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The Editor's Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR everyone! I hope the year has started off on a positive note for you all.

About the last issue. Quality control was lax and the issue was run on a dark print setting which is why the photograph came out so dark. The printer and I will know better next time.

FYI: The Executive Board has approved the purchase of Pagemaker, a desk top publishing package. I am currently pricing the package—looking for the best price as well as user support. Should be an exciting time learning the package and experimenting with new formats for the Newsletter. I'll keep you posted ...

Look for the DUES RENEWAL FORM ON THE LAST PAGE!

Katherine J. Tooley

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

There has been a relatively recent development in AALL affairs that has not, to my mind, received sufficient attention. That development is the proliferation of new city and state chapters. Since the late seventies I count the addition of eleven such chapters---five covering a city, four a state, and two, part of a state. Some of the new state chapters are actually city chapters in all but name when the small number of out-state law librarians is considered. In addition there are active nonformally-constituted chapters in such cities as Kansas City, MO.

What has received little attention is the question of how this development affects or will affect the other chapters and the membership of AALL generally. It seems to me, first, that its overall impact is healthy. Law Librarians have additional vehicles for professional informal interaction, organizational participation, and continuing education. This is especially beneficial for law librarians who otherwise find it difficult to attend professional meetings. Furthermore, it provides opportunities for multiple meetings in a year. Most city chapters meet monthly allowing for substantial informal interaction with peers. State chapters meet at least twice a year compared to once for the multi-state chapters like ours. The very fact that these small chapters have proliferated is an indication that they serve needs unfulfilled by the regional chapters, especially for law firm librarians.

When this development began nearly a decade ago, David Thomas of Brigham Young University expressed concern that these limited-area chapters would diminish or even destroy the effectiveness of the existing regional chapters. I think it is fair to say that this has not occurred for at least two important reasons. First, many people belong to and participate in more than one chapter. Second, the regional chapters remain as the only vehicle, aside from AALL, to serve the professional organization and education needs of most academic law librarians and law firm and court librarians from smaller cities.

At the same time, however, as these local chapters have burgeoned, the number of law firm law librarians has grown almost exponentially. We don't know, therefore, whether there would not possibly have been far greater law firm librarian participation in regional chapters had those city and state chapters not been established. We, furthermore, cannot say that there has not been at least some decline in the participation of librarians from long-established law firms as a result of the creation of these alternative professional organizations. Although this is only my opinion, I believe there has been some negative impact on a few regional chapters, including MAALL. Law firm librarians from major
cities in our region, it seems to me, have not been as active in MAALL as they might otherwise have been. This has deprived the others—from all types of libraries—of the benefit of their perspectives and knowledge. Academics benefit from hearing about how legal research operates in the "real world," and librarians from smaller law firms benefit from the experiences of their colleagues in larger, more affluent firms.

The solution to this problem—if I am right that it exists—is of course not to deny to urban law librarians the real advantages of metropolitan associations, but for the regional chapters to offer them genuine benefits and to convince them and their bosses that those benefits are real. I believe that we have not been very successful in achieving either objective. I am afraid I have little specific to suggest to ameliorate this deficiency, but here are a few thoughts: (1) Bring in more law firm librarians from major cities to speak at our meetings. (2) Make certain we have more input from law firm librarians in program planning. (3) Provide scholarship assistance to law firm librarians who lack sufficient financial assistance from their employers for professional travel. (4) Hold more concurrent programs that will satisfy all constituencies—law firms, academia, and others. (5) Hold fewer meetings in out-of-the-way college towns.

I hope to hear from any of you who are either convinced that I am mistaken in my belief that there is a problem (I am open to changing my mind about that) or have some comments about my suggestions or have some other specific solutions to the problem.

---Peter C. Schanck

AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO LEXIS AND WESTLAW ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION

BY LOU LINDSEY
Associate Law Librarian
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Instruction in LEXIS and WESTLAW at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville is unique in the way it is integrated into the first year curriculum. The goal of the program is to teach computer-assisted legal research (CALR) at points in the first year law student's curriculum when it will be immediately useful.

In their first semester, as one lecture in the legal bibliography and research course, students are introduced to the concept of computer-assisted research and the strong points and limitations of on-line research. The lecture on this topic utilizes overhead transparencies made from WESTLAW and LEXIS printouts by the law librarian who specializes in CALR. One question on the final
examination for first semester legal research covers material presented in this initial lecture. Thus, by the close of the first semester, students should have a thorough grounding in hard copy research, and an appreciation of the advantages and difficulties in database research as well.

Students returning after the holidays are welcomed to second semester by their legal writing instructor who immediately hands out topics for a brief writing project. Each small section of the class has its own topic. First, students have two weeks to attend lectures by their writing instructor and to conduct hard copy research on the topic assigned their section. Then, the legal writing instructors take a break, nine extra WESTLAW or LEXIS terminals arrive, and the CALR specialist law librarian takes over for the next two weeks.

Actual training of the first year class is the next step. The kickoff is a lecture by the CALR specialist librarian to each small section, explaining the basics of query formulation. With much class participation, each group plans a query relating to its assigned brief topic. This query will be the sample used later that week for initial hand-on training.

Still grouped with others in their legal writing section so they all have the same research topic, students come nine at a time to the library computer room where the training center with nine terminals is set up. The training query used is designed by them to provide a head start in their semester-long brief writing project. The same basic principles that are covered by a LEXIS or WESTLAW trainer are covered in one and a half-hour sessions, but the query is one students are motivated to improve upon and try out in various databases. Every session is different, which keeps the librarian trainer's interest too.

After the first on-line training session, students are assigned a guided exercise to be completed individually before the second week. This exercise is created by the library staff and is updated yearly. Students also receive and are assigned to read the training material distributed by the system. They are encouraged to review on their own time the training programs on-line and on the five personal computers in the computer lab. Anytime the library is open, students may also view the videos produced by LEXIS and WESTLAW.

The second week of training begins with a lecture on advanced services and techniques such as field or segment searching, Shepardizing, Insta-cite or Autocite, date restrictions, etc. Actual computer print-outs made into transparencies are the main illustrative materials. Therefore, before attending the second on-line session on these advanced procedures and services, students have had an introduction to the database search methods, so hopefully they are not overwhelmed with too much detail when it
comes time to put fingers to keyboard.

The second advanced on-line sessions generally last an hour. Afterwards, students are required to practice on their own, since three print-outs of original queries are part of the course requirements. The librarian critiques each query, and returns the print-outs with comments and suggestions for improvement. In this way, errors in query formulation are caught at the beginning. After a program of two classroom lectures, two on-line training sessions and assignments, students return for several weeks to their legal writing instructor.

The following month, another two week period is allotted to the CALR specialist librarian for training on the system which is to be taught next. The plan is to alternate LEXIS and WESTLAW each year, so if LEXIS is taught first one year, it will be taught second the following year. The round of training with the second system is more traditional, but it, too, is conducted in two sessions one week apart, and students are required to complete a guided exercise and turn in two printouts showing how their own queries were formulated.

The cooperation of the legal research and legal writing professors has been a real key to the workability of a mandatory, integrated approach to teaching LEXIS and WESTLAW as a part of the first year curriculum.
Several members have recently volunteered to serve on committees but there are still some openings available. I hope each of you who are not already listed there will look over the list of open slots and let me know if you would like to fill any.

--- Peter Schanck

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AALL AWARDS COMMITTEE

Carl Yirka, Chair of AALL Awards Committee, is asking for nominations for the three awards to be given by AALL during the 1989 Annual Meeting.

The AALL Awards Committee seeks nominations for the 1989 awards. Information about each award is listed below. To nominate, please send the requisite information to Carl A. Yirka, Chair, Awards Committee, New York Law School, 57 Worth Street, New York, New York 10013.

Joseph L. Andrews Bibliographical Award

Named in honor of the Reference Librarian for the Association of the Bar of the City of New York from 1930 to 1965, the Andrews Award has been presented since 1967 for "significant contribution to legal literature." "Significant contribution" is measured by the work's creative, evaluative elements and the extent to which judgement was a factor in the work's formation. To nominate a work, send its full citation to Carl A. Yirka. The deadline for nominations is March 1, 1989.

Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is presented for outstanding recognition of extended and sustained distinguished service to law librarianship and to the AALL. The award is presented to an individual nearing or following completion of an active professional career. Honorees may be recognized for achievement in a particular area of law librarianship, for service to the Association, or for outstanding contributions to the professional literature. The individual must be a member of AALL. To nominate an individual for this award send a letter to Carl A. Yirka summarizing the individual's career. The deadline for nominations is February 1, 1989.

Law Library Publication Award

The Law Library Publication Award is presented to honor achievement in creating in-house user-oriented library materials outstanding in quality and significance. Qualified materials include bibliographies, library aids, guides, pathfinders, maps, newsletter, videotapes, slides, and software. Publications which are produced primarily for sale outside the local clientele or which are offered systematically for sale in large numbers are not eligible for this award. Unsuccessful entries may be submitted for consideration each year, and new editions may be submitted for new consideration. To nominate a publication, send three copies to Carl A. Yirka. The deadline for nominations is March 1, 1989.
NAVIGATING THE NINETIES: RESOURCE STRATEGIES

Mary Lu Linnane, Pub. Chair

The Bismarck Hotel in Chicago will be the site of the Midwest Regional Conference of Law Librarians, October 26-28, 1989. Arrangements are being confirmed regarding speakers, program topics, special events and exhibits. United Airlines will serve as the official carrier for the Midwest Conference, offering discounts of 5% to 30% on supersaver to regular coach fares for flights to Chicago. The Opening Reception will be held at the historic Newberry Library. Guest speakers will include Herbert White, Dean of the School of Library and Information Science at Indiana University and thought-provoking Library Journal columnist and Jim Edgar, Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian. A half-day Automation SIS Workshop (separate registration) is planned for the morning of October 26. The conference will begin at 12:30 p.m. that day with an Opening Luncheon where Dean White will be the featured speaker.

Program topics will include: The Philosophy of Reference; International Business Law: U.S. and Canada; Managing Stress; Automation: Ergonomics and Work Stations; Marketing a Law Library; and Time Management with Wes Cochran, Director of the Law Library at the University of Mississippi, bringing this popular program to Chicago.

Information about registration for the conference will be available in Sprint 1989. Law Librarians are invited to come and make Chicago their October 26-28, 1989 for the first Midwest Regional Conference of Law Librarians and learn about "Navigating the Nineties."

NEW AALL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

AALL President Margaret Leary has announced that Judy Genesen has been hired as the new Executive Director for AALL and will start work on February 1, 1989.

Judy Genesen has been with the Chicago Transit Authority since 1974, first as head reference librarian (1974-1982) and then as supervisor of forms, records, and procedures (1982-1985) and finally as director of information services. Before going to CTA, Judy worked for five years as reference librarian for the Joint Reference Library, providing reference service and extensive periodical indexing for nine national associations. Her first professional position was as science librarian for the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools High School.

Her bachelor's and library science degrees are from the University of Chicago, and she has studied transportation management at Northwestern. Judy is one of the best known and most respected librarians in Chicago; she was president of the Chicago Library Club in 1987-1988, and served on the Dean's Alumni Advisory Committee of the University of
Chicago Graduate Library School in 1984-1986. She's also very active at the state level: for example, she was President of the Illinois SLA Chapter in 1979-1980--and nationally, as nominee for SLA Division Cabinet Chair 1989-1991. These are only examples of her many accomplishments and activities.

The Board has already arranged for Judy to attend the AALS meeting in New Orleans in January, and she will travel to some chapter meetings throughout the spring.

The Board and President Leary will work with Judy to establish priorities; there is a tremendous amount to be done with Headquarters as an office, and with the general organization of the Association, and it can't all be done at once. Judy is very committed to Headquarters' providing administrative support services for our members' professional activities.

[Extracted from a letter sent to Peter Schanck.]
NEWS FROM OTHER CHAPTERS

BY SARA HIBBELER

The Colorado Association of Law Libraries was fortunate to have a member of the Colorado Bar Association's Law and Technology Committee as a speaker at its October, 1988 meeting. Phil Shuey explained the committee's intention to go online with the Colorado statutes, regulations, Attorney General's opinions and state agency decisions. Mr. Shuey also explained "CoBarNet", the Colorado equivalent of ABAnet. (COALL Newsletter, vol.12, no.6, Nov. 1988)

Wanda Gozdz is the author of an article titled "The Anatomy of a Library Consulting Service" which appeared in a recent South Florida Association of Law Libraries Newsletter. In her article, Ms. Gozdz explains the functions of such a service and shows the practicality of hiring one. (SFALL Newsletter, vol.12, no.2, Nov/Dec 1988)

"Things We Never Learned in Library School" is the title of a humorous piece in the December issue of Law Librarians of New England News. It is written by Mary Jane Kelsey and Jo-Anne Giammattei, Librarians at Yale University Law Library. The article is a "Murphy's law" look at what can go wrong in the "typical" law library. (LLNE News, vol. 9, no.4, Dec. 1988)

There is an informative article, "Simplifying 'Complex' and 'Multidistrict' Litigation", which appeared in a recent issue of the Houston Area Law Libraries Newsletter. The article is written by Ana Sifuentes and Jim Hambleton. They explain these types of litigation, give a brief history and cite relevant sources. (H.A.L.L. Newsletter, vol.6, no.3, 1988)

Beginning with its November, 1988 issue (#122), the CALL Bulletin (Chicago Association of Law Libraries) has put out its newsletter in desktop publishing format. The newsletter is slick and professional. The articles are easy to read and the graphics are impressive. There is even a cover sheet to protect the bulletin when mailed.

The Dallas Association of Law Librarians Advance Sheet has a column in each issue titled "Total Technical Services." It is edited by Joan Englander, a librarian at Southern Methodist University. The column is in question and answer format. The most recent issue discusses correct cataloging for an item that could be a monograph or a serial and which has differing dates on the title page and verso. (DALL Advance Sheet, vol.12, no.12, Dec. 1988)
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KANSAS

Peter Schanck and Mary Burchill of the University of Kansas Law Library are at work planning the 1990 MAALL Conference. The Conference will be held in Lawrence and the historic Eldridge Hotel has been chosen as the site for the meeting. The Eldridge is located in downtown Lawrence.

MISSOURI


The Legal Information Alert named Eileen H. Searls, Law Library Director at St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri an "Outstanding law Librarian" for 1988. Searls and five other librarians were recognized this year. "This is the third year we've asked law librarians and attorneys across the country to nominate outstanding librarians," said Donna Tuke Heroy, Editor and Publisher of the Legal Information Alert. "We're delighted to provide this forum to bring these professionals to the attention of their colleagues and the public."

Searls began her career as a cataloger at Yale University, but has been at St. Louis University since 1952. Under her direction, the library has grown from a one-person operation to a modern research library with computerized research services and a computer center for students. Eileen's enthusiasm encourages those around her to achieve professional excellence. "She is always open to innovation and quite good at spotting coming trends. She's made this an exciting library in which to work," says librarian Betsy McKenzie, who along with another librarian, James Milles, nominated Eileen.

Please welcome new member
Margaret Smith. Margaret, a 1988 graduate of Indiana University Library School at Bloomington, began her duties at St. Louis University Law School Library on January 3, 1989. Prior to taking her graduate degrees, she has ten years of paraprofessional experience from the Linda Hall Library in Kansas City.

OKLAHOMA

NORMAN

The University of Oklahoma appointed Shelley Clement to the post of Circulation Librarian in July, 1988.

Renovation and refurbishing is going on in the OU Law Center. The Admissions office is being remodelled and new carpet and furniture arrived throughout the building starting in the fall.

OKLAHOMA CITY

Judith Morgan, Director at Oklahoma City University, reports that OCU has gotten InfoTrac to try out for the current semester. OCU will also be having a LEXIS Training Center this year. This is their first experience with this approach to training.

Personnel news at OCU includes the appointment of Lucille Fercho as head of Public Services on September 15. Kathy Kelly is OCU's new Circulation assistant and Fran Deathe is the new reference/circulation librarian for evenings and weekends. Fran will be getting her library degree from OU in May.
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 Trish Cervenka, MAALL Placement Chair, College of Law Library, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68583-0902; phone (402) 472-3547; telefax: (402) 472-5185.

ARKANSAS

Reference Librarian: Requirements: JD or substantial coursework toward the JD from ABA-accredited school required; MLS, law library experience, computer experience preferred. Duties: Provides reference assistance to faculty, students and attorneys in combination academic/county law library. Supervises computer lab for students. Assists in computer training and bibliographic instruction, long and short-term planning, and collection development. Some evening and weekend hours will be required. Tenure track. Salary: Negotiable, depending upon qualifications and experience. Available: Immediately. Send letter, resume and 3 references to: Lynn Foster, Director, UALR/Pulaski County Law Library, 400 W. Markham, Little Rock, Ark. 72201. Applications will be subject to inspection under the Arkansas FOIA. UALR is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and actively seeks the candidacy of women and minorities.

KANSAS

Position: Associate Director and Head of Public Service. School of Law Library. This position carries general faculty status. The opportunity to teach a small section of legal research and writing may be available. Responsibilities: Oversees day-to-day operations of the library, including evening and weekend service. Assumes duties of the director in director's absence. Shares responsibility for annual and long-range planning for facilities, automation, personnel, equipment, and services. Supervises public services staff of 6.5 FTE which carries out functions of circulation, reference (including online bibliographic searching), microcomputer lab, government documents, document delivery, faculty and outreach services. Shares responsibility for collection development. Shares
responsibility for developing and executing programs to meet law school needs for bibliographic instruction. Assumes other responsibilities and specific duties assigned by the director. Reports to the Library Director. Qualifications: M.L.S. degree from an ALA-accredited library school and a J.D. degree from an ABA-accredited law school and meaningful experience in an academic law library. REquirements include: an ability to communicate clearly orally and in writing, an ability to supervise effectively and work with small groups, possession of legal reference skills including online searching. Preference will be given to candidates familiar with computer-based library technologies (e.g. IBM-compatible microcomputers, interactive videodisk, CD-ROM, local area networks). Application: Submit letter of application, resume, and the names of three references. Top candidates will be asked to furnish copies of law school and library school transcripts. Applications should be submitted by February 15, 1989 to: Prof. John E. Christensen, School of Law Library, Washburn University, Topeka, KS 66621. (913) 295-6688. Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience. Washburn University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.
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