL 60603.
MISSOURI


OKLAHOMA

Public Services Librarian. Requirements: Position requires MLS and JD degrees. Must have knowledge of legal bibliography, reference skills and preferable experience with computer-assisted legal research. Duties: Include coordination of public services functions, patron reference assistance and administrative support responsibilities. Salary: Dependent on experience and qualifications. Contact: Mickie A. Voges, University of Oklahoma Law Center Library, 300 Timberdell Road, Norman, OK 73019. The University of Oklahoma is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

TEXAS

Public Services Head/Reference Librarian. Requirements: MLS and JD preferred, but significant law library reference experience may substitute for either, but 1 year law library reference plus WESTLAW experience necessary. Duties: Supervise circulation, mail receipt and filing area with 1 full-time paraprofessional and 1 or 2 part-time clerical workers. Provide reference service, including WESTLAW searches. Assist director with selection and planning. Salary: $24,300 min. Contact: Larry Hood, Director, Dallas County Law Library, Govt. Cen., 2nd Fl., 600 Commerce Street, Dallas, TX 75202-4606. 214/749-8481.
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Time to turn over the red pen. I have enjoyed the task of bringing you the news of our organization. And I am pleased my final edition contains book reviews, articles and news from other chapters. I have enjoyed working with the liaisons and others who worked especially hard to get information to me so I could get it to you.

One who has tirelessly worked behind the scenes to bring you the Newsletter these past three years is Washburn Law Library secretary, Peggy Dawson. The next time you call Washburn to speak to any of the staff, remember to thank Peggy for her efforts; you will not have to look for her, she will most likely have answered the phone.

Another behind the scenes member of the Newsletter staff is Roseanna Goodger, our circulation manager, who somewhere, somehow, found the time to prepare the mailings of the Newsletter.

Thank you Roseanna, thank you Peggy, thank you MAALL members.

Glen Peter

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Anne Lomax NE.
Melanie Nelson OK.
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Letter from the President

What your President is engaged in at the moment might sound unappealing or uninteresting to the majority of the MAALL members. However the current activity among chapter presidents is necessary for the functioning of the organization.

Last July in Washington the Council of Chapter Presidents asked the Executive Board of AALL what the status of the chapters is regarding "tax exempt" status and liability insurance status. It has been unclear to many of us as to whether or not the chapters are covered under an umbrella policy of AALL.

Since MAALL has not yet filed for a tax exempt status, nor have we ever filed forms to "incorporate", nor have we ever filed a federal income tax form it is imperative that we know just what our status is and what we should do about it. I have heard this subject mentioned in several meetings and one of our members, Peter Schanck, has done some preliminary work but nothing official has been filed.

Obviously other chapters have the same concerns. Thus the request of AALL. Headquarters has hired Price Waterhouse to perform a study on Chapter incorporation, tax-exempt status, and insurance coverage. The report on the Study was completed December 10, 1986. Now in order for Price Waterhouse to analyze the status of the chapters they have sent a survey to each chapter president. This survey is due back in Chicago by March 20.

I have finished the survey, having called a number of you for pertinent information, and it is in the mail. I eagerly await word from AALL as to what their recommendation is for the chapters. With our programs becoming ever larger and our interests ranging farther afield it is important that we as an organization are functioning on a "safe" level.

Special Thanks

MAALL wishes to express a special thanks to Glen Peter Ahlers for his work as Editor of the MAALL Newsletter these past three years. Glen Peter's first issue was that of June 1984. He has done a consistently fine job all these years and has never missed a deadline. Under his tenure the Newsletter has moved from a quarterly to a bi-monthly publication. We all appreciate your hard work, Glen Peter. Thanks.

--Kathie Belgum

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Public Access Microcomputer Software: Avoiding Copyright Liability

Public access microcomputers are fast becoming a standard service among public, academic, and school libraries. Providing software packages for patrons to use with these facilities has raised problems regarding copyright liability for programs. Without much technical knowledge, a patron may copy nearly any program in the library's collection. In addition to the copyright question, a library may be
contractually vulnerable because of the license agreements that accompany nearly every software package. Following are some suggestions for minimizing possible copyright liability:

1. KEEP SOFTWARE PROGRAMS IN A RESTRICTED AREA. Provide access to titles through the card catalog or a separately-compiled listing, but do not keep programs where patrons may have unsupervised access to them.

2. MAINTAIN AN EFFECTIVE CHECK-OUT PROCEDURE. Be sure that staff members carefully check out each package for patron use. This may help to impress upon the patron his or her responsibility for the software.

3. DO NOT CHECK SOFTWARE OUT FOR USE OFF-PREMISES. Patrons may be more reluctant to make illicit copies under the watchful eye of a librarian than they would at home.

4. HAVE A WRITTEN POLICY STATING THAT THE LIBRARY DOES NOT ALLOW THE DUPLICATION OF COPYRIGHTED PROGRAMS. Do not check programs out to anyone who has expressed an intention to copy them.

5. MAKE PUBLIC DOMAIN AND SHAREWARE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR USE. Patrons may be less tempted to make illicit copies if there are programs available that they may legitimately copy. Be sure that the library has registered its own copies of shareware programs.

6. POST A COPYRIGHT NOTICE SIGN WHERE SOFTWARE IS STORED AND USED. Use wording similar to the signs posted at unsupervised photocopy machines to notify patrons that they are responsible for complying with copyright provisions.

7. AFFIX A COPYRIGHT NOTICE OR LICENSING AGREEMENT TO EACH PACKAGE IN A PROMINENT PLACE. If software is kept in a media box, tape a photocopy of the licensing agreement on the outside of the box. Otherwise, tape it to the inside front cover of the documentation binder, or in any other place where it may be plainly seen by the patron.

8. MAKE NO MORE ARCHIVAL COPIES OF DISKETTES THAN ARE ALLOWED BY THE LICENSING AGREEMENT. For most programs, this means one copy of each diskette supplied by the vendor. A few vendors allow one archival copy and one back-up copy.

9. STORE ARCHIVAL DISKETTES WHERE THEY WILL NOT BE USED. Don't be tempted to use archival diskettes as a second working copy of the program.

10. PRINT A COPYRIGHT NOTICE ON THE LABEL OF EACH WORKING COPY OF A DISKETTE. This includes the letter "c" with a circle around it, the date of copyright, and the name of the copyright holder. You should be able to find this on each of the original diskettes.

--David Ensign
Changes in the New "Harvard Blue Book" (A Uniform System of Citation, 14th edition)

The new 14th edition of the Blue Book does not represent any major change in format, as the 13th edition, with its larger size and spiral binding, did from the 12th. In fact, on the outside they are indistinguishable, except for the edition number and the minor graphic changes on the cover.

The content changes also seem relatively minor, but a few are worth noting. The following is a description of changes to rules for more commonly used materials and additions of new or expanded rules for materials not previously covered.

Rule Changes

Hereinafter (p. 23, Rule 4.2 (b))

The cumbersome "hereinafter cited as" has been shortened to "hereinafter." It is still used in situations where the author's name plus "supra" cannot conveniently be used. This will mainly be when there is more than one work by an author or lengthy titles which have no author given.

ALR annotations (p. 92, Rule 16.1.4)

The rule on annotations has been changed to require that the title of the annotation be included in italics. Also, "Annotation" is no longer to be abbreviated. Example: Annotation, Actionability of Malicious Prosecution under 42 USCS Sec. 1983, 79 A.L.R. Fed. 896 (1986).

Bankruptcy case names (p. 37, Rule 10.2.1(a))

The new rule simplifies determining when both adversary and non-adversary names are to be cited in bankruptcy and similar cases. Cite both if they appear at the beginning of the opinion. Otherwise, cite only the name supplied.

Session law names (p. 60, Rule 12.4)

If a statute has no popular or official name, use the form "Act of [date of enactment]," or, if that is unavailable "Act approved [date of executive approval]" or "Act effective [date of effectiveness]." Formerly, all of these were cited "Act of."

Senate and House Conference Reports (p.70, Rule 13.4 (a))


Law review student commentaries (p. 92, Rule 16.1.2)

Short, student-written commentaries, such as "Recent Cases," "Case Notes," etc., now require that the designation be included: Example: Recent Developments, 39 Ark. L. Rev. 759 (1986). Formerly, only a volume and page citation were required.

Commercial services (p. 109, Rule 18.1(b))

Every citation to a service, whether looseleaf or bound, should now include an abbreviation of the publisher's name in parentheses. Previously, the publisher's name could be omitted for bound services.
Abbreviation of case names (p. 36, Rule 10.2)

The change here is not too clear, but appears to require full case names, instead of abbreviated ones, in all "textual sentences." Presumably, this includes those that appear in law review footnotes.

Slip opinions: page citations (p. 51, Rule 10.8.1)

If a series of slip opinions is continuously paginated, cite the page where the opinion begins (as well as the page where any particular material begins). For slip opinions that are not continuously paginated, such as those of the 8th Circuit, page numbers are needed only for specific references.

New and Expanded Rules

Films and broadcasts (p. 88, Rule 15.5.3)

This new rule provides a form for citing films and television or radio broadcasts.

5th Circuit split (p. 51, Rule 10.8.2)

This new rule gives specific forms for citing the court name for cases decided during the "transitional period," when the 5th Circuit was split into 5th and 11th, roughly 1981-82.

Administrative adjudications & arbitrations (pp. 74-76, Rule 14.3)

This rule has been considerably expanded to provide guidance on how to list names, which source to cite, and how to deal with slip opinions.

Federal taxation materials (pp. 76-78, Rule 14.5)

This rule has also been expanded and now provides forms for citing private letter rulings, technical advice memoranda and general counsel memoranda.

SEC materials (p. 79, Rule 14.6)

This entirely new rule provides forms for citing SEC no-action letters and other materials.

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New Section 1983 Books: A Review


Although either of these would prove to be a useful, more up-to-date resource than was previously available, they differ in emphasis, coverage, and organization.

Coverage

While both books cover the basic section 1983 principles, the Nahmod book does so more thoroughly. The Schwartz and Kirklin book focuses on the section 1988 attorneys' fees provisions
with about half of the book devoted to this subject. The Nahmod book devotes 34 pages of text to attorneys' fees; the rest of its 516 pages (excluding appendices, indexes and tables) cover general 1983 principles. Schwartz and Kirklin have 315 pages on 1983, 303 on 1988. The Nahmod book also seems to be the more scholarly. Footnotes are longer and more complete.

Both books cover the 1985-86 Supreme Court term, but no 1986 Circuit Court cases could be found in either book. Both are equipped with slots for future pocket parts, and the publishers' brochures indicate that future supplementation is planned.

Organization, Special Features


Both have some interesting Appendix features. Schwartz and Kirklin have twelve appendices listing cases dealing with various aspects of section 1988, attorneys' fees. Cases are arranged by Circuit. Nahmod includes two appendices. The first lists leading cases (mainly Supreme Court) which deal with substantive constitutional issues which frequently arise in section 1983 litigation. These are arranged by subject and are "designed to get the lawyer quickly into such specific issues which are otherwise beyond the intended scope" of the book. The second appendix contains 1983 forms.

Another interesting aspect of the Nahmod book is the arrangement of the longer footnotes. Many are organized by Circuit, with boldface headings which make identification of a particular Circuit's decisions quick and easy.

Where appropriate, notes are organized instead by subject, also with boldface headings. For example, circuit cases dealing with color of law and state action are organized alphabetically by topic: Administrators, Athletic Associations, Bar Associations, etc. The only problem with some of these footnotes is that they are so long as to make following the text somewhat difficult. For example, a footnote listing Circuit cases dealing with the effect of state preclusion rules runs over four pages, breaking the text in mid-sentence and motivating the editors to include a note indicating "Text continued on page__". Perhaps integration into the text or use of an appendix would have been more appropriate for such lengthy lists of cases.

Conclusion

Although both books could be useful, the Nahmod book is recommended as a basic text on Section 1983. Schwartz and Kirklin, however, is a more authoritative source for section 1988 attorneys' fees litigation. Each costs $85.

--Ann Fessenden
OF NOTE

AALL Chicago

While the precise time and place are not set, the MAALL luncheon (snack type) will be held around noon on Wednesday 8 July.

Call for Papers

The MAALL Program Committee is currently making plans for the 1987 MAALL Chapter Meeting scheduled for October 15-17 in Kansas City, Missouri. The theme for this program is "Laserdisk Technology and Law Libraries"; however, topics beyond this theme may also be included on the program.

Anyone interested in presenting a paper at this meeting should submit a short abstract by June 1, 1987, to: S. Blair Kauffman, Chair, MAALL Program Committee, Northern Illinois University College of Law, DeKalb, IL 60115 (815) 753-9493.

Call For Publicity Samples

Learning to make library publications hum instead of "ho hum" will be just one segment of an action-packed three-day Pre-convention Institute on "Gaining Power Through Effective Communication", being held at the University of Iowa, July 1-3, 1987.

Co-Directors Ann Carter (Dorsey & Whitney, MN) and Gayle Webb (Riverside County, CA) are planning an exhibit area to accompany the panel discussion of content, audience and graphic design considerations for library publicity materials.

Every library, be it university, private, governmental, corporate or court, is encouraged to display a sample of their newsletter, promotional pieces and training/orientation materials for library users (not staff, however), as well as annual reports. Please mail your sample copies to Gayle E. Webb, Riverside County Law Library, 3535 Tenth Street, Riverside, CA 92501-3674.

Missouri-Columbia

The School of Library and Informational Science of the University of Missouri-Columbia is offering a course in Law Library Administration in the first session of the Summer semester 1987. (June 8-July 2 on MTWR, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.). Through a series of lectures and class presentations the course will cover the managerial issues in collection development, acquisition, cataloging, reference, circulation, personnel, budget, automation and physical facilities, as well as relations to other libraries in a community. The focus will be on academic law libraries but the relevance of the above issues for court and firm libraries will also be explored. For further information contact: Dean, School of Library and Informational Science, 104 Stewart Hall, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, MO 65211.

The University of Missouri-Columbia Law Library Computer Lab opened with the beginning of the Fall 1986 semester. The funding for the lab came partially from the University and partially from
a grant received from the National Center for Automated Information Retrieval." The purpose of the lab is two-fold. The first is to provide law students with personal computing facilities which can be used for legal database searching, word processing, and other applications. The second is to provide other disciplines at the University of Missouri-Columbia with training and access to Mead Data's LEXIS and NAARS databases and the WESTLAW database.

The equipment in the Computer Lab consists of 8 IBM PCs inter-connected on an IBM Token Ring Local Area Network. An IBM AT is used as the file server. Each of the software programs offered in the lab is loaded on the file server and made available on the network. Three IBM Proprinters and a HP laser printer are available on the network. Each PC has a modem which can be used to access LEXIS, WESTLAW, and other databases.

Software programs currently available in the lab include WordPerfect word processing and training programs; Missouri Approved Jury Instructions; CiteRite; CAI program on Federal Rules of Evidence; CAI program on drafting the federal complaint; Sidekick (a desktop organizer); and the LEXIS and WESTMATE communications software. No software is checked out to the lab users, and they select the program they want to use from a menu screen which appears on each PC. Users may also bring their own software into the lab. Persons using the lab are not allowed to save their documents on the hard disk of the file server and must provide their own disks for saving material.

Training is offered on how to use the programs available in the lab as well as on DOS and the various DOS commands. An online help facility is provided on each PC. The help screens explain some of the features of the lab and the more essential DOS commands. A printed Computer Lab Manual is also available for each computer. This manual's coverage overlaps the help screens, but goes into more detail about certain aspects of the lab, DOS, and the programs available.

During the Fall 1986 semester, a Mead Data Temporary Learning Center was held in the lab for four weeks. Training of LEXIS, NEXIS, and NAARS took place on the PCs. In addition to law students, journalism, library science, veterinary medicine, and accounting students were trained on how to use the Mead Data databases for their research. Another Mead Data Temporary Learning Center will take place in the lab during April 1987.

The lab is open 77 hours per week. The hours of the lab are Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. The lab is staffed at all times it is open. The coordinator of the lab is Jo Ann Humphreys.

For more information about the Computer Lab contact Jo Ann Humphreys (314-882-4597) or the Director of the Law Library, Susan Csaky (314-882-2025).
Missouri-Kansas City

The University of Missouri-Kansas City Law Library now publishes a monthly newsletter, Bright Lines. Each issue highlights special services, unique collections, computer access, and more of interest to law students, faculty and area attorneys. If you would like to be on the mailing list to receive Bright Lines, contact Pat Court: 816/276-2435 or fax 816/444-6560 or ABA/Net ABA15018.

NLSIS

With the Nebraska Legislature in full swing, the Baird, Holm Law Firm (Omaha) has found the NEBRASKA LEGISLATIVE SHARED INFORMATION SYSTEM (NLSIS) a great asset to the firm. This computer database from the State has status reports on every introduced Legislative Bill, as well as their full text, updated daily. The availability of this service has cut the time we have to spend monitoring multiple specific bills in half. Among its other helpful features is Attorney General Opinions and the state statutes both in full text and key word searchable.

National Library Week

National Library Week is April 5-11, 1987. The Omaha National Library Week Committee is planning a Library Expo on Saturday, April 4, 1987 at the Regency Court. All libraries are invited to participate.

South Dakota

In addition to changing directors, we have started several new projects. In the fall we acquired Lexis for the law school and became a sponsor under Mead Data’s Group Membership Program. In January, we began offering Lexis/Nexis to attorneys from their own offices through the Group Membership Program. We are also doing searches in the library for non members. Currently, we have 25 members and are doing about 5 to 10 searches a month for non members. In January, we also began staffing a reference desk from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. All of the staff except the library secretary spend at least one hour a day at the desk.

University of Iowa

University of Iowa Law Library continues to plan for and work on their automation project. A name has been selected for the University-wide library automation system: OASIS (Online Access System to Information Sources) As a pilot site for implementation of OASIS, Technical Services staff plan to begin using the Cataloging and Authority Control modules this summer. Conversion, to NOTIS format, of the library’s RLIN records will follow making it possible introduce an Online Catalog in the fall.

University of Nebraska

The University of Nebraska College of Law
Library staff has been busy training law students on the use of the IBM PCs with emphasis on word processing programs such as WordPerfect and PC-Write. The students are busy in the PC lab and are eager to learn the programs. Instruction also includes information about the computer and floppy diskettes, how to store data, and other information. The library was able to order another printer (Epson LQ800).

Two exhibits library users are enjoying currently are one on judicial humor and the other on the recently published "Tower Commission Report".

The library staff is waiting anxiously for our WALT terminals to arrive for the WESTLAW permanent learning center to be set up.

West Publishing

West Publishing Company has begun to publish the statements of the President made upon the occasion of signing a bill into law in the legislative history section of the U.S.C.C.A.N., starting with P.L. 99-251 in May of 1986. The signing statements are listed in Table 4A, separate from the legislative history Table 4. These statements give the President's interpretation of the law's intent or meaning, and may act as directives to subordinate officers in the enforcement or execution of the law. Whether they can properly be called legislative history is a subject of debate, but publishing them in U.S.C.C.A.N. will certainly make them more accessible to readers of legislative history. For more information see: Kmiec, Douglas W. "Judges Should Pay Attention to Statements by President." 9 The National Law Journal 13 (November 10, 1986); Toobin, Jeffrey, "Meese Pickpockets Congress: The Last Word," 195 The New Republic 13 (November 3, 1986).


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NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF OTHER CHAPTERS

The Dallas Association of Law Libraries is planning to establish a DALL professional library which will be housed in the Dallas County Law Library and will circulate materials of interest to law librarians such as bibliographic tools, classification schedules, AALL Series, AACR2, library journals, newsletters. The collection will be maintained by the publication committee of DALL. (DALL Advance Sheet, v.10, no.12, Dec. 1986).


The New Orleans Association of Law Librarians awards grants to its members for educational activity including the national convention,

The March meeting of the Law Librarians of Greater New York was a "Swap Meet," which provided an opportunity for its members to contribute newsletters, forms, library guides, bibliographies, reference questions, etc., and thereby share expertise. (Law Lines, v.11, no.4, Jan. 1987).

For recorded information on what's happening in Congress, call:(Democrats/Republicans)

House Floor Activity (202-225-7400/225-7430)
Legislative Program (225-1600/225-2020)
Senate Floor Activity (202-224-8541/224-8601)

The Meese Obscenity Report and its Relation to the First Amendment was the topic for the March meeting of the Phoenix Area Association of Law Libraries. (PAALL News, Feb. 1987).


The Southwestern Association of Law Libraries will join the Colorado Association of Law Libraries in Denver to co-host a spring program on "The Law Library as a Work Space," covering various aspects of the working environment - how it appears to the public, how conditions can be improved, etc. (SWALL Bulletin, v.18, no.2, Jan. 1987, COALL, v.11, no.11, Jan. 1987).

--Mary Ertl

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Drake University Law Library cataloger Lonnie Beene has recently accepted the position of Head of Cataloging at West Texas State University. Kay Stoppel reports that they are very sorry to see him leave but wish him all the best in this new position.

Although you probably haven't heard from us lately, we have been rather busy in South Dakota. In July, Dr. Bouniol, our director, retired. Our new director is John Hagemann, but he really isn't new since he first came to South Dakota as Law Librarian in 1968. After several years of teaching, he decided to come back to the library.
Judy Burtnam (Peper, Martin...) and Linda Duval (May Company Law Library) are giving a presentation called: "Beyond loose-leaf filing; what a librarian can do for you", to the St. Louis Association of Legal Administrators.

Paul F. Hill, reference librarian at Creighton, has recently written a book titled "Bicycle law and practice", published by Bicycle Law Books in Falls Church, Virginia. The book is 238 pages and is filled with exciting bike-law.

Creighton University Law Library reports they will soon be hiring a new library assistant to fill a void left by Carol Jestrab, who will be leaving May 1st. Carol recently gave birth to a healthy bay girl (Kimberly Ann) in December. Carol will be headed back to the big-sky country, Montana, with her husband, who will soon be graduating from the Creighton Dental College. Carol will be sorely missed by all the staff. Thanks for the terrific job, Carol.

Mary Anne and Jim Keller (Mary Anne is librarian for Gallup, Johnson & Newman) have a new baby girl. Andrea Marie was born on February 8, 1987. Mom and daughter are enjoying a few months together before Mom goes back to work.

Lynn Kopenski, Kutak Rock & Campbell, and Mary Stultz, Kennedy, Holland, DeLacy & Svoboda, attended a DIALOG Business Seminar, sponsored by the Nebraska Online Users Group and held at the University of Nebraska Medical Center Library, Thursday, March 6, 1987.

Ted Mahr, Reference Librarian at the University of Iowa Law Library has recently returned from a leave spent studying law libraries in India.

The University of Nebraska College of Law Library is pleased to announce that the position of Reference Librarian has been filled by Mitch Fontenot. Mitch earned his MLS degree from the University of Texas and has worked as a library assistant at the Texas State Law Library and the Louisiana State University Library. Welcome aboard, Mitch!


Bernard D. Reams, Professor of Law and Director of Washington University Law Library, has been appointed acting Dean of all of the University’s Libraries.

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MAALL PLACEMENT

Illinois

Evening and Weekend Public Services Librarian. Requirements: MLS from an ALA accredited library school required; JD, law library experience and knowledge of LEXIS and WESTLAW desired. Duties: Primary responsibility is evening and weekend reference service; duties also include supervision of 2 full-time shelving clerks, management of Circulation and Reserve, searching NEXIS, and assisting patrons with the computerized legal research data bases. Northwestern University School of Law Library serves a primary clientele of 600 law students, 50 faculty members and approximately 50 researchers of the American Bar Foundation. The School of Law, housed in the beautiful new Rubloff Building on North Lake Shore Drive, shares quarters with the American Bar Association and the American Bar Foundation. Salary: Competitive. Available: June 8, 1987. Contact: Ann Puckett, Co-Acting Director, Northwestern University Law Library, 357 East Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60611. Applications from women and minorities are encouraged.

Assistant Law Librarian/Reference. Requirements: MLS from an accredited ALA library school, preferably with at least one year law library experience, but will consider someone nearing completion of degree with course work in legal bibliography and government documents. A working knowledge of LEXIS, WESTLAW, DIALOG, OCLC and other computerized systems desirable. Strong communication and supervisory skills, ability to motivate and work well with people. Must be able to provide information in an on-demand environment. Duties: To provide a full range of research and reference services to patrons of the law library and support to our other offices. Salary: Commensurate with experience. Send letter of application with resume and 3 references to: Allyson D. Withers, Head Law Librarian, One First National Plaza, Ste. 4800, Chicago, IL 60603. (No phone calls please).

Indiana

Acquisitions and Serials Control Librarian. Requirements: Master's degree from an ALA accredited library school and 3-5 years relevant library experience in an academic library or law library required; course work or prior experience with legal materials and supervisory experience highly desirable; experience with an on-line library system and familiarity with AACR2, LC subject headings, and LC classification preferred; reading ability in one or more Western European languages preferred; must be able to work well with others and have a strong tenure-track appointment. Duties: The Acquisitions and Serials Control Librarian, in consultation with the Head of Technical Services and the Library Director, supervises 2-3 full-time support staff and coordinates all routine
activities of Law Library acquisitions and serials control, including the organization and processing of gift materials, bindery preparation, the conservation and preservation of library materials, and the filing of looseleaf services. He/she will organize and supervise the conversion of existing manual serials check-in records for input into machine-readable form, and as part of the professional staff will participate in planning for the implementation of an overall automated library system. General duties will include the preparation of acquisitions lists and library reports. He/she will work closely with Law School faculty, librarians, and staff, as well as with library materials vendors. Occasional weekend and evening reference service will be required. Salary: Dependent upon qualifications and experience. Available: July 1, 1987. Applications received before May 1st will be assured of consideration. Contact: Linda K. Fariss, Associate Director, Indiana University Law Library, Bloomington, IN 47405. 812/335-9666. Indiana University is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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ABA/net

AALL has adopted ABA/net as the electronic mail system of choice for law libraries throughout the country to use. It is hoped that ABA/net will facilitate attorneys' use of law library services, and provide a uniform method of communication among all types of libraries. Because both ABA/net and ALANET are ITT Dialcom systems, law librarians will be able to communicate with other librarians, publishers, and library supply vendors as well as attorneys.

The Mid-America Consortium of Law School Libraries has been a leader in the use of electronic mail. Currently, fifteen of the Consortium libraries belong to and use ABA/net. AALL is actively encouraging participation in ABA/net, and it is to be hoped that more MAALL libraries will recognize the benefit of subscribing.

Effective use of electronic mail involves the difficult process of forming new habits. Our tendency is to reach for the telephone or write a letter when we have something to relate to our colleagues. Initially, we need to "program" ourselves to consider the alternative of electronic mail when we need to communicate.

Facilitate use of electronic mail in your institution by making sure that each staff member knows that ABA/net is available, and is encouraged to use it. Assign a staff member to check the system for incoming messages on a routine basis, preferably twice a day. Your library will benefit from the instantaneous access that ABA/net can provide.

--David Ensign
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FROM THE EDITOR

Several legal scholars have noted that legal precedent is janus-faced. Courts routinely look back to prior decisions to decide current cases and develop legal principles which may be applied prospectively. While I have no desire to be a two-faced editor, it would be foolish to not recognize and learn from the capable work of past editors in order to guide current and future newsletter efforts. Thank you Glen, Jo Ann and any others who may have taken a turn.

The first issue I have compiled and edited is now in your hands. So too, are the future issues I have yet to edit. As editor, I will attempt to listen, compile and arrange content, but remain dependent upon you as readers, liaisons, and committee members for submission of material and for other ideas. I have been mildly surprised and very pleased at the widespread liaison, committee member and membership participation in providing copy for this issue. We can still improve, but please let's not step backward.

In this issue you will find several familiar columns. Some have been packaged in a slightly different manner. I will continue to investigate new and better ways of presenting your news in future issues. Time, expense, equipment and our association goals each must be balanced in these decisions. Your input is needed and welcomed.

--K. Andrus

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DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER IS 15 JULY
By the time you read this you will be getting excited about the upcoming Annual Meeting in Chicago. I only wish all of our members could attend. It is not only inspiring but fun to meet so many interesting people who are doing the same kind of work you are doing. Sometimes the most important (to you) thing you remember from the whole four days will be what you discussed with another librarian over a cup of coffee (or whatever) at a breakfast, reception or break.

This year's business promises to have some suspense because some important issues will be discussed. You have all received the "straw ballot" concerning the membership vote. On Sunday night from 8:00 to 10:00 there will be a Town Meeting to discuss the issues. This is a rare opportunity for you to hear an issue of your association debated. The purpose of course is to help you to vote intelligently on the merits. Voting as a member of a group is a right and a privilege. One hopes it is done wisely and with thought. Just last week my own ballot from AIA arrived and I was to vote for something like 26 names out of a possible 75 for the board. I recognized very few names and found there was little on which to judge the candidates. This issue for AALL is different. You have ample opportunity to become knowledgeable about the issues. Hopefully you will take advantage of this.

Looking forward to Chicago is also looking forward to seeing you at our "mini meeting". On Wednesday noon MAAL will have a "light" lunch and get together. (see Lunch Reservation Form on last page) We can stress "light" because Wednesday night is the banquet and we all know that affair promises more than sufficient sustenance. So we'll stress the togetherness we will share. A few topics will be discussed: one by John Edwards, one by Frank Houdek, and one by me. This will be a whetting of the appetite for the Kansas City triumph in October. Do plan to attend. There is a reservation blank in this Newsletter for you to mail in to Hal Brown with your check. MAAL will be subsidizing the luncheon to a small extent but we do need your reservations to make our plans.

Meanwhile enjoy this gorgeous spring we have been having throughout the midwest - and SEE YOU IN CHICAGO!
Optical or laserdisk technology has emerged as a popular theme for information-related conferences held this year, and law librarians are among those asking what this technology offers. As consumers, we were only recently introduced to videodisk systems for recording home movies and watched as these systems were quickly made obsolete by the now ubiquitous video cassette recorder. Then we saw compact laserdisk systems more successfully marketed to those desiring high-quality audio recordings. But the promise of laserdisk technology is far more relevant to the needs of law libraries than bargain-based prices on digitally-recorded movies or superb reproductions of favorite recording artists.

Laserdisk is a generic term referring to all optical disk systems: videodisks, compact disks and digital optical disks, including CD-ROM's (for "compact disk--read only memory"). The common denominator for these systems is the use of lasers--highly focused light beams--to record and read information densely encoded onto the disks. Used as a storage medium for computer-readable data this technology makes it possible to put up to 600 megabytes of digital information on one four and three-quarter inch disk--the equivalent storage capacity of 60 10-megabyte hard disks, well over 1,500 of the old-fashioned 360 kilobyte floppies, or 275,000 pages of text. In addition to data density, laserdisks have other advantages, including the near elimination of wear and tear on disks and players when using light beams to read data. With these advantages, it may not be surprising that H.W. Wilson plans on introducing Index to Legal Periodicals on CD-ROM this January (complete from 1981), and other well-established legal publishers, like the Michie Company and West Publishing Company, are experimenting with or planning laserdisk products. But even with laser products just beginning to emerge from legal publishers, the technology offers more than a promise. Many law libraries already have laserdisk systems in place using different incarnations of this technology--from videodisks and CD-ROMs to WORMs (for "write once read mostly")--to improve all aspects of library operations.

Videodisks

Legaltrac, from Information Access Corporation, is probably the laserdisk system with which most legal researchers are already familiar, even though it uses non-standardized laser technology not widely favored in the industry. The Legaltrac system offers users quick and easy access to legal periodical indexing from 1980 to date: the same information appearing in IAC's microfilm-based Legal Resources Index. The efforts to make Legaltrac easy to use have resulted in limited search capabilities; however, these limits are not tied to the technology. It would certainly be possible for IAC to incorporate more sophisticated searchware into the Legaltrac system, but currently users can only search by subject or author--no Boolean searches can be performed. Clearly the only advantage of this system over its microfilm counterpart is its ease of use and speed, but this alone has been enough to sell the system.
one or more IBM-PCs, with high-speed laser-jet printers, connected to a videodisk drive and controller. Indexing information is encoded onto 12 inch videodisks and sent to subscribers monthly. Subscribers then insert the new disk and return the superseded one to IAC. Cost for this system, including equipment, ranges from $8,000 annually. The storage capacity on each disk is far greater than needed for the Legal Resources Index; thus, for an additional cost (about $1,500 per index) other IAC indexes may be included.12

Although videodisks initiated the arrival of laserdisk systems, they suffer from a lack of standardization and higher costs to the end user. Actually, the laser-based videodisks—also called analog optical disks—employ only one of four main videodisk recording principles.13 In turn, at least three competing types of analog optical disks are currently competing in the videodisk market.14 All of the latter are created by first making a videotape of the data to be recorded. Digital data is then impressed on the lines of each composite video frame; this technique makes it possible to store up to one gigabyte of computer-readable data on one side of a 12 inch videodisk.15 Of course, illustrations can also be stored on videodisk. Legaltrac, however, takes advantage of neither of these videodisk features. Videodisks, as opposed to other types of laserdisks, were chosen by IAC because they permitted multiple terminals to simultaneously access the disks. With the increased standardization and lower costs of CD-ROMs most other information providers have been developing CD-ROM laserdisk products. Now IAC is also planning to introduce a CD-ROM product in early 1987.16

CD-ROMs

CD-ROMs are the laser disk descendants of videodisks and are even more closely-related to compact audio disks.17 The four and three-quarter inch CD-ROMs are physically identical to compact audio disks and have a storage capacity of up to 600 megabytes, or about half the capacity of a 12 inch videodisk. The similarity of CD-ROMs to compact audio disks has helped to lower costs of CD-ROM players and establish a large number of available production facilities for disks. Further, the standards being developed for CD-ROM distinguish this laser media from videodisks.

Compact disks, also called digital audio disks, were first introduced just four years ago but are already so widely popular that the cost of discounted players has dropped to below $200 each, while disks retail at about $15 each. Even though compact audio disks store data that is read and produced as sound, while CD-ROMs store computer-readable data, both are digitally encoded and can be stamped-out in the same facilities.18 This ability to share production facilities has lowered the cost of mastering a CD-ROM to the $5,000 to $10,000 range; reproduction of additional CD-ROMs from a master then costs from $5 to $10 each. Compact disk players are also similar to CD-ROM players, but the former require a device to convert digital signals back to analog. This similarity has brought the price of CD-ROM players down to about $800, with predictions for further price reductions as CD-ROMs become more popular.19

Perhaps the most important feature of CD-ROMs is the movement toward standardization, permitting the interchange of different manufacturers' disks and players.
Standards for CD-ROM were preceded and helped by the acceptance of voluntary standards for compact disks developed jointly by Philips and Sony. The work on CD-ROM standards was initiated by NISO (the National Information Standards Organization) several years later, but was actually carried out by industry representatives at a meeting held at Lake Tahoe last year. These "High Sierra" CD-ROM guidelines were submitted to NISO last May 28 and revised August 27. Although these guidelines have yet to be finally adopted as an international standard for CD-ROM, they have assumed de facto status in the industry.

One benefit of standardization is the ability to design computer operating systems that interface with CD-ROMs, treating them as though they were any other type of storage medium. In turn, this advance in operating systems allows for the development of generic searchware to access data in the same manner on different CD-ROMs. Microsoft, the developers of the IBM-PC operating systems, has taken the lead in this area by releasing an MS-DOS extension for CD-ROM.

Problems with CD-ROM include the limited amounts of data that can be stored on one disk, and the inability of users to write and erase data on a disk. Even though the 600 megabyte storage capacity of a CD-ROM is generous when compared to magnetic storage media, this capacity pales when compared to a database the size of those held on large mainframes by LEXIS and WESTLAW. Using juke box-style units, like the one developed for the Library of Congress' laserdisk project, would expand storage capacity but response time, which is tolerable now, could become intolerable. It may be best to continue relying on the online databases for large comprehensive data searches, as well as searches for the most current information; nevertheless, online searching is likely to be used more and more as a supplement to searches of data held locally on laser disk. The problem of writing and erasing data on CD-ROMs is being overcome by the development of newer laserdisks, including WORMs (for "write once, read mostly") and erasable disks.

WORMS and Erasable Disks

Write-once disks, or WORMs, are similar to CD-ROMs in that digital information is stored on the recording surface in the form of slight depressions, which are written with and read by lasers. Once a WORM disk is written on it cannot be altered, only read. The ability of WORMs to record large amounts of data (up to 1 billion bytes per disk) in house for repeated access later, makes them quite useful for storing important records and archives. One law library is using write-once technology to store its database for an online catalog. Law firms could apply this technology to the storage of legal memoranda and briefs. Unlike CD-ROMs, little
standardization exists with WORMs; however, work is underway to develop standards. Disks manufactured by different firms vary in size and storage density, with capacities ranging from 200 megabytes to 1 billion bytes per disk. Prices vary between manufacturers but a write-once drive can currently be purchased for as little as $4,000 while the accompanying disks cost about $100 each.31

Erasable laserdisks are the next logical step beyond the write-once disks. Erasable disks and drives are already being tested in the United States and multi-function drives, which can write onto either write-once or erasable disks, may become available before mid-1987.32 These multi-function drives would not read CD-ROMs, because they do not rely on the constant linear velocity recording speed that has resulted in inherent slower access speeds for CD-ROM. Erasable disks would become more competitive with existing magnetic storage devices and perhaps surpass them in sales by the mid-1990s.

CONCLUSION

Laserdisk technology is rapidly progressing on a number of fronts and already offers libraries a low-cost, high-density storage option for machine readable data. However, the laserdisk promise of easing libraries' relentless demands for more space remains largely unfulfilled, because the data still needs to be put on disks and the equipment base for using the disks needs to be installed in the libraries. With the de facto standards in place for CD-ROM, progress towards placing commercially available data on disks is increasing. The appearance of write-once and erasable laserdisks will speed the conversion of in-house data to disks. Nevertheless, the future of law libraries is not likely to be one free of books, microforms or remote online databases.

A significant cost for placing data on laserdisks is the initial conversion of the data to machine-readable format. Even using highly sophisticated optical scanning equipment, the conversion costs range from 60 cents to $3 per page, depending on the amount of acceptable error.33 This cost compares unfavorably to the production of microform, which ranges from 7 to 10 cents per page.34 This cost factor is why most of the initial materials being offered on CD-ROM are also available online—they are already in machine-readable form. Of course most material currently being printed is also placed in machine-readable form for computer type-setting, but older materials are not likely to be made available.

Laserdisks promise more immediate relief from the high cost of searching remote databases online. Several small databases are already available on CD-ROM laserdisks, and many more will soon be added.35 Searching a database on laserdisk, as opposed to online, could offer significant cost savings for databases frequently used, since the cost is fixed at one annual subscription fee rather than variable with the number of searches.36 The fixed cost of databases on laserdisk may also stimulate more use of the database. On the other hand, comprehensive groups of databases—like those on LEXIS and WESTLAW—will not appear on laserdisks soon; they are simply too big.37 Additionally, online databases still need to be consulted to retrieve the most current information.

The promise of laserdisk technology is great, and innovative librarians may already begin
achieving some cost savings by the effective application of this technology to library operations. But laserdisk technology is unlikely to soon change the needs and operations of most law libraries; rather, laserdisk systems will continue to be integrated into the information systems of law libraries and ease but not eliminate the need for space.

NOTES

1Law Library Director and Associate Professor of Law, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois.

2For example, a one-day post-conference workshop entitled "Legal Applications of CD-ROM" is scheduled for Friday, December 12, in Arlington, Virginia, following the Sixth Annual Optical Information Conference, sponsored by Meckler Publishing Company.

3RCA spent over $500 million developing its capacitive videodisk system before withdrawing from the market. See T. Hendley, Videodisks, Compact Discs and Digital Optical Disks (1985, at 10).

4Compact audio disks, first proposed by Philips and Sony in 1980, are now licensed for mass production to over 70 companies. Essential Guide to CD-ROM (J. Paris Roth ed. 1986).

5See generally supra note 2.


7The disk described here is a CD-ROM. Supra note 3 at 2. Of course, larger disks will hold even more data.


9Nichie experimented with laserdisk technology by reportedly putting the Law Code of Virginia on CD-ROM. Id. at 161. But, Nichie does not have a laserdisk product for sale to the public. On the other hand, West Publishing entered into a joint venture with Wang, in early 1986, and may introduce a CD-ROM product by mid-1987. Announcement made by West Publishing Co. at WESTLAW Education Seminar, Chicago (Sept. 1986).

10For example, laserdisk technology is currently being used by some libraries to replace or supplement online searching of bibliographic utilities for cataloging materials; to create in-house databases; and to provide unlimited, fixed-cost searching of legal databases.

11Legaltrac was first introduced in July 1985.

12The online equivalent of Legaltrac, also called Legal Resources Index, is now available on both LEXIS and WESTLAW; however, online searching of LEXIS allows for more sophisticated queries.


14The four recording principles used for videodisks include: mechanical, magnetic, capacitive, and optical. See note 2 at 23.

15The three competing laser optical disk systems are: compact disks, video disks and digital optical disks. Id. at 24.

16Some 400 bits of data can be written on each TV line; 500 lines make up one frame or track; and each 12 inch disk has 50,000 tracks. Id. at 22.

17Announcement made by Morris Goldstein, Information Access Company, at Online '86 Conference, Chicago (Nov. 4, 1986).

18Supra note 3.

19The ability to "stamp-out" disks, rather than record sector by sector on a magnetic disk, also leads to lower mass production costs. See note 7, at 164.

20Id. at 150.

21Supra note 3, at 3.

22Interview with Patricia Harris, National Information Standards Organization, at Online Conference, Chicago (Nov. 4, 1986).


24Unfortunately, the MS-DOS extension released by Microsoft conforms to the earlier, May 28, standards, rather than the revised standards adopted by NISO on Aug. 27. Supra note 21.

25Bibliofile contains the machine-
readable cataloging records produced by the Library of Congress and is sold by the Library Corporation, P.O. Box 40035, Washington, D.C. 20016 (Telephone 800/624-0559).

Like Disclosure online, Compact Disclosure contains SBC filing data on corporations. Annual subscriptions, including a disk drive, cost $4500 ($3200 for non-profit organizations). For further information contact Disclosure, 5161 River Road, Bethesda, MD 20816 (telephone 301/951-1432).

For a description of some of the other legal databases already available on laserdisks, see Irving, supra note 12 at 40-4.

The Library of Congress and Congressional Research Service have been using optical disk technology since 1978. For further information contact Felix Krayeshi or Alan Linden, Congressional Research Service/Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

The slower response time of CD-ROM, relative to magnetic storage devices, is tied to the constant linear velocity of CD-ROM drives (200-530 RPN). See note 7 at 164. This slower response time is not significant when compared to searching at 1200 baud online; however, further reductions caused by waiting periods for jukebox system responses could cause a problem.

See supra note 7 for an introduction to ROMs and erasable disks.

George Mason University's Law School Library is planning to use its write-once disk drive to create an online catalog database. Interview with Steve Burnett, Law Library Director, George Mason University (Oct. 10, 1986).

"Alternatives to '9 to 5'" was the theme of a March 31 seminar jointly sponsored by the Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C., the Federal Law Libraries SIS, and the Private Law Libraries SIS. A panel of six specialists covered such topics as job-sharing, part-time employment, consulting, and other alternatives to typical workday routines. The LLSDC also co-sponsored a workshop on March 20 with the title: "In Pursuit of Excellence: Sharing Secrets of Dynamic Managing." (Law Library Lights, v.30, no.4, Mar/Apr 1987).

The Texas Association of Law Librarians reached a cooperative agreement at its March 10 meeting to jointly purchase the Fifth Circuit Records and Briefs microfiche from LLMC. The collection will be centrally housed and paid for, with each law school and law firm agreeing to contribute a specified amount of money. The fiche will then be shared among the participants. (D.A.L.L. Advance Sheet, v.11, no.4, April 1987).
The week of April 27, 1987 was declared "Law Librarians' Week" in Pittsburgh by the city's mayor, Richard Caliguri. The idea for such a unique proclamation was prompted by the Western Pennsylvania Law Library Association (WPLLA). (Reported in D.A.L.L. Advance Sheet, v.11, no.4, April 1987).

"We'll See You In Court" was the topic of the Minnesota Association of Law Libraries' annual Spring Conference on May 7-8. Programs held in two restored courtrooms of the St. Paul Landmark Center covered the Minnesota Court System, trial preparation, and other topics. Participants also visited the Hennepin County Government Center, where they sat in on criminal arraignments, a civil trial, and heard from court personnel on finding unpublished opinions, etc. (M.A.L.L. Newsletter, v.13, no.5, Feb. 1987).


The Law Library Association of Maryland has been asked to write a comprehensive legal research book for MICPEL. LLAM will work with the Young Lawyers Section of the Maryland State Bar Association on compiling and editing the publication, which will be aimed at an audience of lawyers, librarians, and paralegals. (Law Library Association of Maryland News, v.5, no.3, March 1987).

Woodstock, Vermont, was the setting for a program on the law of historic preservation on April 30-May 2. Jackson Walter, President of the National Trust For Historic Preservation, was the featured speaker to the Law Librarians of New England. This group is also planning a program on "The Law Librarian's Quality of Life," to be held in the Fall. (Law Librarians of New England News, v.8, no.1, March 1987).

The Law Library Association of Greater New York learned "how to answer the right question and how to ask the question right" in a discussion of the reference interview and information malpractice ethics at its May 13 meeting called, "Legal, Non-Legal & Illegal Reference in the Law Library: A How-To Primer." (Law Lines, v.11, no.6, April 1987).


And finally... "Crackdown at LC: There have been some changes in 36 CFR Part 702, 'Conduct on Library of Congress Premises,' of which you should be aware. To mention a few, you must refrain from 'throwing or deliberately dropping any breakable article, such as glass, pottery, or any sharp article, or stones or other missiles ... bathing or swimming in any fountain ... [and] using the Library facilities for living accommodation purposes.' The Library's primary rule could be posted on all our premises: 'All persons using the premises shall conduct themselves in such manner as not to affect detrimentally the peace, tranquillity, and good order of the Library.' Amen. If you feel unclear about what's left at L.C., you may consult the January 8,

--Mary Ertl

MAALL STAFF EXCHANGE PROGRAM—PARTICIPANT REPORT

"I was a participant with Wilma Gulstad in the MAALL Exchange Program at Southern Illinois University Law Library on March 9th and 10th. While the focus of my visit was the public service area, Wilma was involved with discussions of microform and rarebook cataloging and preservation techniques.

... My first day was spent with the librarians in Public Services discussing topics that ranged from "looseleafing" to stack arrangements. Laurel Wendt, Kathy Garner and I spent the morning exchanging information about how our libraries handled different library procedures. Although our library procedures were very similar, there were enough differences to provide us with a stimulating conversation. After lunch, Laurel gave me a tour of the law building and advised me on how to approach planning and organizing the move of a library collection into a new law building.

I spent the morning of the second day talking with Kay Andrus about the operations of the circulation area and the MAALL Newsletter. We discussed the general difficulty of staffing the circulation desk when there is a shortage of student assistants. Changes in how the government has decided to distribute federal funds for graduate education has greatly affected the number of students available for employment. ...The law library staff at SIU-Carbondale were excellent hosts and provided us with a truly enjoyable and informative visit. ...I am grateful for the existence of the MAALL Exchange Program which facilitates the interchange of ideas between the association members. I would like to encourage continued support and participation in this program."

--Needra Jackson

NOTE: For more information about the MAALL Exchange Program or applications contact: John Edwards, Drake University Law Library, Des Moines, Iowa 50311 Tel.: (515)271-2141.
FALL M.A.A.L.L. IN KANSAS CITY!!

The 1987 MAAALL meeting will convene in Kansas City, October 15-17, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Located in the lively Crown Center area with its many shops, theaters, and restaurants, the Hyatt Regency rooms will be $62 per night, single or double occupancy, plus $7 per day for parking.

Activities planned include tours of downtown law firm libraries and the UMKC Law Library on Friday afternoon, followed by a special reception that evening in the UMKC Law Library Computer/Media Center. Thursday evening plans include a trip to the ritzy Plaza Area and dining at the Peacock Pavilion. The Hospitality Suite will be open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights. Exhibits of CD-ROM technology and legal publishers will be set up in the meeting area. Charley Dyer chairs the Local Arrangements Committee, assisted by Lori Hunt and Tranne Pearce.

1986 Administrative Codes and Registers Survey

The 1986 Administrative Codes and Registers State and Federal Survey is now available for $25.00 per copy. The survey is invaluable for anyone who needs quick information about state regulations. It was prepared by the members of the Administrative Codes and Registers Committee/Section of the National Association of Secretaries of State. Mail inquiries or orders to: ACR COMMITTEE, Mimi Griffiths, Executive Secretary, Admin. Codes and Registers Comm./Section, c/o Admin. Code Division, 201 West Monroe, Springfield, Illinois 62756 Tel: (217)782-9786.

Missouri-Kansas City

The constitution and bylaws for a new organization, The Kansas City Association of Law Libraries, were ratified on April 21. The group has been meeting monthly for about 10 years. This organizational step will help the association work more visibly with other area associations of special libraries and legal administrators. Hal Brown (Watson, Ess, Marshall & Enggas) chairs the Constitution Committee.

Election of officers and committee organization will take place soon. An important committee, continuing the work done by the group over the years, is the Union List Committee, which compiles the serial holdings of area law firm libraries.

A humorous look at an "End User's Model Law Library" was the program for the April luncheon meeting. Bernie Rhodes, litigation attorney with Gage and Tucker, enlightened and entertained the librarians with his personal version of the ideal law library: If only the law librarian would be sitting right at the front door, with a telephone at one hand and the books he needs at the other!

University of Nebraska

The University of Nebraska Law Library has installed WESTLAW terminals and now has both LEXIS and WESTLAW as permanent learning
University of Nebraska Law Librarians attended a demonstration of the Carlyle automated system on May 15, 1987. This demonstration is one in a series of other demonstrations held at the UNL main library. Previous demonstrations included PALS, ATLAS and NOTIS automated systems.

Nebraska County & Firm Law Libraries

Attorneys throughout Nebraska are taking advantage of programs offered by Carol Gendler of Douglas County Law Library. Carol, and her staff, produce the Nebraska Bankruptcy Service. Subscribers receive copies of local (usually unpublished) bankruptcy opinions shortly after they are issued. Carol developed an index with entries by U.S. and Nebraska Code sections, rule number, topic and case name. The index to the opinions is updated quarterly and covers opinions issued from 1979 to date.

Douglas County Law Library also has a computerized index to opinions from Nebraska state and federal courts and the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. The online index is searchable by plaintiff, defendant, citation, and by topic.

LEXIS and WESTLAW membership groups are sponsored by Douglas County Law Library. Law firms access these services from their offices without monthly subscription fees or minimum charges. LEXIS, WESTLAW, DIALOG, DOW JONES & NLSIS are searched by the library staff on a fee for service basis.

Anne Lomax was interviewed by a reporter about the type of online services the law firm of Baird, Holm, McEachen, Pedersen, Hamann & Strasheim uses. The Omaha World Herald's article "Computer Searches: Omahans Can Tap Into Data Bases to Make Quicker Work of Research" was published during National Library Week.

University of South Dakota

On May first Mary Jensen demonstrated the library's new automated accounting system at the campus computer fair. The system is a bookkeeping and reporting system based on the spreadsheet and database capabilities of VP PLANNER. Although we have finished a very simplified version of the system which was used for the demonstration, we have not finished the whole system yet. We expect to finish the templates in May, test the system with last year's data in June, and begin use of the full system with the start of the new fiscal year in July.

Delores Jorgensen, our catalog librarian, has begun work on a South Dakota legal research guide. This is an ambitious project but we know that Delores will do an excellent job as she has with other publications in the past. Delores and Barbara Heisinger recently completed a bibliography of periodical articles and other material related to Indian Law, and we have already sold a number of copies. Work has already begun on the first supplement, and we expect annual supplements in the future.

Southern Illinois University

The faculty of the SIU School of Law and School of Law Library celebrated the addition of the 250,000th volume to the Library on May 1, 1987. The keynote speaker for the program was Dr. Ralph McCoy, Dean Emeritus of Library Affairs at SIU. Dr. McCoy was instrumental in beginning the collection of legal materials in the 1950's which eventually served as the foundation of the School of Law Library when it was established in 1973. A special aspect of the program was the
presentation of the 250,000th volume, donated by former Law Library Directors Roger F. Jacobs and Elizabeth S. Kelly. Appropriately in this year of the bicentennial of the Constitution, the volume added was the newly published Bicentennial Edition of The Constitution of the United States of America, issued in a limited edition of 500 copies by Arion Press in association with the Library of Congress.

In addition to many guests from the local University and legal communities, several legal educators, administrators, librarians, state officials, and members of the Illinois state and federal judiciaries were in attendance.

University of Tulsa

The University of Tulsa Law Library has (at long last) an Omnifax machine on order. Other libraries will be informed when the machine arrives and becomes operational.

Membership News

Bruce Cole has been hired as a part-time cataloger at St. Louis University Law Library.

Connie Fennewald, University of Missouri-Columbia Law Library, attended SCIL 1987 (Small Computers in Libraries), the Second Annual Software/Computer/Database Conference and Expositions for Librarians and Information Managers March 30-April 1, 1987 in Arlington, Virginia. The meeting was sponsored by Meckler Publishing Corp., and dealt with both hardware and software. She found it to be a very informative and motivating series of talks presented by people from all types of libraries. Topics included applications of databases and spreadsheets and other types of software; area and information networks; electronic communication in libraries; and training staff in the use of microcomputers. Connie has written a report on the various sessions she attended and recommends reading the proceedings of the meeting which are available from Meckler for $30. (SCIL: 1987: the second annual software/computer/database conference and exposition for librarians and information managers: conference proceedings. Westport, CT, Meckler Pub., 1987. OCLC #15579120). Registration for the three day meeting was only $95. Connie strongly recommends attendance next year when the meeting will be held in Chicago March 7-9, 1988.


Effective July 1, 1987, Heiija Ryoo, Acquisitions/Serials Librarian at Southern Illinois University Law Library will be awarded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor in the Law Library.

Kileen Searls, Law Library Director at St. Louis University, has been selected as "Woman of the Year" for 1987 by the St. Louis University Women’s Commission.

Creighton University Law Library has hired a new Acquisition Assistant named Darlene Vergamini. She is from Council Bluffs, Iowa. Welcome Darlene. Kathy McKenney is no longer working at Creighton. Kathy has
decided to stay home to take care of her family, as her husband has accepted a new position. Thanks and farewell Kathy.

University of Nebraska Law Library Director, Sally Wise delivered a speech titled, "How to effectively use a law library," to the Nebraska Association of Legal Assistants on May 2, 1987.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Brian Striman, Technical Services Librarian at the University of Nebraska Law Library, is wondering if any other MAALL libraries are using the Gaylord SE-LIN labelling system. He would appreciate any comments, criticisms and advice about the system. Have any libraries changed from the SE-LIN system to another system? Why? Do they prefer their new book labeling system? How long have they had it?

MAALL PLACEMENT

The MAALL Placement Office acts as a clearinghouse for job openings. These positions may be professional, paraprofessional, full or part-time, in any type of law library. In order to be effective, we need help from employers to keep us posted on positions to be filled. Although an effort is made to provide only current openings, some listings may have been filled by publication date. This is due to the time lag between submissions 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, MO 65211; phone: (314) 882-9675; telefax: (314) 882-9676; ABA/NET 15735.

ARKANSAS

Catalog Librarian: The University of Arkansas at Little Rock/Pulaski County Law Library may be hiring for the position of catalog librarian. Requirements: MLS required; appropriate coursework, cataloging experience, law library experience preferred. Experience with OCLC or similar data base, and automated library systems preferred. Duties: responsible for all cataloging, maintenance of card catalog and shelf list, supervision of classified employees. This position requires a limited amount of reference service and limited night and weekend hours (shared with other staff). May be able to pursue JD degree. Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience. Tenure track. Expected date of availability: Aug. 1, 1987. To apply: Send letter, resume and names and addresses of three references to: Lynn Foster, Law Library Director, Law Library, 400 W. Markham, Little Rock, AR 72201. The University of Arkansas at Little Rock is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer and actively seeks the candidacy of minorities and women.
Reference Librarian: Requirements: JD from ABA accredited school required; MLS and law library experience preferred. Duties: Provides reference assistance to faculty, students and attorneys in combination academic/county law library. Assists in computer training and bibliographic instructions. Assists in long and short-term planning of major library projects. Participates in collection development and circulation. Some evening and weekend hours will be required. Tenure track. Salary: Negotiable, depending upon qualifications and experience. Available: July 13, 1987. Send letter, resume and 3 references to: Lynn Foster, Director, University of Arkansas at Little Rock/Pulaski County Law Library, 400 W. Markham, Little Rock, AR 72201. The University of Arkansas at Little Rock is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

Law Librarian: Requirements: MLS degree and experience with computerized library information systems, but will consider substantive work experience for educational requirements. Duties: The Librarian is responsible for all aspects of library operations including acquisition, cataloging and budgeting. Responsibilities include fulfillment of the information needs of the office, supervision of library personnel and coordination of the firm's continuing legal education program. Salary: Commensurate with experience, benefits are excellent. Send resume to: Bridget P. Booth, Personnel Administrator, Smith & Hulsey, 1800 Florida National Bank Tower, 225 Water St., Jacksonville, FL 32202.

FLORIDA

Assistant Reference Librarian for Legal Information Center: Requirements: MLS required and JD degree preferred with at least two years experience in a law library. Duties: Assist students and faculty seeking information in a variety of sources including a library collection of more than 400,000 volumes, extensive audio-visual materials, and a wide-range of on-line services. Primary duty focuses on online searching in WESTLAW, LEXIS, DIALOG, NEXIS, PHINET, RLIN and other databases. Conduct training of students and faculty in use of legal information in on-line services. The library serves a faculty of 72, and a student body of about 1,100. Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience. Available: Anticipated starting date is August 1, 1987. Send: Letter of application ad resume postmarked by June 12, 1987 to: Dr. Rick Donnelly, Chairman, Search Committee, Univ. of Fla. College of Law, Legal Information Center, Gainesville, FL 32611. An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

GEORGIA

Reference Librarian: Requirements: Tenure track position. MLS, JD, and two years of experience preferred. Substantial law library experience can be substituted for JD. Duties: Provides reference assistance; supervises government documents; and co-ordinates legal and non-legal computer searching. Some evening hours will be scheduled. Salary: Competitive. Available: July 10, 1987. Send letter of application and resume to: Nancy P. Johnson, Head Law Librarian, Ga. State Univ. College of Law Library, Univ. Plaza, Atlanta, GA 30303-3092. Interviews can be arranged at the AALL Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL. Georgia State Univ. is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.
Law Librarian—Full-time head librarian position available with major Kansas City firm. MLS degree and three years experience in medium-large size firm. Responsibilities include all aspects of library operations, i.e., acquisitions, cataloging, budgeting, and supervision of staff. Firm provides health, dental, life insurance and pension plan. Send resume and salary requirements to: Sharon Jones, Personnel Assistant, Stinson, Mag & Fizzell Law Firm, P.O. Box 19251, Kansas City, Missouri 64141.

Weekend Public Services Librarian: Requirements: Master's degree in library science or equivalent required and experience with Anglo-American Legal materials preferred. Duties: A half-time position, the weekend public services librarian will provide reference service and supervise student assistants working at the circulation desk. Mature, responsible individual with ability both to supervise students and to meet and serve patrons in a professional manner desired. Must be willing to work both Saturdays and Sundays as well as a half-day on Fridays. Applicants considering Law or other graduate study are encouraged to apply. Send resume to: Prof. Janet L. Wallin, College of Law Library, University of Toledo, 2801 W. Bancroft, Toledo, OH 43606.
AALL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE SOLICITS CANDIDATES

The 87/88 AALL Nominations Committee needs your help in selecting the slate of candidates for the 1988 AALL election of officers. At best, a committee can only bring its collective experience to the nomination process. We need your help to acquaint committee members with worthy candidates that might otherwise overlooked.

Members of the committee are listed below, please feel free to contact any of the committee members directly or by using the attached form.

Meg Chicco
James Hambleton
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Mark Estes
Jenni Parrish
Jill Sidford, Chair

SUGGESTED CANDIDATE FOR 1988 AALL ELECTION

Name of Candidate: __________________________________________

Institution Represented by Candidate: _____________________________

Office(s) Suggested: ____________________________________________

Have you advised this individual that you are submitting his/her name to the AALL Nominations Committee? yes no

Suggested Candidate’s Association Activities: _______________________

Suggested Candidate’s Professional Accomplishments: _______________

Append any additional information about the candidate. 

Please duplicate as many copies of this form that you need.

Send to any member of the AALL Nominations Committee or to:

Jill Sidford, Chair
AALL Nominations Committee
O’Melveny and Myers Library
400 South Hope Street, Room 1352
Los Angeles, California 90071
1987 M.A.A.L.L. DUES RENEWAL FORM

If you have not yet paid your 1987 dues, please complete and mail this form to Hal Brown at the address below. 1987 membership dues are ten dollars.

NAME ____________________________________________________________

INSTITUTION _______________________________________________________

ADDRESS _________________________________________________________

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MAIL THIS FORM WITH A CHECK FOR TEN DOLLARS TO HAL BROWN, MAALL TREASURER, WATSON, ESS, MARSHALL & ENNGAS, 1010 GRAND AVE., KANSAS CITY, MO. 64106-2271

M.A.A.L.L. LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

AALL Annual Meeting, Chicago, Wednesday, July 8, 1987
(Luncheon tentatively scheduled in the Buckingham Room from 12:15 to 1:30 pm)

Name :

Employer :

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I need a receipt other than my canceled check: YES NO

Please complete and detach this form and send it with a check for $5.00 made payable to Mid-America Association of Law Libraries to: Hal Brown, MAALL Treasurer, Watson, ESS, Marshall & Enngas, 1010 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Mo. 64106-2271 (Please return reservation form by June 25th if at all possible. Some late reservations may be allowed immediately prior to the Luncheon; please don’t stay away even if you miss the deadline. However, it will help planning if you inform Hal of your intentions in a timely manner.)
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FROM THE EDITOR

In this issue you will find two forms which deserve your attention. Our October 1987 MAALL Annual Meeting Registration Form and a MAALL Membership Renewal Form are both included. Note that the October MAALL Meeting Registration form is due by September 15th. The meeting and program have been well planned; let's respond with a great attendance.

You may notice there are more advertisements in this issue than in the past. David Ensign coordinates our advertising efforts and is to be commended for his work.

Thanks again to those liaisons and committee members who have submitted items for this issue. As editor, I am reminded of a statement made by Douglas Hobson, "NEVER BYTE OFF MORE THAN YOU CAN CPU." So far, having too much news has not been an obstacle. While the process of compiling or editing the newsletter is simpler than it used to be because of affordable personal computers, the process of gathering and obtaining the news remains a challenge. Please do not hesitate to submit any item you feel others might find informative, interesting or newsworthy. If you have doubts about whether to submit something, submit it anyway—I'll take the responsibility. Remember it is better and far more acceptable if I "edit" the news rather than "create" the news.

See you in October.
--K. Andrus

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DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER IS SEPTEMBER 15TH
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have hardly arrived back in our own setting from those glorious days in Chicago and here we are trying to communicate news again. Truly the Annual Meeting was one of the better ones I have attended in my eighteen years in the Association. I came home inspired and eager to try some new ideas. It was fun to see so many of you (forty) at the MAALL luncheon particularly knowing about all the conflicts that took place during those busy days.

The reports given at the luncheon were both succinct and encouraging. The treasury of MAALL is in good shape (and in the good hands of Hal Brown). John Edwards reported on both the Consortium and on our staff exchange program. He also volunteered to look into the "sticky" subject of initiating CLE credit for our MAALL programs. There will be more information and discussion on this at the October meeting.

My report at the meeting concerned itself with what the Chapter Presidents had learned at their meeting on Tuesday night. The results of the Price Waterhouse study on the tax status and insurance coverage of chapters is now available. An excerpt of the survey is given below:

-Total members (Chapters) = 5,521
-Members of the Association = 4,336
-Nonmembers of the Assoc. = 1,185
-Chapters currently incorporated = 6
-Chapters operating as unincorporated associations = 18
-Chapters that are filing annual tax returns = 3
-Chapters charging admission to annual meeting = 13
-Chapters who have paid exhibitors at annual meetings = 9
-Chapters that have insurance coverage = 0
-Chapters that have recognition of tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service = 8

You can deduce from the above figures that MAALL DOES NOT have any insurance coverage. What you cannot deduce, but what is true, is that our chapter has not filed any tax forms or requests for exemption. The study advises us what to do in this regard and we will proceed. Peter Schanck had already started on this last year and is willing to follow through. The insurance question is a larger one which will cost us some money. I hope to have a recommendation ready for you by the October meeting. Knowing that we are not covered by AALL is incentive enough.

The membership drive is moving forward under Avis Forssman's able direction. I would encourage all of you to bring in new members and encourage them to come to Kansas City in October. The smaller chapter meetings are good places to become acquainted with other library enthusiasts on a one to one basis. Incidentally a new MAALL Directory is being prepared and we would like to include all names correctly thus I urge you to use the membership form included in this Newsletter to send in your dues for 1987.

Speaking of Kansas City - both Lori Hunt (local arrangements) and Blair Kauffman (program) gave exciting details about what is in store for us at the Annual MAALL meeting. There is much more about the meeting in this Newsletter - as well as a registration form. Reserve October 15-17. Pat Court will be anxiously awaiting your reply.
The AALL Institute on Basic Legal Reference Services was held June 30-July 3, 1987, in Madison, Wisconsin, at the University of Wisconsin Law School. There were over 100 registrants in attendance comprised of reference librarians, heads of public services, library directors, and several technical services librarians.

The quality of faculty and curriculum were outstanding. The Institute included lectures on research in substantive legal topics as well as panel presentations and roundtable sessions. Some of the lecture topics presented were: Finding Treaties and International Agreements, Tax Research, Labor Law Research, British materials, and Legislative History Research. Examples of roundtable discussions presented were: Is a J.D. Necessary, the Reference Interview, and Can You Make a Career Out of Being a Reference Librarian? The closing session was an informative and entertaining panel that treated the theme "My Favorite Reference Tool." Panelists were Bob Berring, Penny Hazelton, and Virginia Wise.

Co-Directors for the Institute were Joan S. Howland and Kay M. Todd. The local arrangements committee chair was Anita Morse of the University of Wisconsin Law School Library. The quality of the Institute's program as well as the accommodations for lodging, meals, etc. were excellent. This Institute was extremely worthwhile and enjoyable. Kathy Kane and Melanie Nelson, Public Services Law Librarians at the University of Tulsa Law Library both attended.

--Kathy Kane
**1987 ANNUAL MEETING**

**Hyatt Regency Hotel**  
**Kansas City, Missouri**  
**October 15-17, 1987**

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**Thursday, October 15**

12:00-1:30 p.m.  
Benton Room  
**Opening Luncheon**  
Speaker: Judge Deannel Tacha, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, on Constitutional Law in the Courts

1:45-2:45 p.m.  
Van Horn A,B,C  
**General Session**  
Speaker: Mike Befeler, Reference Technology, on Overview of Laserdisk Technology

2:45-3:00 p.m.  
Van Horn  
**Coffee Break**

3:00-4:30 p.m.  
Van Horn A,B,C  
**General Session**  
Panel Presentation: The Future of Laserdisk Technology in Law Libraries  
Panelists: Steve Burnett, West Publishing Co., formerly Law Library Director at George Mason University; Pat Kehoe, Law Library Director at American University; and Jerry DuPont, Executive Director of Law Library Microfilm Consortium

4:45-5:15 p.m.  
**UTLAS presentation to Consortium**

5:00-9:00 p.m.  
Peacock Pavilion Plaza  
**Dinner/Cash Bar**  
Remarks from Pat Kehoe

9:00-  
**Hospitality Suite**

**Friday, October 16**

7:30-9:00 a.m.  
Van Horn A,B,C  
**Continental Breakfast**

7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
**Exhibits**  
Van Horn A,B,C

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**MID-AMERICA ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES**  
**1987 ANNUAL MEETING**

**Registration Form**

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**LIBRARY**  

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**CITY, STATE, ZIP**  

Check here if you plan to attend tour Friday at 3:45  

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Friday, October 16 continued

9:00-10:00 a.m. Session 1-1 Laserdisks for Public Services - Part I, panel moderated by Mickie Voges  
Session 1-2 Laserdisks for Technical Services - Part I, panel moderated by Marilyn Nicely

10:00-10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

10:30-11:30 a.m. Session 2-1 Laserdisks for Public Services - Part II, moderated by Richard Leiter  
Session 2-2 Credibility and Clout on the Job  
Speaker: Mary Corcoran

11:45-12:45 p.m. Luncheon  
Sky Room

1:00-2:00 p.m. Session 3-1 Computer Labs - Part I, coordinated by Sally Wise  
Session 3-2 National Archives. Speaker: Patrice Shalda

2:00-2:30 p.m. Coffee Break

2:30-3:30 p.m. Session 4-1 Computer Labs - Part II, coordinated by Sally Wise  
Session 4-2 Laserdisks in Technical Services - Part II, panel moderated by Fritz Snyder

3:45-5:00 p.m. Law Library Tours (Sign up at conference. Limit: 50)  
Laserdisk Exhibits  
Consortium Meeting

6:00 p.m. Reception at UMKC  
UMKC Law Library Tours

Saturday, October 17

7:30-9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30-9:00 a.m. Business Meeting

9:30-10:30 a.m. General Session  
Speakers: Jim Hambleton and Frank Lee, on Electronic Media and the Changing Role of Libraries and Librarians

10:30-10:45 a.m. Coffee Break

10:45-12:00 noon General Session  
Speaker: Mary Lennox, Dean of the School of Library Science, University of Missouri High Tech/High Touch.

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Student $25 Law Library  
Late Registration Fee $10 University of Missouri-  
Kansas City

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Thursday--Opening Dinner $20  
Friday--Luncheon $20  
Friday--Reception with open bar $20  

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CHAPTER SURVEY OF MEMBER REIMBURSEMENT

The question has come up concerning whether or not members of our own chapter should be reimbursed for taking part in chapter programs. Past history of this in MAALL has been fuzzy so to clarify the situation a survey was done of other chapter practices.

This survey was discussed by the executive board of MAALL after the Chicago meeting and the board made the decision NOT to reimburse MAALL members for taking part in programs. We certainly encourage members to contribute to the programs. We have a wealth of talent in this organization. In fact we have so much talent we could not afford us were we to try to reimburse ourselves.

The results of the survey are given below:

19 of the 26 chapters answered the survey. 75%
19/19 chapters DO use their own members 100%
14/19 chapters do NOT reimburse their members 73% for participation
3/19 waive registration expenses for certain kinds of participation 15%

One chapter stated that even though they are willing to waive registration, many participants do not accept the waiver of fees.

--Kathie Belgum, MAALL President

1987 MAALL DUES RENEWAL FORM

If you have not yet paid your 1987 dues, please complete and mail this form to Hal Brown at the address below. 1987 membership dues are ten dollars.

NAME ____________________________________________

INSTITUTION _______________________________________

ADDRESS __________________________________________

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MAIL THIS FORM WITH A CHECK FOR TEN DOLLARS TO HAL BROWN, MAALL TREASURER, WATSON, ESS, MARSHALL & ENOGAS, 1010 GRAND AVE., KANSAS CITY, MO. 64106-2271
Shelf-reading is a standard activity that forms an integral part of an ideal library stack maintenance program. We all do it routinely, or at least try to. But as part of our preparation for a routine ABA reinspection this past Spring, the SIU Law Library staff decided to go a step further, and implemented what came to be known as the Adopt-A-Shelf program. (These accreditation inspections are a regular, though thankfully infrequent, part of life in an academic law library. A critical self-study is a major component of preparing for inspections, and we weren't completely satisfied with what we saw in our stacks.) Our initial thought was merely to have an all-hands effort to tidy up the shelves before the inspectors came. But we took advantage of the expertise that was scrutinizing the collection and turned it into an ongoing problem-reporting system.

Basically, adopt-a-shelf is simply assigning a full-time staff member an area of stacks for routine, personal surveillance. Where possible, the area of the collection is coordinated with the individual's area of responsibility within the library operation. Thus, a reference librarian with the greatest experience with Illinois materials, I have been assigned the Illinois section; the periodicals technition has been assigned the periodical shelves. Others' preferences were accommodated where possible.

Each staff member is expected to scan the shelves in the assigned area on a regular basis for any problems that may be developing. We ask each adopter to try to spend at least an hour a week with the adopted section. The size of
the sections vary with the amount of regular use by our patrons. This means that those active areas where more problems can be expected receive more attention than sections where books are seldom disturbed.

Particular items to be alert for are crowding; the need for book ends; materials that need repair; duplicates, especially of cumulative materials; call number problems; needed binders, boxes, or princeton files; and any "creative" shelving that needs to be corrected. A one-page form is used to report problems. These forms are funneled through one staff member who sorts and forwards them to the appropriate department for corrective action. The individual departments can then integrate resolving these problems into their projects and schedules.

Ideally, shelf-reading by experienced shelvers should uncover some of these problems. However, we use student shelvers. Their focus is on school, rather than on building a career with us. There is considerable turnover in any student staff. In addition, the students lack the knowledge to go beyond the label and the visible condition of the book to see problems that a librarian or technition will notice.

Some additional, unanticipated benefits have resulted from this program. One is simply that all staff members get out into the stacks and pay attention to things beyond their immediate regular duties. Another is that all of the staff is more aware of how their particular duties fit into the whole library operation. This becomes very apparent when people see how a decision of theirs either aided or impeded patron access. You pay more attention to your writing when you see how the labeling student misread what you had written, for example. Yet another benefit is greater sensitivity to the activities of another position and better communication among departments. Public services people begin to understand the detail involved in checking in all the various codes of the Texas statutes, and technical services people better understand why the public services department needs so many student shelvers. The adopt-a-shelf report form gives us a convenient, recognized vehicle for notifying any department of a problem needing their attention, whether it is located in my adopted section or not. No more hauling books off the shelves to leave them with inadequate notes on someone's desk. I can start procedures which notify others of a problem without disrupting either my time or theirs, and with a clear conscience can go on with other tasks.

Adopt-a-shelf has proven successful; we intend to keep this process going even though our inspection is over. The first go-around did identify a large number of problems, not all of which have been resolved yet. But we expect the repeated, regular checks will not yield such a large volume of problem reports once we get past this initial backlog. SIU Law Library is probably in no worse shape than any other new, rapidly growing law library. But adopt-a-shelf has found a home with us as a way to handle several important library problems.

-- Laurel Wendt
BILL Draper is the new Reference Law Librarian at University of Missouri-Kansas City. Bill has a J.D. and M.L.S. from the University of Illinois. He is stepping into a position which has been vacant for a year, UMKC patrons are pleased to see the position thriving again.

Charles Dyer, former Law Librarian at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, is now Director of the San Diego County Law Library.

Sara Hibbeler began work at the School of Law Library of the University of Kansas as the Public Services Librarian on June 18.

Sara has her BA in History from Kansas State University and her MA in Library Science from the University of Missouri. She has been with the firm of Shook, Hardy and Bacon in Kansas City, Missouri for four years.

Several MAALL members have leadership roles in the Special Interest Sections of AALL. Kay Andrus, SIU, is vice-chair of the Micrographics and Audio Visual SIS; Pat Court, UMKC, is vice-chair of the Readers' Services SIS; Lynn Foster, Arkansas-Little Rock, is vice-chair of the Academic Law Libraries SIS; Frank Houdek, SIU, is chair of the Academic Law Libraries SIS; Blair Kauffman, Northern Illinois, is vice-chair of the Automation and Scientific Development SIS; Mary Ann Royle, Northern Illinois, is chair of the Government Documents SIS; Laurel Wendt, SIS, is chair of the Automation and Scientific Development SIS.
**Missouri-Kansas City**

The newly organized Kansas City Association of Law Libraries has elected officers for the current year: President: Hal Brown (Watson, Ess, Marshall & Engass); Vice-Pres.: Lori Hunt (Shook, Hardy & Bacon); Secretary: Linda Gingrich (Morris, Larson, King, Stamper & Bold); Treasurer: Greg McNown (Spencer, Fane, Britt & Browne). The June meeting was held in Olathe, Kansas, at the Olathe County Law Library. Justice G. Joseph Pierron, Jr. of the 10th District of Kansas, discussed plans for the celebration of the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. The July meeting was held at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Law Library, where law librarians learned how to use LUMIN, the online catalog of the University of Missouri Libraries. Kansas City law firms can access LUMIN from their office PC's to instantly identify materials held by any of the MU libraries in Kansas City, Columbia, Rolla, and St. Louis.

**University of Tulsa**

The University of Tulsa Law Library has received an Omnifax telefacsimile machine. Please add Tulsa's number to your telefax directory. (918) 587-7614.

The University of Tulsa is also very busy remodeling and expanding their technical services area this Summer. Other major efforts include adding more shelving and switching the locations of government documents and legal periodicals.
MAALL PLACEMENT

The MAALL Placement Office acts as a clearinghouse for job openings. These positions may be professional, paraprofessional, full or part-time, in any type of law library. In order to be effective, we need help from employers to keep us posted on positions to be filled. Although an effort is made to provide only current openings, some listings may have been filled by publication date. This is due to the time lag between submissions 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, MO 65211; phone: (314) 882-9675; telefax: (314) 882-9676; ABA/NET 15735.

ILLINOIS

Reference/Technical Services Librarian. The Reference/Technical Services Librarian position is a faculty rank, tenure track position in the College of Law Library, with responsibilities split between the public and technical services areas of the library. Responsibilities: supervision of the library on weekends, providing reference service on evenings and weekends, and assisting the Public Services Librarian with reference-related public services duties: teaching legal research, preparing bibliographies and user guides, and utilizing traditional and non-traditional legal research tools. Technical services responsibilities include the maintenance of the government documents collection and the supervision of copy-match cataloging. The former includes ordering and cataloging government documents. The latter includes supervision of the use of OCLC, AACR2, Library of Congress classifications and subject classification to create appropriate cataloging records for new library materials. As a member of the law library faculty, the Reference Technical Services Librarian is expected to contribute energy, ideas, and suggestions for overall library operations, to participate in professional activities, and otherwise work toward the goals set out in the law library's Promotion and Tenure document. Qualifications: must have the MLS degree or its equivalent from a school accredited by the American Library Association. A JD degree from an American Bar Association accredited program is preferred. Also preferred is some experience in the following areas: legal reference service, audio/visual equipment, technical services, and government documents.

Compensation: Salary in the $18,000-$22,000 range, commensurate with qualifications; 24 days of vacation; health insurance and retirement benefits. Tenure track position in College of Law Library with attendant responsibilities. Application Procedure: Send letter of application, resume, and names of three references to: Professor S. Blair Kauffman, Law Library Director, David C. Shapiro Memorial Law Library, Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL 60115. (815) 753-0505. Applications received by August 31, 1987, will be assured of consideration, but the position will remain open until filled.
Law Library Director. We are seeking a highly motivated, creative individual with significant law library administrative experience and strong managerial skills. JD and MLS degrees from accredited schools are required. The responsibilities include planning and implementation of short and long-term goals, overseeing automation, collection development, patron services, budgeting for a medium-sized library, and the supervision of four professional librarians and support staff of six. Superb modern facility with online catalog, Innovacq, and computer/media center. The University is strongly committed to funding major improvements in the Law Library. Our metropolitan area offers a fine quality of life with reasonable cost of living. Salary will be highly competitive. Submit resume and three references by October 1, 1987 to: Professor Ed Hood, Chair, Law Library Director Search Committee, School of Law, University of Missouri-Kansas City, 5100 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64110. EEO/AA.
MAALL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
AALL Annual Meeting, Chicago, Ill. 8 July 1987

President Kathie Belgum opened the business meeting at 12:38 p.m.
Several members have assisted Avis Forsman in compiling a list of law firm and court librarians who are not presently members of MAALL. Avis will send out a membership mailing to them shortly.

The new editor of the MAALL Newsletter, Kay Andrus, thanked committee members and liaisons for their support. He welcomes news in any format but prefers longer pieces to be on IBM compatible disk if possible.

Lori Hunt reported on progress on the next annual meeting, to be held in Kansas City the weekend of October 15-17. Tranne Pierce is chair of the Local Arrangements Committee, replacing Charlie Dyer. The meeting will be held at the Hyatt in Crown Center; special events include a Chinese dinner Thursday night at Peacock Plaza and a reception Friday night at UMRC.

Blair Kauffman, chair of the Program Committee, reported on plans for the educational sessions. The program will begin Thursday afternoon; the featured topic will be laser-disk technology in law libraries, with additional sessions on computing and on management skills.

Kathie Belgum raised some issues for consideration before the Kansas City meeting. (1) Insurance and tax liability of chapters. MAALL is not covered by AALL’s insurance policy. Chapters must qualify independently for tax-exempt status. (2) Honoraria to MAALL members. An informal survey of other chapters suggests that it is not appropriate to pay our own members for their participation in MAALL meetings.

John Edwards said that the MAALL Union List will be available in paper and microfiche in October. He has also begun a project to petition the State of Missouri to approve MAALL as a CLE sponsor, now that Missouri has made CLE mandatory. Most present favored pursuing the project; however, Hal Brown warned that it could turn into a full-time job.

New members Mitch Fontenot, from the University of Nebraska, and Evelyn Gardner, from Creighton, introduced themselves.

Peter Schanck asked for volunteers to join him and Mary Burchill in planning the 1988 meeting. They hope to have a topic decided by the Kansas City meeting.

Kathie Belgum asked for volunteers for the Nominations Committee, although the committee will not be active until after October. Iowa City, as the home of the MAALL President, has been scheduled as the site for the 1988 meeting; we should decide on a location for the 1989 meeting next October. Blair Kauffman has suggested a joint meeting in Chicago with the Chicago Association of Law Libraries.

John Edwards issued a reminder about the staff exchange program. There have been one or two participants each year.

John Christenson noted that the FCC has recommended raising telecommunications rates by $5.00/hour for data communication via modems and computers. We should write our congressmen and the agency to protest this raise; since time is short, John will write a report and mail it to the membership. John also would like to organize a group subscription to ABA/NET for the entire chapter, as has already been done for the Mid-America Law School Library Consortium.

The meeting was adjourned by President Kathie Belgum at 1:15 p.m. The next business meeting will be in October at the MAALL Annual Meeting in Kansas City.

Respectfully submitted, James Milles, MAALL Secretary.
MAALL NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE EDITOR

This issue is being sent to you about one week ahead of schedule. Our hope is to get one more newsletter to you before the October 15-17 annual meeting. Since we use bulk mail to distribute the MAALL newsletter, it can take as long as four or six weeks for the postal service to deliver. As a practical matter, spot checks have shown that newsletters are delivered within two or three weeks of the mailing date. Using bulk mail costs about one-third the first class rate. Part of the rationale for changing our newsletter to a bimonthly rather than a quarterly publication involved the bulk mail delivery schedule. It was anticipated that more news could be distributed, more frequently than quarterly, with an acceptable mailing time and cost. We have been operating on this bimonthly schedule for about two years; perhaps this change should be evaluated. Do you feel the bimonthly schedule using bulk mail has been an improvement over the quarterly approach? As editor, I am interested in your reactions. Although I think the current system is not "broken" and is working well, I suspect we would have a better chance of putting out more timely and perhaps more substantial newsletters using a first-class mail, quarterly approach. Perhaps the new editor will have other suggestions; I merely raise the question before the annual meeting since this is your newsletter and any frequency or distribution change should be made by vote of the association.

In preparing for our Kansas City annual meeting, many hours of volunteer effort are being expended on our behalf by our MAALL officers, program and local arrangements people. Thanks to good membership support and the unselfish work of each of these people, the meeting will be a terrific success.

--K. Andrus

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DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER IS NOVEMBER 15TH
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Within a matter of days we will be gathering in Kansas City for our Annual Meeting of MAALL. The closer the time to travel gets the more excited I become. I have the advantage of hearing about the marvelous local arrangements (Kansas City has a lot to offer) from Tranne, Lori, Margaret and company. Just today I had a long conversation with Blair and he has everything on the program well in hand. It all sounds like not only a good time but an informative time as well. I hope I see you all there.

Speaking of you, the members. There are several opportunities which will be available in October to allow you to really become involved with MAALL. This is the fun way to get to know an organization and its people by working together. It is obvious to me that MAALL members are tremendously qualified persons. Just within the past six weeks two of our members have been tapped for exciting jobs—but outside of the MAALL boundaries.

Hal Brown, our Treasurer, has moved to Los Angeles to head a multi-staffed law library of a large law firm with offices in several cities. Our Hal is becoming a "wheel" and really rolling. Also Kay Andrus, our MAALL Newsletter Editor, has just accepted the position of Associate Law Librarian for Public Services at Northwestern. This has a familiar ring in that Kay's predecessor at Northwestern was Anne Puckett—also from SIU. At any rate we heartily congratulate both of these men while mourning their loss as friends and their commitment to MAALL.

Already we have a replacement for Hal in the person of Mike McReynolds, a librarian at Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City. Mike and Hal have had an orderly turnover of papers and signatures and Mike is in the saddle. We welcome him and his dedication.

The task of replacing Kay is at hand. Kay has volunteered to put out the next two Newsletters, that is this one and the December issue. So you have a little time to think about it. It is a good opportunity and can be a test of your creativity.

Two other opportunities await those who wish to become involved. Next year (1988) will be election year for MAALL. Our officers terms are for two years. Those of us serving now "theoretically" took office in 1986. Peter Schanck is the Vice-President/President Elect and will assume the presidency in October 1988. At that meeting we will elect the next Vice-President/President Elect and the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. If you would like to serve on the nominating Committee for the 1988 elections I am open for volunteers.

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The other position which needs filling is that of Liaison to NTIS. MAALL has received a letter from Ruth Smith, Director of the Office of Customer Services of NTIS. She is attempting to "establish communication with our major user communities and to renew ties with the library community". With what is going on in Washington D.C. these days in the area of publishing this sounds like it could be a good thing. Law librarians could have a little more input in the area of how things are published and the needs of the end user. This particular opportunity would not take a great deal of time but for someone interested in this area it allows room for initiative.

So speak up library enthusiasts. We need you - the world needs you. This is the time to DO something. Drop me a line or give me a call. I'm waiting.

--Kathie

Can Anyone Beat This Time?

A speed record for filling an interlibrary loan request may have been set recently. One of the SIU law professors expressed an urgent need to see a 1922 Missouri Appellate Court opinion but the library's copy was missing and both Westlaw and Lexis were unavailable. A telefax request was sent at 2:00 p.m. to St. Louis University Law Library telling our sad plight. At 2:12 p.m. a fax copy of the case was in the professor's hands. Thanks to this lightning response, our spoiled patron is more convinced than ever that librarians can perform miracles.

--Kathy Garner, Reference Lib.
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NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF OTHER CHAPTERS

The Minnesota Association of Law Libraries has formed a Consulting Committee whose goal is to offer a library consultation service for interested organizations. During the past year, the committee advertised with the Placement Committee in the state bar journal and other state legal newspapers; the consultation service was provided to one organization. (M.A.L.L. Newsletter, v.13, no.7, July 1987).


Representatives of the Northern California Association of Law Libraries attended an idea exchange hosted by the Association of Legal Administrators' Bar Liaison Committee. Various legal industry service groups including paralegals and law librarians were invited to participate. They will continue to receive information about the ALA by receiving its newsletter, The Bridge. (Northern California Association of Law Libraries Newsletter, v.7, no.6, May/June 1987).

Over 100 participants attended the Southeastern Chapter's spring meeting in Charleston, S.C. The major program dealt with the tort reform crisis, while other programs included legal research for the public, law firm libraries as profit centers, and marketing online databases within your organization. Small discussion groups were held on diverse topics such as time management, handicapped access, and microcomputer applications. A highlight of the meeting was Prof. Daniel Meador's luncheon address on the changing role of the office of the Chief Justice of the U.S. (Atlanta Law Libraries Association Newsletter, v.6, no.4, June 1987).

The Dallas Association of Law Librarians is planning three fall technical services workshops covering: 1) general overview of cataloging procedure; bibliographic description of books andserials, 2) choice of access points; L.C. subject headings, and 3) KF classification schedule. The D.A.L.L. also warns its readers that the Texas Administrative Code is again without a publisher. The last update published by Hart Information Services brings the Code current through October 1986. Plans for future publication remain uncertain. (D.A.L.L. Advance Sheet, v.11, no.8, August 1987).

1987 MAALL ANNUAL MEETING IN KANSAS CITY--DON'T MISS IT!!

Kansas City stands ready to "Royal-y" greet the MAALL conference on October 14-17 with a "Chief-ly" delightful yet educational experience. The program focuses on the very latest in "Laserdisk Technology and Law Libraries," with a good variety of programs from job clout to National Archives, as well as law firm library tours.

The meetings will be held in the lovely Hyatt Regency Hotel, across from Crown Center, with its wealth of shops, restaurants, cinemas, and theatre on the Hallmark Cards headquarters complex. Chocolate aficionados will not want to miss the Ultra Chocolatta Dessert Bar in the Hyatt's fine restaurant, the Peppercorn Duck Club! And the best aerial view of Kansas City will be yours at a special luncheon on Friday in the rotating Skies Restaurant. To work that all off, hotel guests can enjoy the health club with its swimming pool, tennis courts, exercise equipment, saunas, and whirlpools.

Exhibits will be an important part of this year's conference on Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Several laserdisk products and other computer services will be demonstrated in the meeting rooms area. You can chat with exhibitors over Continental Breakfast and during the breaks which will all be held in the exhibits area, the Van Horn Room.

Be sure to join us for the luscious meal functions on Thursday and Friday. Your registration fee includes the opening luncheon on Thursday, dinner that night, the rooftop luncheon on Friday, and a reception with appetizers and open bar Friday evening.

Thursday's dinner will be on The Country Club Plaza, the fashionable shopping and entertainment area of Kansas City. A multi-course Chinese dinner will be served that night at the Peacock Pavilion in Seville Square. You may well want to stay late on the Plaza after the dinner just to enjoy the music and the fountains and the people watching.

The University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law is hosting the Friday evening reception in the new Computer/Media Center, located in the Law Library. Tours of the library and the school will be conducted throughout the evening.

Kansas City offers numerous activities to enjoy, from the Nelson-Atkins Art Museum to Worlds of Fun, the City Market and professional sports. The Hospitality Table will have lots of information on things to do in the Kansas City area. We look forward to seeing you all in October!!

--Pat Court

OIL & GAS REPORTER

Could you use the first ten volumes of Matthew Bender's Oil & Gas Reporter? They are available for the cost of shipping. Contact: Mary Stultz (ABA9020; 402-397-0203).
August 24 was "O" day for the University of Iowa Law Library. On that day OASIS, the Online Access System for Information Sources, otherwise known as the online public access catalog, was a reality for the public. The University of Iowa libraries are into a joint venture with computerization. Based on NOTIS software, OASIS will be an integrated system. The catalog is phase one and the Library is the pilot project for the entire University. The cataloging staff is currently doing maintenance on OASIS. Cataloging is still being done on RLIN but as soon as GTO is available (later this fall) we will be passing records directly from RLIN to OASIS. It is exciting and the response of the students has been rewarding. There are 13 public access terminals in the law library. Also the faculty all have access to the system through their LAN (Local Area Network) in their offices. The next phase for the Law Library will be acquisitions which we hope to bring up soon after January 1. Without boring you we will keep you posted on our progress.

University of Kansas

The School of Law Library has been awarded a grant from the Office of Academic Affairs on campus to set up a computer lab. Initial funding will allow the library to purchase four microcomputers and two printers plus modems and software. The lab should be operational by Thanksgiving and will be housed in one of the workrooms of the Library. The lab will be for the use of the law students to learn word processing in connection with their assignments. If this lab is successful there is hope of expanding the number of microcomputers to meet the need.

Missouri-Kansas City

The Kansas City Association of Law Libraries has established committees to continue the regular work of the organization:

Professional Standards Committee, Chair: Paula Hilkemeyer, of Blackwell, Sanders.

Program Committee, Chair: Jan Pointer, of Gage & Tucker.

Union List Committee, Chair: Bob Strause, of Legal Aid of Western Missouri.

Lori Hunt, of Shook, Hardy, and Bacon, has assumed the position of President of KCALL as Hal Brown, formerly of Watson, Ess, is now a law librarian in Los Angeles.

Nebraska Academic Law Library News

Creighton University Law Library is just now settling down from having the carpeting replaced. It made their summer activities.... more interesting than usual.

University of Nebraska Law Library users are enjoying the library's "Bork to the future" exhibit including newspaper articles, pictures and a bibliography of Bork's writings beginning with his first article published in 1954. This bibliography was compiled by Rich Leiter and Mitch Fontenot. The bibliography is available to any library for the asking. The next exhibit will be set up in conjunction with Banned Books Week, 1987. Sally Wise purchased a publicity package from the ALA, which the display will be based upon. Rich and Mitch will set up the display, Mitch has compiled a selected bibliography from part of the publicity packet which included a "Resource Book" by Robert P. Doyle.
Nebraska County & Firm Law Libraries

Evelyn Gardner of Creighton University Law Library, Avis Forsman of Kutak, Rock & Campbell and Mary Stultz of Kennedy, Holland, DeLacy & Svoboda attended the AALL Annual Meeting held in Chicago on July 5th through the 9th. Major issues of the meeting were qualifications of members and scope of membership; and private law firm librarians representation.

Carol Gendler, Douglas County Law Library, spoke about her fee-based library services at the Omaha Law Librarians September meeting. Carol produces current indexes to the Nebraska Bankruptcy Opinions, Nebraska Supreme Court Advance Sheets, and 8th Circuit Slip Opinions. The Nebraska Bankruptcy Opinion Service is the most popular subscription service with over 50 subscribers. Carol provides subscribers the option of receiving a quarterly index, the monthly table of cases and the entire opinion. Carol discussed the mechanics, costs and profits of providing these services. Douglas County Law Library does online searches for patrons and administers Membership Group subscribers. Eight Omaha librarians met at the Redick Grill, Wednesday, September 9th for dinner and the discussion.

The Omaha Law Librarians met informally at the Sidewalk Cafe, Wednesday, August 5th to welcome Susan Rosburg. Susan joined the law firm of McGill, Koley, Parsonage & Lanphier as their first law librarian. Librarians, Evelyn Gardner, Avis Forsman, and Mary Stultz provided handouts summarizing 1987 AALL activities. The law firm of Kennedy, Holland, DeLacy and Svoboda hosted the meeting.

Southern Illinois University

The SIU Law Library has announced the availability of the most recent additions to its PUBLICATION SERIES:

#6 Celebrating the Addition of the 250,000th Volume to the Law Library. Compiled and edited by Frank G. Houdek. 1987. 20 p. $10.00. (Includes the text of the keynote address offered by Dr. Ralph E. McCoy, Dean Emeritus, Library Affairs, SIU, at a program on May 1, 1987. Also remarks by the editor "On the Significance of 250,000," as well as a description of the volume chosen to mark the occasion.)

#7 Lincoln As A Lawyer and Other Lincolniana: Selected Bibliography. Compiled by Elizabeth W. Matthews. 1987. 30 p. $10.00. (A catalog of the library's extensive holdings of monographs and periodical articles on Lincoln as a lawyer, with additional listings of materials on the topic not held in the collection.)

#8 How to Shelve Books in the SIU Law Library. Written and directed by Kay L. Andrus, narrated by Laurel A. Wendt. Production by SIU Learning Resources Video Productions. 1987. 39 minute color videotape (VHS 1/2"). $30.00. (Prepared as a training aid for student shelvers and other library staff members, the tape includes instruction on shelving by LC classification numbers, proper book handling techniques, guidance for book shifts, and a short tour of the SIU Law Library.)

Titles in the Publications Series may be ordered separately or a standing order for all items as they are published may be established. Orders should be addressed to Mildred Brown, Southern Illinois University School of Law Library, Lesar Law Building, Carbondale, IL 62901.

University of Tulsa

The University of Tulsa Law Library spent the summer going through some needed renovations. The Technical Services area was enlarged and two new reference offices were added. A video room was created to enable our students to use interactive video exercises and to view videotapes.

This summer the law library began using automated circulation through the LIAS-TU system.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

ARKANSAS

Marcia Baker, formerly of the University of Texas Law Library, has joined the staff of the University of Arkansas Law Library as Assistant Librarian in charge of Circulation / Reference. Marcia assumed her duties in Fayetteville on August 24th.

ILLINOIS

STU Reader Services Librarian Kay Andrus will become Associate Director for Public Services at Northwestern University Law Library on November 1, 1987.

IOWA

Sue Emde, the Documents Librarian at the University of Iowa Law Library, was hit by a car on May 28 and was incapacitated for three months with a badly broken leg. Sue is back at work part time now and hopes desperately to attend the Kansas City meeting.

KANSAS

Glen Ahlers, has assumed the position of Head of Public Services at Wake Forest University School of Law Library. Glen left Washburn School of Law Library on September 1st.

The University of Kansas School of Law Library has recently hired Joe Hewitt in the position of Microcomputer / Automation Manager. His responsibilities include programming for an automated acquisitions / serials / cataloging / online catalog as well as assisting staff in various computerization projects. Joe has had many years of experience both in programming and libraries at Watson Library, the main library on campus where he worked with the UKASE (University of Kansas Automated Serials) system.

MISSOURI

Margaret Hohenstein, Technical Services Librarian at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Law Library, is teaching Cataloging and Classification for Extension Teaching of the University of Missouri-
Columbia School of Library and Information Science. Several law firm library staff members are in this large class of over 40 students which meets in Kansas City at Rockhurst College.

Michael McReynolds has also accepted a position as a Reference Librarian/Database Manager at Shook, Hardy, and Bacon. Mike has worked as a Library Assistant at the UMKC School of Law Library, and more recently in the Kansas documents collection in the Watson Library at the University of Kansas.

Janet Peters has joined the Law Library staff of Shook, Hardy, and Bacon as Reference Librarian. Janet received her M.L.S. from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1986, and has previously worked as a Library Assistant at Johnston County Community College Library in Overland Park, Kansas.

NEBRASKA

Richard Leiter, Public Services Librarian, has accepted a one-year appointment as Vice-Chair of the Library Committee of the ABA Section of Economics of Law Practice. The Section, with nearly 25,000 members, is devoted to providing legal services more efficiently and at lower cost to clients. Rich has written an article titled "A History of Legal Periodical Indexing" appearing in the Legal Reference Services Quarterly, vol 7(1), Spring, 1987. He was also on the Steering Committee for the publication titled "From Yellow Pads to Computers, Transforming Your Law Practice with a Computer" and co-authored one of the book's chapters titled "How to Avoid Malpractice When Using Computers."

Creighton University Law Library has hired new staff members, Susan Losculuff, who is replacing Carol in serials and government documents; and Thurman Butler who is the cataloging assistant.

Susan Rosburg is the first law librarian for McGill, Koley, Parsonage and Lanphier of Omaha, Nebraska. Susan has a B.A. in Library Science from Morningside College (1980) and earned her J.D., cum laude (1986) from Creighton University. Susan was formerly associated with the law firm of Nelson and Harding in Omaha.

Brian Striman, Technical Services Librarian at the University of Nebraska, has accepted an invitation to be on the faculty of the AALL's Basic Cataloging Institute in August, 1988. Brian would appreciate any information from anyone who has done a recount of their library's titles and volume count. (phone: (402)472-3547).

Sally Wise, Director at University of Nebraska Law Library, has written a chapter in a publication titled "From Yellow Pads to Computers, Transforming Your Law Practice with a Computer." Her chapter is titled "Managing Library Resources Without a Librarian."

OKLAHOMA

The University of Oklahoma has two new law librarians. Maria Protti is the new Head of Public Services. Maria is from California and most recently worked as a lawyer for a law firm in the financial district of San Francisco specializing in securities law. Maria has an undergraduate degree in Sociology and a Master's in Library Information Science from the University of California - Berkeley and a Juris Doctorate from U.C.L.A.

The new reference librarian is Joe Cassity. Joe graduated from Oklahoma State University with a B.A. in History and has an M.A. from the University of Oklahoma. He lived
eleven years in the Far East, including thirteen months in Korea, nine-and-a-half years in Taiwan and ten months in Macao. Joe received his J.D. from the University of Oklahoma in 1987. He is working on his doctoral dissertation in History and is enrolled as a part-time student of Library Science.

MAALL PLACEMENT

The MAALL Placement Office acts as a clearinghouse for job openings. These positions may be professional, paraprofessional, full or part-time, in any type of law library. In order to be effective, we need help from employers to keep us posted on positions to be filled. Although an effort is made to provide only current openings, some listings may have been filled by publication date. This is due to the time lag between submissions 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, MO 65211; phone: (314) 882-9675; telefax: (314) 882-9676; ABA/NET 15735.

ARKANSAS

CATALOG/REFERENCE LIBRARIAN: Requirements: MLS; appropriate coursework, cataloging experience, law library experience preferred. Experience with OCLC or similar data base, and automated library systems preferred. JD or coursework toward JD desirable. Duties: Responsible for all cataloging, maintenance of card catalog and shelf list, supervision of classified employees. Librarian provides some reference service and works limited night and weekend hours (shared with other staff). Available: Immediately. Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience. Tenure track. Application deadline: November 15, 1987. To apply, send letter, resume, and names and addresses of three references to: Lynn Foster, Law Library Director, Law Library, University of Arkansas at Little Rock/Pulaski County Law Library, 400 West Markham, Little Rock, AR 72201. The University of Arkansas at Little Rock is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity Employer and actively seeks the candidacy of minorities and women.
ILLINOIS

LIBRARIAN: Requirements: Loop law firm in Prudential Plaza is seeking a full-time librarian. Prior experience is necessary and legal background is desirable. A MLS degree is required as well as familiarity with LEXIS and other data bases. Duties: Responsibilities include library maintenance and filing; LEXIS and other research; establishing and maintaining a catalog of books and in-house articles; maintaining subscriptions and relevant bills. Salary range up to $25,000; excellent benefit package. Walsh, Case, Coale and Brown, Chicago, IL 60601. For details call Mrs. Grant, (312) 938-3833.

KANSAS

LIBRARIAN (REFERENCE): Requirements: ALA-accredited Master's degree in Library Science. Familiarity with legal materials or course in legal bibliography preferred. Familiarity with MS-DOS based microcomputers and software desirable. Duties: The primary responsibility of the Reference Librarian is to provide reference assistance to students and faculty of Washburn University School of Law, to members of the Kansas Bar, and to the general public at the reference desk. Some night and weekend hours are required. Works with faculty members as a liaison, soliciting their recommendations on collection development, and providing library services on an individual basis. Coordinates the library's Computer Literacy Center. Maintains the collection of software available for student use. Promotes the use of equipment and services of the Computer Literacy Center among students. Supervises student assistants who maintain equipment and provide training and assistance to law students in the Computer Literacy Center. May assume other duties as determined by the Associate Director or the Director, including but not limited to collection development and maintenance, online database searching, creation of library promotional literature and bibliographies, and training and instruction of students and staff. Remuneration: This is a twelve month, full-time professional position. Minimum salary of $18,000 per year. Application deadline: October 20, 1987, or until a suitable applicant is identified. Position available November 1, 1987. To apply, send resume and the names of three references to David Ensign, Associate Director, Washburn University School of Law Library, Topeka, KS 66621. Telephone: (913)295-6688. Washburn University is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity Employer.

LIBRARIAN (REFERENCE - PART TIME): Requirements: ALA-accredited Master's degree in Library Science. Familiarity with legal materials or course in legal bibliography preferred. Acceptance to Washburn University School of Law is required. Duties: The primary responsibility of the Reference Librarian is to provide reference assistance to students and faculty of Washburn University School of Law, to members of the Kansas Bar, and to the general public at the reference desk. Some night and weekend hours are required. Works with faculty members as a liaison, soliciting their recommendations on collection development, and providing library services on an individual basis. May assume other duties as determined by the Associate Director or the Director, including but not limited to collection development and maintenance, online database maintenance and searching, creation of library promotional literature and bibliographies, and training and instruction of students and staff. This position is designed to be available during the regular academic
year, with scheduling flexibility during the law school examination period. Summer employment is a possibility. Remuneration: This is a nine month, part-time professional position. Minimum salary of $660 per month during regular academic year with time off for examinations. No fringe benefits. Application deadline: October 20, 1987, or until a suitable applicant is identified. Starting date is flexible, from November 1, 1987. To apply, send resume and the names of three references to David Ensign, Associate Director, Washburn University School of Law Library, Topeka, KS 66621. Telephone: (913)295-6688. Washburn University is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity Employer. *The application deadline for Washburn School of Law is September 15, 1987 or as soon thereafter as possible. The LSAT will be given Saturday, October 17, 1987. The regular registration deadline is September 17, and telephone walk-in reservation closes October 9.

MISSOURI

LAW LIBRARY DIRECTOR: We are seeking a highly motivated, creative individual with significant law library administrative experience and strong managerial skills. Requirements: JD and MLS degrees from accredited schools. Duties: The responsibilities include planning and implementation of short and long-term goals, overseeing automation, collection development, patron services, budgeting for a medium-sized library, and the supervision of 4 professional librarians and support staff of 6. Superb modern facility with online catalog, Innovaq, and computer/media center. The University is strongly committed to funding major improvements in the Law Library. Our metropolitan area offers a fine quality of life with a reasonable cost of living. Salary: Highly competitive. Submit resume and three references by October 1, 1987 to: Professor Ed Hood, Chair, Law Library Director Search Committee, School of Law, University of Missouri-Kansas City, 5100 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64110. EEO/AA.

HEAD LIBRARIAN: Private Law Firm. Kansas City, Missouri. Library contains approximately 25,000 volumes, LEXIS, WESTLAW. Position involves both reference and administrative responsibilities. MLS and private firm experience preferred. Send resume and salary requirements to Personnel Administrator, Watson, Ess, Marshall & Enggas, 1010 Grand Avenue, Fifth Floor, Kansas City, Missouri 64106-2271.

LAW FIRM LIBRARIAN: Law Librarian needed for downtown St. Louis law firm. This full-time position will allow for direct management of all phases of library operations. Librarian also supervises library clerk, provides legal research, works with vendors, prepares annual operating budget, develops and maintains library procedures and policies. Reports directly to office administrators and library committee. Salary is open. Law library experience required. MLS preferred. Inquiries may be made to Personnel Administrator, Coburn, Croft, Putzell, 1 Mercantile Center, Suite 2900, St. Louis, Missouri 63101. (314)621-8575
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FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings. As G. Alens stated four issues ago, "it's time to turn over the red pen." I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve as your newsletter editor and attempt to bring you the news of our organization. Many of you have contributed copy, suggestions, and encouragement for one or more issues. Please accept my genuine thanks. The librarians and my former staff at SIU who assisted and encouraged me through each issue deserve special thanks.

Best wishes to Katherine Tooley as she edits and compiles future issues. Please continue to supply her your full support. You'll be pleased at the results. I hope you will offer Katherine suggestions which will continue to improve the focus, content, and format of future issues.

---K. Andrus

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DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER IS JANUARY 15, 1988
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

A large "thank you" is due all of you who helped to make our Kansas City meeting such a whopping success. Local arrangements, program participants, sponsors and all. Also when the call went out for volunteers in various capacities; NTIS liaison, judges for the "Call for Papers", members to serve on the nominating committee, and the Newsletter there was utter cooperation. I have not had a single "no" which is incredible. Thank you all. This is truly your organization and you are doing the job.

A short follow-up statement is available now concerning my report to you in Kansas City about insurance. I told you we were awaiting information from Margaret Leary, our president, via headquarters. Today I received a letter from Margaret no with answers or suggestions but with further questions. We are not alone in questioning the whys and hows of this complex problem. For the moment please rest easy knowing that AALL is still looking into the issues and hopes to have the information we need before the Atlanta meeting. In the meantime we have filed the 1024 Tax Exemption Form (under 501 as was suggested to us by the Price Waterhouse study). I would not expect to hear anything on this for sometime.

You will notice that included in the Newsletter each issue is a list of the officers and Committee members. There have been some changes and additions on this current list. I am trusting that each of you who has not been contacted since the October meeting is still willing to serve. We depend on you liaison types to give us the word on what is going on in these seven states. Being the "Heartland of America" there must be something happening.

The Nominations Committee has been appointed and has their charge namely; they "shall submit names of a candidate or candidates for each of the following offices to the President at least forty-five days prior to each even year annual meeting: President; Vice-President-President Elect; Secretary; Treasurer. The list of candidates will be circulated to the membership at least thirty days prior to the even year annual meeting." Art. IV. Sec. 1 Bylaws. The Committee has plenty of time to gather their information and would welcome suggestions from the membership. This is your chance to once again have input into your organization. The current President Elect is Peter Schanck. Peter will step into the presidency next October assuming he is still willing. Thus the Committee will be seeking names for three officers. Those who wish to volunteer their own names are welcomed.

It will be Holiday time when you receive this issue of the Newsletter. Let me take this opportunity to wish you all ***Peace and Joy*** this day and every day. We all look forward to another good year ahead in 1988.

--Kathie Belgum

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REPORT FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIR  
ON THE  
1987 MAALL ANNUAL MEETING  
by S. Blair Kauffman*  

Certainly the Program Chair may be accused of bias, but by all reports the 1987 MAALL Annual Meeting was truly a success. Registration topped the 100 mark, making it one of the more widely attended meetings in MAALL history, and comments received from even those who earlier had expressed some doubts about the program focusing so intensely on a single topic -- laserdiscs -- were uniformly favorable. For those who were unable to attend, or would just like to review what was covered, the following brief summary is offered.

The meeting opened with a Thursday afternoon luncheon, where Judge Deanell Tacha, from the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, set the tone for an excellent meeting by giving a lively and informative talk about Constitutional law in the federal courts. Following on the heels of the Bork confirmation hearings, and rumors that a Kansas City federal court judge was being considered for the Supreme Court vacancy, Judge Tacha's remarks were especially interesting. Many of us wondered whether Judge Tacha, the youngest woman ever to be appointed to the federal Court of Appeals, might herself someday be placed on the High Court.

The theme of this year's program was "Laserdiscs and Law Libraries", and the plan was to present an overview of laserdisc technology and systems currently available (and under development) that have law library applications. Programs on Thursday afternoon were intended to educate the audience about the basics of laserdisc technology and speculate on the role such systems are likely to play in the future of law libraries. Friday's programs were then intended to show participants the range of currently available laserdisc-based systems, both through the exhibits and panel presentations. At the same time, we scheduled concurrent programs on Friday, to offer an alternative to those uninterested or simply dizzled by laserdiscs. Finally, on Saturday, we tried to tie the whole program together by offering presentations on the changing role of law librarians and the importance of the user interface in high tech libraries. Naturally, the entire program was just terrific!

The overview of laserdisc technology was presented by Michael Befeler, Vice President for Strategic Planning at Reference Technology. Reference Technology is a firm engaged in assisting publishers in creating laserdisc-based products, both by preparing data to be placed on discs and in writing the searchware for accessing the data. Reference Technology is currently helping at least two well-known legal publishers create CD-ROM-based products: Prentice Hall and Tax Analysts--both are creating multi-disc tax libraries scheduled for release later this year. Mr. Befeler's talk, which was aided by slides, distinguished between the different types of optical disc media -- write-once, erasable, and read-only discs -- and then focused on CD-ROM. In discussing CD-ROM, he reviewed both the strengths and weaknesses of this media and concluded that these systems will take their place in law libraries by complementing other existing systems for the storage and retrieval of legal information.
The panel on the future of laserdiscs in law libraries offered the audience a rematch from an earlier AALL panel on this topic; that is, at the 1986 annual meeting of the AALL in Washington, D.C., Pat Kehoe, Steve Burnett, and Jerry DuPont were on the same panel addressing the future of laserdiscs in law libraries. At that time Steve Burnett was the Law Library Director at George Mason University's law school, was already using several laserdisc-based systems in his library, and expressed much faith in the potential of such systems. Jerry DuPont was (as he still is) Executive Director of Law Library Microform Consortium, and he believed that the potential for the laserdiscs as a storage media for law library materials was quite limited. Finally, Pat Kehoe, Law Library Director at American University, expressed opinions somewhere between those of Jerry and Steve. Laserdiscs have developed rapidly since July, 1986, and it was interesting to see how the opinions of opponents and detractors of this media have evolved in response to these developments.

Steve Burnett is now employed by West Publishing Company, working on their CD-ROM product development; thus, he has a somewhat different perspective than several years ago. Although he continued to sound euphoric about the potential of laserdiscs, he also noted some of its limitations. For instance, he agreed with Jerry DuPont about the high cost of converting information to machine readable format (about $1.40 per page, according to Jerry DuPont), but pointed-out that for a company like West, which already has most of its data in machine readable format, this cost was not a significant consideration. More significant is the storage limits of a single CD-ROM: even though 600 megabytes (or 250,000 pages of text) may sound like a large amount, this could become a limiting factor in libraries with large collections.

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capacity, compared to what's available through online services like Westlaw this is not much. Additionally, a good portion of what is placed on a CD-ROM must be devoted to indexing, further reducing its data storage capacity. Thus, one CD-ROM is actually only capable of holding the equivalent of from 50 to 60 Federal Reporter size volumes, and it would take at least 40 discs to hold the entire first series of the National Reporter System, if it was full-text searchable. Hence, large archival products are not likely to appear in CD-ROM format soon. Instead, companies like West will be offering smaller slices of information on CD-ROM to see how the market reacts.

Steve also addressed the need for standardization in the area of laserdiscs, while noting that he found the cry for standardization curious in a profession that has supported such a wide array of standards for microforms: microfilm, microfiche, ultralase film, diazo film, and so on. He pointed out that most laserdisc products are coming-out in CD-ROM format because of the relatively lower costs and high degree of standardization that has occurred for CD-ROM. Most publishers are working on products that use the "High Sierra" formatting standards for discs and MS-DOS extensions to connect drives to MS-DOS PCs. As a potential purchaser one should demand CD-ROMs that will run on any player available and meet the above basic standards. But an area where no standards have evolved pertains to the user interface: how data is retrieved by the user. In this regard, each publisher seems to be going a different way, and Steve told how West plans on licensing its searchware to other publishers in the hope of creating a de facto standard for legal databases on CD-ROM. In conclusion, Steve described in more detail West's plans in the area of CD-ROM, but space dictates that those interested in this aspect of the program will have to await publication of the MAALL papers in early 1988.

Jerry DuPont offered a differing vision of the optical future, eloquently beginning his presentation as follows: "I don't relish the role of the troglodyte; especially since I see real benefits lying in store for us. But an enormous amount of hype has surrounded the introduction of these neonatal and infant technologies. Many articles in the popular press betray an over-gullible acceptance of the puffery employed by industry flacks. And much of the excitement is based more on promise and potential than actual performance and cost effectiveness. Some of the popular writers have been incredibly sloppy, throwing around inconsistent storage capacity figures with little comprehension of their real meaning. These guys are to technical scholarship what mud wrestling is to the performing arts. But far too often their more exuberant claims are cannibalized by subsequent articles, and it becomes impossible to track down the sources of errors. So some cautions are in order." Indeed!

From this cautionary beginning, Jerry went on to outline the shortfalls of laser media, including the limited storage capacity available on a single disc, the necessity to convert data to machine readable format prior to creating a disc, the cost of hardware for reading discs, and the potential obsolescence of laserdiscs (look what happened to videodiscs!). He predicted that these shortfalls would combine with the advantages of books, online systems, and (oh yes) microforms to ensure that all formats would continue to be used by law libraries into the foreseeable future. But he also predicted that laser media would find its own niche
in the area of index material, some cataloging and acquisitions databases, custom-designed portions of larger online databases, jurisdiction specific primary source collections, and in specialized areas like tax, labor, real estate, or securities. He predicted that laserdiscs would be especially welcome as replacements for expensive, high-use looseleaf services. Thus, as Pat Kehoe pointed out, the past year and one-half seems to have brought the laser disc forecasters closer in agreement as to their likely future role in the law library, and Friday's program demonstrated that many of the potential uses of laserdiscs have already resulted in available products for the library.

On Friday, a number of vendors exhibited some of the currently available laserdisc systems, demonstrating the wide array of products already available in this area. These products included periodical indexes (like WilsonDisc), cataloging databases (like Bibliofile and CD-CAT), retrocon databases (like Utclus's Spectrum M/1000), specialty databases (like Compact Disclosure), custom-designed databases (like Dialog OnDisc), and several public access catalogs (like Marcive and LaserGuide). In addition to exhibiting their systems, each of these vendors participated on Friday's program, and they were joined by additional vendors currently developing laserdisc products.

The laserdisc portion of Friday's program included four separate panel presentations, moderated by law librarians, with the panelists consisting of laserdisc vendors. To allow adequate time for questions and answers, only three panelists were assigned to each one-hour presentation. Two panels focused on laserdisc products targeted at the library's end users; these were moderated by Mickie Voges, Law Library Director at the University of Oklahoma, and Richard Leiter, Public Services Librarian at the University of Nebraska. A third panel, focusing on record creation, was moderated by Marilyn Nicely, Technical Services Librarian at the University of Oklahoma, and a final panel was moderated by Fritz Snyder, Associate Librarian at the University of Kansas. Some of the panels attracted recognizable names in the laserdisc world, including Parke Lightbown, Vice President of Utclus, Brower Murphy, President of the Library Corporation, and Tom Field, President of TaxAnalysts. Other less well-known panelists nevertheless were outstanding, and the moderators are to be commended for doing such a fine job in guiding each panelist into making an informative and intellectually gratifying presentation, despite the obvious bias that vendors tend to have for their own point of view.

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Those seeking variety on the program were offered several alternatives to laserdiscs on Friday, including a presentation by management consultant Mary Corcoran on "Credibility and Clout on the Job", a presentation about the national archives and what resources they offer of interest to law libraries, by Patrice Shalda, and a two-hour panel presentation coordinated by Sally Wise, Law Library Director at the University of Nebraska, on Computer Labs.

The computer lab panel consisted of presentations from four different law school and law firm librarians on how computer labs are set-up and used at their institutions. The panelists included Kristy Elam, from St. Louis University, Joann Humphreys, for the University of Missouri, Richard Leiter, from the University of Nebraska, and Mark Peterson, from the Dallas law firm of Haynes & Boone. As moderator, Sally Wise prefaced these presentations by summarizing the results of a recent survey of MAALL law school libraries on their current use of and plans for computer labs. The results showed that most of the law schools in this survey either had or were planning to install a computer lab, and generally responsibility for operating the lab fell on the law library. Sally also distributed a useful short bibliography on computer labs she had prepared for the program.

Finally, Saturday's portion of the program showed an attempt to draw together all of the loose ends from the previous two days. This was done in two consecutive sessions, following the chapter business meeting (held shortly after dawn). The first session featured Jim Hambleton, Legal Information Resources Manager for Haynes & Boone, and Sally Wise, from the University of Nebraska, speaking on "Electronic Media and the Changing Role of Libraries and Librarians."
Jim offered the perspective of a private law firm librarian, while Sally focused more on the academic side. Jim recently left his position as the Texas State Law Librarian to become information czar for a Dallas law firm; he was, therefore, able to speak from personal experience regarding the evolving job opportunities for law librarians in an automated environment. In particular, he discussed the recent creation of information expert positions in the corporate world, including the MIS (for Manager of Information Services) and the CIO (for Chief Information Officer) and noted that frequently these positions were filled by computer experts rather than the true information experts—librarians. The future of our profession may be with seizing the territory that rightfully belongs to librarians as we move further into the computer age. Sally then discussed some of the skills necessary to successfully manage this territory.

The program was concluded with a presentation by George Rickerson on "User Friendly Technology in Libraries." Mr. Rickerson is the Director of the University of Missouri's Office of Library Systems, and was responsible for developing the library's state-wide online catalog, known as LUMIN. He spoke generally about how to make public access catalogs user friendly in terms of the ten factors outlined in the definitive work on this topic, known as Online Public Access Catalogs: the User Interface, published by OCLC, 1984. Thus, the end of the program returned us to the beginnings of automation and the approved advice of one of the original leaders in the field.

The Program Chair (that's me) received a good deal of the praise for the work that went into developing this program. But as anyone who has ever worked on one of these things knows, it takes the efforts of a lot more than one individual to make the program successful. Two Kansas City members of the Program Committee, Tranne Pearce and Lori Hunt deserve special appreciation for their efforts. Another Committee member, Sally Wise, also deserves special recognition for doubling as a speaker and moderator on several panels. And finally, Richard Ame lung, from St. Louis University, Margaret Hohenstein, from UMKC, and many members of the Kansas City Association of Law Libraries are among those who helped make this a successful meeting.

For those who still haven't had enough of this program, selected papers from the laserdisc portion of the program are currently being edited and should be available in early 1988 as part of the AALL's Occasional Papers Series. Once available, announcements will appear in this newsletter and the national newsletter of the AALL.

*S. Blair Kauffman, Law Library Director and Associate Professor of Law at Northern Illinois University, was Chair of the MAALL Program Committee for the 1987 annual meeting.
CALL FOR PAPERS

A "call for papers" is going out from MAALL for the program in 1988 in Iowa City. The executive board of MAALL discussed this at length during the meeting in Kansas City and decided it would be an idea worth trying. Basically we are giving an opportunity to some member of MAALL (or another chapter if someone there were interested) to submit a well developed draft of an article to our Committee. The paper chosen would then be presented at the MAALL meeting (October 20-22, 1988) with time allowed for discussion and critique by the members present. This it seems to us is an excellent opportunity for someone to receive help in developing a paper for later publication. We do not expect a finished product, but we do expect more than just random thoughts and ideas. There must be organization and content and initial development in the draft.

The Committee appointed to select the paper for presentation is composed of Susan Csaky of the University of Missouri Law Library and Elizabeth Matthews of Southern Illinois University Library. A copy should be mailed to both of these individuals before May 1, 1988.

The incentive for entering this competition is a straight cash award of $100.00. This presumes that the winner does appear to present their paper. There will be no other remuneration given, thus travel, housing and registration for the meeting are up to the individual. Should the selection committee find that no entry qualifies for presentation there will be no selection made.

So now is the time. Start developing those thoughts and challenge all of us next year to help with constructive criticism. This is a real opportunity.

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**NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF OTHER CHAPTERS**

The fall program of the Law Library Association of Maryland took members on a “Behind the Scenes Look at Maryland Department of Legislative Reference.” Program highlights included 1988 session issues and the bill drafting process, a hands-on look at committee bill files, and an online demonstration of Maryland bill status and the Maryland Information Retrieval System. (Law Library Association of Maryland News, vol. 6, no. 1, September 1987).

A new video production premiered at Emory Law Library’s fall orientation. Producer Deborah Mann and composer/lyricist Kevin Dunn drew upon the talents of fellow Emory staff members to help first-year students ease into the legal research process. (Atlanta Law Libraries Association Newsletter, vol. 7, no. 1, September 1987).

Mary Kate Kell, Librarian for the Conoco, Inc. Library in Houston, contributed a selected bibliography on alternative dispute resolution to the September issue of the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries Bulletin. The focus is on ADR in a business setting, but materials for family, juvenile or criminal law applications can be found through other bibliographies listed. (Southwestern Association of Law Libraries Bulletin, vol. 19, no. 1, September 1987).

At their October meeting, members of the Dallas Association of Law Librarians were exposed to the question, “Do Searchers Need Professional Liability Insurance?” The program featured a panel discussion by local online searchers and information brokers on how they handle liability issues. (DALL Advance Sheet, vol. 11, no. 10, October 1987).

The New Orleans Association of Law Librarians is conducting a salary survey among members through a questionnaire included in its fall newsletter. The survey, geared toward salary negotiation, seeks information on duties, collection and staff size, and years of experience, as well as salary range and funding for AALL and chapter meetings. (New Orleans Law Librarian, vol. 2, no. 1, Fall 1987).

A legal research seminar for summer law clerks in the Toledo area was held at the University of Toledo College of Law in June. Brenda Woodruff, Librarian at the Toledo Law Association, coordinated the workshop. The goal was to inform clerks as to local library holdings, lending and photocopying policies, and availability of reference assistance. Research methods necessary for law firm work, and how it differs from law school research, were emphasized. (ORALL Newsletter [Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries], vol. 1987, no. 3, September 1987).

--- Sandy Keller
OF NOTE / MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Illinois News

Patricia Norcott has joined the staff at the University of Illinois Law Library as a records and reference librarian. Patty received an MA in Latin from Loyola of Chicago and her MLS from the University of Illinois. She worked as a graduate assistant in the main Library's OCLC copy cataloging unit and at the Law Library doing original cataloging of 16th-18th Century European legal dissertations.

Nebraska Law Firm Libraries

In October 1987, Kennedy Holland DeLacy & Svoboda Library installed a P.C. network. The host P.C. is an Epson Equity III+ with a 70 meg. hard drive. Advance digital Corporation's PC II board and CBIS, Inc.'s Network-OS software provide the network capabilities. The two workstations share the modem, printer, floppy and hard drive of the host. Each PC II Board accommodates two users. Each Workstation consists of a monitor and a keyboard. The host PC has 640K memory and each workstation has 512K of memory.

Anne Lomax, Baird Holm Law Library, was voted President-Elect by the Metropolitan Area Librarians Club (Omaha).

South Dakota News

The staff of the McKusick Law Library spent the summer getting accustomed to two new automated systems. During the summer, we completed preliminary testing of our new spreadsheet accounting system. On July 1, 1987 we began a new fiscal year using the system. So far we have found a few small glitches but as we learn to use it, the system is saving us a lot of time, especially in generating monthly reports. Early in August we also began using a new acquisition system based on the text management program NOTEBOOK. Although we have occasionally gotten odd results when we asked the system to do strange things, we really haven't found anything that we couldn't make it do. It is generating purchase orders, lists of items ordered but not received, items received but not back from processing, and drafts of the recent acquisitions list. Needless to say, this system is a lot less time consuming than our old system of typing everything on four or five different forms in quadruplicate. Maybe we have even saved enough time to learn a little bit about computers.
AALL SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS PROGRAM

The American Association of Law Libraries is once again sponsoring its Scholarships and Grants Program. News about these programs and the grant application form is published in the December 1987 AALL Newsletter.

Grants: The Grants Program is funded through contributions from law book dealers, publishers, vendors, and other friends of AALL. It is necessary to be a member of AALL or of an AALL chapter to be eligible to receive a grant. AALL members are given preference. Grants are not awarded to individuals who have been in the profession of law librarianship longer than five years or to individuals who have received a grant in the past. Grants are awarded on the basis of: a) Proven or potential ability, b) Promise of future usefulness and permanence in the law library profession, c) Financial need, and d) Contributions to the profession. The deadline for completed applications is March 1, 1988.

Scholarships: AALL annually provides funding for four types of scholarships: Type I (Library Degree for Law School Graduates); Type II (Library School Graduates Attending Law School); Type III (Library Degree for Non-Law School Graduates); and Type IV (Special Course in Law Librarianship). The Executive Board has again approved a $3,500 Minority Group 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. Application forms are available from AALL Headquarters. The deadline for completed applications is April 1, 1988.

All those eligible to apply for a scholarship or a grant or both are encouraged to do so.

Donald J. Dunn, Chair
AALL Scholarships and Grants Committee
The purpose of the AALL Grants Program is to financially reward librarians who hold promise of future involvement in the law library profession. The Program is administered by the AALL Scholarships and Grants Committee. By a decision of the AALL Executive Board, grants may be used only to support attendance at AALL Annual Meetings. Preference will be given to new, active members of AALL or of an AALL chapter.

Qualifications:
An applicant must be a member of the American Association of Law Libraries or of a Chapter of the Association. An applicant who has been a member of AALL for more than five years is disqualified. Prior grant recipients are not eligible to apply. An applicant will not be considered who applies late or who submits an incomplete application.

In the event circumstances prevent the use of the grant by a grant recipient, the award reverts to the Committee for disposition at the discretion of the Chair. If a person does not use the grant, it is then possible for that person to apply in another year.

Date: __________________________

1. Name: ________________________

2. Title: _________________________

3. Institution/Employer: ______________

4. Work Address and Phone: ______________________

5. Home Address and Phone: ______________________

6. Are you a member of AALL? ________ If so, when did you join? __________________________

7. Are you a member of an AALL Chapter? ____________ If so, specify which chapter and state the year you joined. __________________________

8. List the years you attended AALL Annual Meetings. __________________________

9. List membership on AALL Committees or SIS's (present and past). __________________________

10. List chapter activities. __________________________

11. Employment in law librarianship (previous places of employment, titles, lengths of service). __________________________
12. Other relevant employment. 

13. Educational background (beyond high school, dates, degrees). 

14. What percentage of your Annual Meeting expenses will your employer pay? 

15. Estimate transportation expenses (car, airfare). 

16. Briefly describe your duties and responsibilities in your current law library position. 

17. What is your career goal? 

18. How do you feel you will benefit from attendance at this Annual Meeting? 

Signature required:

I have not received an AALL grant in the past. If I receive a grant for this Annual Meeting and if for any reason I cannot attend, I shall return the grant money to the Chair of the AALL Scholarships and Grants Committee.

(Applicant's signature) (Date)

Two letters of recommendation are required and must be sent with your application. It would be helpful if one of these letters could be from a person who supervises your work and who is familiar with your responsibilities and who could include information about your potential contribution to the field of law librarianship and AALL, as well as the need for this award. Preferably, the other letter should be from someone who is not a fellow staff member.

APPLICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS MUST REACH THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE BY MARCH 1, 1988. APPLICANTS ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSURING THAT ALL INFORMATION NEEDED IS RECEIVED BEFORE THE DEADLINE. IN FAIRNESS TO OTHERS, NO LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE PROCESSED.

Please send the original and ten (10) copies of both this application and your letters of recommendation to:

Donald J. Dunn, Chair
Scholarships and Grants Committee
American Association of Law Libraries
53 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 940
Chicago, Illinois 60604

ALSO ENCLOSE A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE AND A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESS POSTCARD TO BE USED TO NOTIFY YOU THAT YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND OF THE COMMITTEE'S DECISION.
MAALL PLACEMENT

The MAALL Placement Office acts as a clearinghouse for job openings. These positions may be professional, paraprofessional, full or part-time, in any type of law library. In order to be effective, we need help from employers to keep us posted on positions to be filled. Although an effort is made to provide only current openings, some listings may have been filled by publication date. This is due to the time lag between submissions 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, MO 65211; phone: (314) 882-9675; telefax: (314) 882-9676; ABA/NET 15735.

ILLINOIS

Reference Librarian: Requirements: JD and MLS (or equivalent) from accredited schools; previous professional reference experience desirable but not essential; interpersonal skills, research skills, and strong service orientation essential. Duties: Provides legal reference to students, faculty, and other library patrons; trains students in use of WESTLAW and LEXIS; participates in basic and advanced legal research courses. Expected to engage in scholarly writing and professional activities in accordance with Law Library promotion and tenure guidelines. Some evening work during the school term can be expected. The Law Library serves a faculty of 30 and a law student population of 300, as well as the University community, the local bench and bar, and the general public. The collection numbers 260,000 volumes, including substantial microform holdings; access to both legal and nonlegal databases is available; OCLC, microcomputers, electronic mail, and telefax are utilized daily by the library staff. The Law Library is housed in a spacious new building. A university town, Carbondale is located in scenic surroundings, offering both outdoors recreational activities and the excitement of St. Louis, only a two-hour drive away. Available: Immediately. Salary: Competitive. Application deadline is January 31, 1988. Send letter of application and resume to: Frank G. Houdek, Law Library Director, Southern Illinois University School of Law Library, Lesar Law Building, Carbondale, IL 62901-6803. Southern Illinois University at Carbondale is an Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Employer.

Assistant Law Librarian. The John Marshall Law School, an independent law school located in the Chicago "Loop", is seeking applicants for the position of Assistant Law Librarian. The school is in the midst of several major changes which include the move of the Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education (IICLE) and the Chicago Bar Association to the law school premises. This is a particularly interesting time for librarians wanting an opportunity to participate in a new creative venture. Requirements: MLS from an ALA accredited school and law degree, plus law library administrative experience.
Applicants should possess skills to help expand existing areas in computerization, LEXIS and WESTLAW, microforms and media. Duties: Duties include those responsibilities which pertain to the daily operating of an academic library, reporting directly to the Director. Available: Immediately. Salary: Commensurate with experience. Excellent fringe benefits. Send resume and references to: Prof. Randall T. Peterson, Director of Library Services, The John Marshall Law School Library, 315 S. Plymouth Ct., Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Chief Librarian: Requirements: MLS from ALA accredited library program, and a minimum of three years of law library experience with demonstrated management experience. Duties: Administrates and directs the operation of a 35,000 volume law library with 3 professionals and 5 support staff. Coordinates and develops library information resources. Responsibilities include planning new library. Salary: Commensurate with qualifications. Send letter of application, resume, and names of three references to: Director of Human Resources, Winston and Strawn, One First National Plaza, Suite 5000, Chicago, Illinois 60603.

MISSOURI

Law Librarian: Librarian needed immediately for downtown law firm. Bachelor's degree in Library Science required and law library expertise and knowledge of Inmagic software preferred. Responsibilities include acquisition, cataloging and reference services; performing online searches; and providing training in the use of computerized databases. A competitive salary and benefits package are offered.

Please send resume with history to Patricia A. Meise, 100 N. Broadway, Suite 1300, St. Louis, Missouri 63102. All replies will be kept confidential.

OKLAHOMA

Librarian/Researcher: Newly created position working with personal injury attorneys doing law/patent/engineering research. Must be very familiar with WESTLAW and DIALOG. Send resume to: P.O. Box 60708, Oklahoma City, OK 73146.
President Kathie Belgum opened the business meeting at 8:30 p.m.

President Belgum asked James Milles to present the minutes from the last meeting. James did not have them, but they have been published in the MAALL Newsletter.

Treasurer Hal Brown has left for a law firm in Los Angeles; Mike McReynolds is acting Treasurer. Mike reported "more money in our account than I can account for." All the bills from the meeting were not in yet, so Mike will publish a report in the next MAALL Newsletter.

President Belgum reported that the Association received $3100 in support from vendors and publishers for this meeting. There are rumors, though, that vendors are less likely to support social events in the future. Perhaps they may be willing to donate towards scholarships or educational program.

Avis Forsman, of the Membership Committee, sent out a mailing to 785 county libraries and law firms with more than 10 people. As a result, we gained six new members.

James Milles, of the Directory Committee, requested that all those present pick up a copy of the new MAALL Membership Directory before they leave. He also asked that, in order to save postage, they bring back copies for other members who did not attend the meeting. Please check the Directory for errors and additions, and forward them to James; a form is provided in the Directory for your convenience. One member suggested that every issue of the Newsletter could contain information on how to become a member.

Katherine Tooley has taken over for Kay Andrus as editor of the Newsletter. Marianne Nelson has offered to help. Before he left, Kay wanted to ask the members if they were satisfied with the bi-monthly publication schedule. Kay felt that it was working out well. David Ensign pointed out that we are committed to this schedule for now, since a number of advertisements have been sold on the basis of six issues per year.

President Belgum has distributed copies of the MAALL Meeting Manual, begun by Eileen Searls, to the Local Arrangements and Program Committees. This constitutes the beginning of a chapter procedures manual being put together by Eileen Searls and Laurel Wendt. Laurel is preparing to send out a survey to past officers of MAALL asking them to describe their duties as they understood them.

Sally Wise reported that John Edwards has learned that Missouri requires a non-refundable fee of $250 to apply for certification to offer a CLE program. That being the case, we are unlikely to pursue the project.

Nobody took advantage of the staff exchange program last year. President Belgum encouraged the members to consider using it.
President Belgum has filled out the tax-exemption forms for MAALL, and they are ready to be sent in. There remains the issue of insurance for regional chapters. Price, Waterhouse concluded from a survey of all chapters that chapters cannot simply buy insurance through AALL, since all members of chapters are not members of AALL. AALL estimates that insurance would cost approximately $500/year for chapters; however, since MAALL meets only once a year, our cost may be less. President Belgum hopes to have more information by the June meeting.

President Belgum announced that the program for the 1988 MAALL meeting will include a "call for papers." Blair Kauffman originally suggested the idea; James Milles proposed that they need not be in final, publishable form, but rather that they be drafts subject to discussion and feedback by other members. Applicants would be required to submit a complete draft to the Committee by May 1; the winning applicant would have one hour on the program to present a summary of the paper and to get feedback. Marilyn Nicely asked whether the Committee members would be willing to give their comments to the authors of those papers that are not selected, so that the authors at least have some profit from submitting them.

On the subject of feedback, President Belgum noted that NTIS is soliciting chapters of library associations for liaisons, especially on the issue of privatization of government publication. Carol Moody, yielding to the inevitable, volunteered to act as liaison.

Vice President-President Elect Peter Schanck presented a proposal for a joint meeting with the Chicago Area Law Librarians in 1989. There are many advantages to such a plan:

1. Opening up this meeting may present opportunities for a more varied and interesting program.
2. We will see new people, but not the huge numbers of the AALL meetings.
3. It is cheaper to fly to Chicago than to many other places in the MAALL area.
4. We will be meeting in small college towns in 1988 and 1990; Chicago would be a good alternative for 1989.
5. It might be easier to draw exhibitors to Chicago.
6. 1989 is the same year AALL will meet in Reno.

We would be able to get cheaper hotel rates if we changed the meeting dates to Friday through Sunday for the Chicago meeting. This might also make it easier for law firm and court librarians to get away, since they would only have to miss one day of work. Response to the joint meeting in Chicago with CALL, to be held Friday through Saturday, was favorable, so President Belgum will contact CALL.

Sally Wise presented a resolution on smoking at MAALL functions, which was adopted. The resolution reads as follows:

The Mid-America Association of Law Libraries, in the interest of the health and welfare of its members and friends, requests that there be no smoking in meetings, luncheons and other functions of the organization.
Needra Jackson, of the Placement committee, presented her report. From November 1986 to October 1987, she received 15 AALL job descriptions and 12 employer-submitted job descriptions. There were two applicant information inquiries, but no applicant resumes submitted. She has 25 current registrants, with 10 resumes on file. Needra is quite willing to handle placement services for support staff as well as professional librarians. Tranne Pearce suggested that Needra send a letter of introduction to the bar associations in the region, telling them about our law librarian placement service. John Christensen suggested listing placement notices on ABA/net.

President Belgum offered a hearty thank-you to the Blair Kauffman and to the Local Arrangements people, who were forced to step in at the last minute after the departure of all the people who urged Kansas City as the site for this year's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by President Kathie Belgum at 9:20 a.m. The next business meeting will be in June at the AALL Annual Meeting in Atlanta.

Respectfully submitted,
James Milles,
Secretary
## COMPARISON OF CAIR SEARCH STRATEGIES

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