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The Editor's Corner

Pagemaker and Windows 286 have arrived, but our new computer hasn't so the new toys are still in the box. I can hardly wait to begin using them. With luck the June Newsletter will have a new "look".

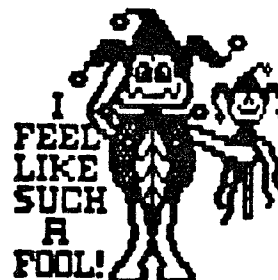
As you will see, this Newsletter doesn't have an article or a book review. PLEASE!!!! As Number 5 says in "Short circuit": INPUT I NEED INPUT!! This is the Newsletter of the membership, so please people, get involved!! The next deadline is May 15. Enough soap box.

Hopefully spring is really here, but with the weather like it has been the last two week: 78 one day and snow the next, I just don't know. I hope April Fool's day doesn't catch any of you. Until next time

Katherine J. Tooley

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Law Librarians consistently rank continuing education as the AALL activity they most value. (I wonder deep in our hearts if we wouldn't actually rank the social activities of the annual meeting first, but that is not my subject here.) AALL meeting programs are generally well attended, spots in AALL institutes and workshops are usually filled early, and chapter programs seem to be popular.

AALL has taken steps over the past few years to implement this expression of interest in continuing education by hiring a full-time Professional Development Officer and by significantly increasing the number of institute involving intensive training. Recently Martha Brown, the AALL Professional Development Officer, surveyed chapter presidents and others to identify their educational needs and desires. We can hope our wishes will soon be transformed into more and higher quality institutes, workshops, and programs.

Some of the questions in her survey dealt with whether we wanted regional programs, whether they should be operated by the chapters, and whether we would like to have videotape programs available for sale or rental. These questions closely relate to chapter concerns. We in MAALL should begin thinking about whether we (possibly in conjunction with other chapters) would want to hold regional workshops or institutes of one to four days on topics of reasonably widespread interest.

In the meantime, a number of chapters are already holding educational institutes and, from what I have heard by word-of-mouth, they are mostly quite successful. Most of those I am familiar with are held by local, rather than regional, chapters. Members are, thus, able to participate without expending funds on travel and housing accommodations. We are not in that advantageous position. It seems to me, therefore, that there are three questions we must consider: (1) Would our members be interested in regional educational institutes; (2) would they be able to afford to attend; and (3) are there members willing to organize such institutes? I honestly don't have the slightest idea how to answer the first and third questions, while I am dubious about whether very many members could afford regional institutes. There is a further problem: If we sponsored educational institutes separate from our annual meeting, would fewer people attend our meetings? An alternative plan is to hold a one-day workshop before our annual meeting.

I will be discussing these issues with the MAALL Executive Board, but in the meantime I would be interested in any of your thoughts about these issues. (I appreciate that asking generally for comments does not tend to be very productive. Perhaps we will conduct a formal survey of the membership on continuing education.)

Peter Schanck

MID-AMERICA ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES 1988-1990

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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ENTER WEST'S TALENT SEARCH IN RENO

The first AALL Law Librarian Talent Search will be held in the Grand Ballroom at Bally's in Reno on Monday evening, June 19th. It will be sponsored by West Publishing Company in conjunction with the 1989 AALL Annual Meeting.

"There will be numerous cash prizes," said William H. Lindberg, Manager of the WESTLAW Academic Program. "And numerous door prizes," said Craig E. Runde, Manager of Marketing Special Projects.

Bill and Craig, who will be the emcees for the evening, say that prizes will be given to first-place (\$500) and second-place (\$250) individuals or small groups in the following categories: music, humor, and variety/dance. The same cash prizes will also be given in a special local chapter competition.

So, get out your dancing shoes, practice your tuba, and polish your act. Auditions, if necessary, will be held Sunday afternoon, June 18, at Bally's.

Talent Search rules require that acts are limited to less than five minutes. A "blue ribbon panel" of judges will base their decisions on creativity as well as execution. Special consideration will be given to acts that relate in some way to law librarianship. However, the audience will make the final decision.

Why not come to your spring chapter meeting with ideas on how you can help your chapter win the biggest law librarian talent search ever held, West's first AALL Law Librarian Talent Search.

For more information, please call Sheila DeRosier, The West Services Convention and Seminar Coordinator, at (612) 228-2406.

ACADEMIC LAW LIBRARIES SIS

The Academic Law Libraries SIS will hold its annual reception at the National Judicial College Library in Reno during the AALL Annual Meeting in June. The National Judicial College is located on the campus of the University of Nevada Reno. Clara Kelly, the library director, is planning a special evening for all who attend. As in the past, an open invitation is being issued to all members of AALL to join the SIS for refreshments, library tours, and conviviality. Transportation will be provided to take participants to and from UN-Reno.

The Academic SIS is pleased to acknowledge the generous support of the following companies serving as co-sponsors of the reception: Information Access Company, R.R. Bowker Co. and Innovative Interfaces.

Please mark your calendar and plan to join the Academic Law Libraries SIS at its reception on Monday, June 19, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the National Judicial College Library.

FOREIGN, COMPARATIVE & INTERNATIONAL LAW SIS
1989 WORKSHOP ON LAW AND LEGAL LITERATURE IN CIVIL LAW COUNTRIES

The Foreign, Comparative & International Law SIS is sponsoring a workshop on law and legal literature in civil law countries the day before the AALL annual meeting. Scheduled for Saturday, June 17, 1989, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (registration \$50), this workshop will provide an overview of the most important institutions and legal materials of civil law countries. The morning session will consist of a comparison of the common law and civil law systems, a review of the nature and history of civil law codification, and an analysis of the differences among modern civil law systems. The afternoon session will focus on the specifics of doing research in French and German law and on finding English language information on civil law jurisdictions.

The outstanding faculty for this workshop consists of Thomas Carbonneau, Professor of Law and Deputy Director of the Eason-Weinmann Center for Comparative Law at Tulane University School of Law; David Combe, Librarian and Professor of law at Tulane; Marie-Louise Bernal, Legal Research Analyst in the European Law Division of the Library of Congress Law Library; Claire Germain, Assistant Law Librarian and Senior Lecturer in Comparative Law at Duke University School of Law; John Pickron, Law Librarian and Associate Professor of Law in the University of Hawaii's Richardson School of Law; and, Amber Lee Smith, Foreign and International Law Librarian at the University of Miami Law Library.

For additional information about this workshop contact one of the co-directors: Francisco Avalos, University of Arizona School of Law Library, or Timothy Kearley, University of Illinois College of Law Library.

D.C. CHAPTER CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY AT AALL RENO MEETING

The Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C. is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary this year. Beginning with the publication of a commemorative calendar and culminating in October with a two day conference, "New Frontiers at Fifty," the Society is celebrating all year long. At the AALL Reno meeting the Chapter hopes to share some of its excitement with a larger audience. On Monday, June 19 at 2 p.m. the Society is sponsoring an educational program, "Not in My Backyard...or Millions of Tons of Hazardous Waste...and...we're talking about your backyard." Plan to visit the D.C. booth in the Chapter activities area. The exhibit will both offer a glimpse of the Society's past and highlight its current activities. Finally, the Society will host a gala champagne and dessert party in Bally's Hotel on Tuesday night, June 20, 1989 from 10:30 p.m. to Midnight. Tickets for the party are only \$6.00, and everyone's invited. Please use the reservation form below to order tickets.

RESERVATION FORM FOR LLSDC RENO PARTY

Name(s): _____

Library: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please reply to:

Natalie Rapley
Librarian
Bryan, Cave, McPheeters & McRoberts
1015 15th St., N.W. Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20005

Enclose \$6.00 for each ticket; make checks payable to LLSDC.

OF NOTE/MEMBERSHIP NEWS

ARKANSAS

The first meeting of Arkansas law librarians was held on January 20 at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock/Pulaski County Law Library. Lynn Foster, Director of the UALR/Pulaski County Law Library agreed to serve as Chair/Secretary. Librarians from Little Rock and Fayetteville attended. The next meeting will be held on March 17 at the Wright, Lindsey Jennings Law Library in Little Rock.

ILLINOIS

CARBONDALE

New items in SIU Publication Series. Two items have recently been added to the Publication Series of the Southern Illinois University School of Law Library. The new items now available for purchase are:

No. 10 Publications of the Southern Illinois University School of Law Faculty: A comprehensive Bibliography. Compiled by Frank G. Houdek. 1988. 49 p. \$10.00.

No. 11 Making "Wren" Work: A Multi-Dimensional Program for Teaching Legal Research. Edited by Frank G. Houdek. 1989. 84 p. \$10.00. (A description of a first-year legal research course based upon the "process" approach of Christopher and Jill Wren and using their The Legal Research Manual as the textbook. Includes detailed syllabus; extensive lesson plans for lectures, discussion

groups, and lab sessions; sample exercise assignments; and handouts.)

Titles in the Publication Series may be ordered separately or a standing order for all items as they are published may be established. Orders should be addressed to Lou Polsgrove, Southern Illinois University School of Law Library, Lesar Law Building, Carbondale, IL 62901-6803.

URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Time Kearley, Associate Director and Foreign Law Librarian, University of Illinois, has accepted the position of Director, Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. Time will be leaving Illinois in May.

C h e r y l N y b e r g , Documents/Reference Librarian, University of Illinois, is on sabbatical from January through June, 1989. Her latest publication is the 1985-1988 Supplement to Subject Compilations of State Laws. While on sabbatical, Cheryl will be working with former MAALL president, Carol Boast, on two reference books relating to laboratory animal welfare.

KANSAS

Mary Burchill from the KU Law Library has been appointed to the Kansas Library Network Board as a representative of special libraries, for a three year term.

Mary Burchill will be presenting a program at AALL titled "Genealogy from Courthouse to Computer."

Peter Schanck will coordinate and speak at another Reno session, "Limitations on the Use of Legislative Histories in Statutory Interpretation."

Fritz Snyder will be the emcee at the AALL program "QUIZDOC" put on by the Government Documents SIS.

Peter Schanck will speak at the SWALL meeting in Phoenix in early April. The program title is "Cooperative Purchasing - Organization, Goals, Successes, Failures"

Foulston, Siefkin, Powers and Eberhardt of Wichita has a new librarian. Donna Timm has been there since December and was previously in the legal field in Dover, Delaware.

Former Sedgwick County Law Librarian Sara Hill is now a reference librarian at Wichita State University Library.

SOUTH DAKOTA

In November, a fax machine was installed in the McKusick Law Library. Our fax number is (605) 677-5259. We knew a fax machine would be useful, but we had no idea that we would use it as much as we actually do. It has almost replaced Federal Express, and the attorney copy service is using it quite a bit.

John Hagemann recently wrote a book review on Group Dynamic Law: Exposition and Practice

which will be published in the South Dakota Law Review. he is currently working on another book review on Faith and the Professions for Legal Studies Forum.

Mary Jensen, Assistant Law Librarian, has been granted promotion to Associate Professor of Law effective July 1, 1989.



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NEWS FROM OTHER CHAPTERS

There is a useful bibliography of books and articles on space planning for law firm libraries, compiled by Proskauer Rose. It appears in the Law Lines newsletter of the Law Library Association of Greater New York. (Vol. 13, no. 4, Jan. 1989)

"Slow Fires: On the Preservation of the Human Record:", an award-winning documentary on the problem of acid paper deterioration in America's libraries and archives, has been and will be broadcast in the upcoming months on Public Broadcasting System television stations around the country. The film was first shown in 1987 and is narrated by Robert MacNeil, and is sponsored in part by the Council on Library Resources and the Library of Congress. The Newsletter of the Western Pacific Chapter of AALL contains a brief commentary of the documentary. (WESTPAC News, vol. 13, no.2, Dec. 1988)

Okay, get your sunglasses out and suntan lotion. The Southeastern Chapter of AALL is holding their annual meeting on a cruise ship. The meeting will be held in mid-April aboard the Dolphin, off the coast of Miami and will venture to Blue Lagoon island. (Southeastern Law Librarian, vol.14, no.3, Spring 1989)

Vol.13, no.1, Jan. 1989 of the Colorado Association of Law Libraries newsletter, COALL, contains information about the Disaster Preparedness Manual. It is authored by the

University of Arizona College of Law Library Disaster Preparedness Committee and will be available this spring. It is published by Hein and costs \$30.00.

John Schaefer has written a column in a recent issue of the Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association's newsletter. "LEXIS and WEstlaw in 1988" contains a discussion of new items found on both services, including new additions to libraries and files and changes in price structuring. (GPLLA Newsletter, vol.13, no.5, 1/31/89)

The Newsletter of the New Jersey law Librarians Association contains an analysis of the Employment Discrimination Coordinator. Gayle Lynn Nelson offers examples of specific material included and discusses a companion publication, the Primary Source Manual. Both are published by Research Institute of America and are in looseleaf format. (NJLLA Brief, vol.1, no.2, Jan. 1989)

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.

ILLINOIS

Head Catalog Librarian. Northwestern University Law Library invites applications for the position of Head Catalog Librarian. Requirements: ALA-accredited MLS. Relevant cataloging experience using AACR2, LC subject headings and classification, and MARC formats. Demonstrated managerial and supervisory abilities. Duties: Responsible for overall management of the Catalog Department, the Department Head performs original cataloging, develops policies and procedures, sets goals, supervises staff of one other professional cataloger and 5.5 support positions. Cataloging is done on NOTIS. Library has RLIN and will soon join OCLC. Salary: competitive, commensurate with experience. Excellent benefits package, including 23 vacation days. Send application, resume, and names of three references to: Barbara J. Hycnar, Associate Director/Head of Technical Services, Northwestern University Law Library, 357 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. AA/EOE

MISSOURI

SENIOR CATALOGER. Position as Senior Cataloger available at St. Louis University Law Library. Minimum qualifications: MLS, 2 years experience with OCLC or other bibliographic utility; working knowledge of AACR2 LC classing & LCSH. Reading knowledge of German & Latin highly desirable. Senior Cataloger supervises 1 full time cataloger and support personnel. Salary: min. \$22,000. Lavish continuing education opportunities. Women & minorities encouraged to apply. Send resume & 3 references to Richard C. Amelung, St. Louis University Law Library, 3700 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108.

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February 22, 1989

**Mr. Peter Schanck
University of Kansas Law Library
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Dear Peter:

In order to increase the services available to the membership of AALL, I would like your assistance with three projects which are underway:

1. The creation of a resource file of speakers. The persons recommended may be AALL members or non-members and may have backgrounds in disciplines other than librarianship or law. I do ask that the person making the recommendation[s] have first-hand knowledge of the speaker[s]. I have enclosed a form which will help us develop a usable body of information. Please feel free to photocopy as necessary and certainly distribute to members of your chapter who may want to have input into developing this resource.
2. I am developing a comprehensive calendar of AALL national, regional, and chapter-level programs and events. Will you send a list of your chapter's meetings and educational programs for the remainder of the calendar year; I will gather the information together and distribute it. Please include the following information [repeat for each event]:

Chapter Name(s) _____

Month/Day(s) _____ Fee _____

Meeting/Program/Event _____

Contact Person _____

Name

Telephone

Date of Chapter Annual Meeting & Change of Officers: _____

RETURN BY MARCH 31, 1989

3. In order to share the wealth of expertise and experience which exists within the association, I am developing a resource file which consists of information about chapter-sponsored educational programs which will be made available to the membership. Ideally, the following should be included:
1. A sample meeting announcement or flyer.
 2. Schedule/agenda
 3. A copy of any handout materials
 4. A copy of the summary of participants' evaluations
 5. A summary of the program planners' report/evaluation

RETURN AS PROGRAMS OCCUR

In addition, if you have any "words to the wise" or have had experiences you would rather not repeat, will you let me know? This type of information can be helpful to someone else.

I want to thank you in advance for your help; your participation will enable AALL to serve you more effectively.

Sincerely,



Martha S. Brown
Professional Development Officer

Speaker Recommendation

2. **Area(s) of Expertise**

3. Is a dynamic, interesting, speaker. 5 4 3 2 1

Comments: _____

4.	Presents material at a level suitable to the background and experience of participants.	5	4	3	2	1
	Comments:					

5.	Demonstrates how concepts presented may be applied in the workplace.	5	4	3	2	1
Comments: _____						

	5	4	3	2	1
6. Relates information to issues of importance to law librarians.					
Comments:					

7.	Communicates in clear, precise language.	5	4	3	2	1
Comments: _____						

8.	Responds satisfactorily to questions from participants.	5	4	3	2	1
Comments: _____						

9. Demonstrates an appropriate sense of humor. 5 4 3 2 1
Comments: _____

10. Utilizes a variety of formats for presentations. 5 4 3 2 1
Comments: _____

11. Handout materials distributed are useful to the participants and appropriate to the topic & format. 5 4 3 2 1
Comments: _____

12. Cooperates with program planners, i.e., meets deadlines, works easily with others. 5 4 3 2 1
Comments: _____

13. Expected remuneration (honoraria, fees, expenses, etc.): _____

14. Would you invite this speaker back to another AALL educational event? Please Comment: _____

15. Recommended by: _____
[name]
[address]
[telephone]

Please Return to:

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Law Library

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 24, 1989

TO: 11th Circuit Law School, Court and County Library
Directors

FROM: Edwin M. Schroeder, Director *Ed*

SUBJECT: 11th Circuit Briefs Project

A year ago I advised law school library directors that the 11th Circuit Court of Appeal had approved a proposal to microfilm the briefs filed in cases before that Court. I am sending this memo to you to bring everyone up to date on that project.

After much delay I can now say we expect to begin sending 11th Circuit Briefs to our microfilmer by the end of January. Accordingly, I need to know which of you wishes to subscribe to the service. Whether you responded or not to my correspondence to law school librarians of 10 September 1987, I would appreciate your reaffirming your library's interest. You may do this by purchase order or letter.

A year ago the Court sent us its first shipment of 20 cartons; we now have 40 cartons consisting of approximately 1,100 cases. We have organized the files and developed an inventory but do not know how much of the 1987 or 1988 case load that represents. For the twelve months ending June 1986 there were approximately 850 reported opinions in the Federal Reporter. Our background in producing Florida Supreme Court briefs indicates that each case results in an average of 4 microfiche consisting of 60 images. Until we develop experience unique to the 11th Circuit cases we will make decisions using our Florida Supreme Court practice as the guiding norm. It is clear, however, that the 11th Circuit venture should be far less labor intensive than the Florida project.

SPECIFICS

Reduction ratio	- 23:1
Polarity	- negative
Microfiche master	- silver halide, jacketed microfiche
Distribution copies	- diazo
Microfiche	- 4" x 6", 60 images per fiche
Standing Order Cost	- \$ 1.45 per fiche

As part of the agreement with the 11th Circuit the project will pay for the cost of shipping the briefs to Tallahassee and will provide a complimentary copy of the microfiche to the Court. As reimbursement of our administrative costs in the project the Florida State University Law Library will receive a complimentary copy of the microfiche.

I hope you will consider committing to the project. Please respond by letter, purchase order or the like indicating your intentions. If you have any questions, give me or Mike Lynch, Associate Director, a call (904-644-4578).