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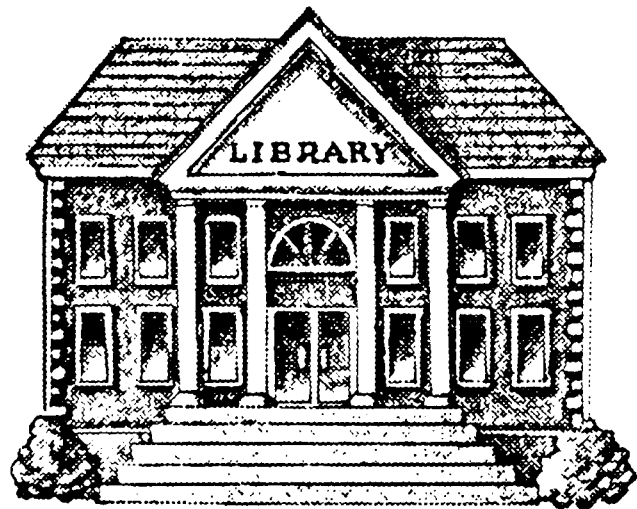
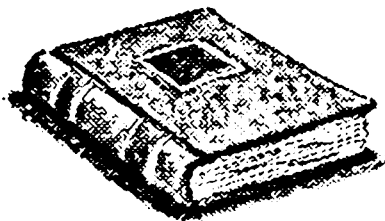
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*I haven't much to say here, my comments appear later in this issue. Please see the logo/banner contest information on Page 4. You may enter as often as you like! Your creativity and contributions are appreciated! Please note that the Dues form is a REMINDER form for those who have yet to pay their 1992 dues. If you've already paid, we thank you! If you have questions about your paid status, contact Cheryl Rae Nyberg at the University of Illinois Law Library.*

*Happy Spring Everyone!!!*

*Katherine J. Tooley*

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

A. **MAALL Logo contest:** As you may have noted, the information for the Logo contest was not included in the last MAALL Markings. So, we will extend the contest. Please see the information in this issue for submission requirements and mailing address. The deadline will be **April 15, 1992**. Please turn your creativity loose!

B. **San Francisco Meeting:** I recently received a message from Carolyn Ahearn, AALL President. She mentioned that it is time to begin thinking about July and expensive San Francisco. She is encouraging the chapters to figure out ways to help members make room sharing arrangements. She is also encouraging me to remind members to apply for Grants. There is over \$40,000 available this year to assist members with travel to this year's meeting. Application information can be found in the February 1992 AALL Newsletter.

I will do both. We will keep the list at Nebraska for anyone interested in finding a roommate. You can call me at (402) 472-5737 or e-mail me at: Sallyw@unllib.unl.edu.

Read Carolyn's March AALL Newsletter column if you are thinking that San Francisco is too expensive and too far away and then apply for a grant. One of the reasons to go to the annual meetings and the chapter meetings is to take advantage of the networking opportunities. But everyone needs to be there for networking to be truly effective. I may go, but if you do not - we cannot network. So, for my sake please go!

C. **Recruitment to Law Librarianship: An Open Forum**

I have received a memo from Margaret Leary who is the Coordinator and will be a Presenter of a AALL program in San Francisco entitled Recruitment to Law Librarianship: An Open Forum. She has put together a panel of Shelley Dowling (ideas from other professional organizations), Wes Cochran (ideal recruiting program for an AALL Chapter), Chuck Ten Brink (chapter recruiting program based on the Chicago Chapter), Robert Wedgeworth (comments and suggestions) and the AUDIENCE. Margaret will describe the possible role of an AALL Liaison to a Library School. We do not have such a liaison at this time. Members of the chapters are the AUDIENCE. She would like members of all the chapters to attend and participate in the open forum. Margaret defines participation that the members should come prepared to make suggestions and ask questions. I will pass the information on the Membership Committee for their response. But I am sure that they would be interested in any of your thoughts, ideas, and help. Contact Louise Hanson or the members of this Committee (Susan Goldner, Mary Jensen and Evelyn Gardner).

D. **List Servers:** I have been having the best time the last couple of months reading my e-mail. I joined Law-Lib - a law librarians conference - recently and have become hooked. There have been discussions of Shepard's, remodeling, food and drink, and just about everything else imaginable. Let me encourage you all to do the same. Law-Lib will let you network between meetings! If you would like to subscribe, send or call me and I will (hopefully) tell you how.

E. **University of Iowa School of Library and Information Science:**

As you recall, MAALL passed a resolution of support for the Library School at our annual meeting last October. I received a letter back indicating that the future of the School was being considered in a "careful, year-long review process." I will try to have more information by the next MAALL Markings.

F. Have a nice Spring!

*Sally*

LOGO CONTEST! LOGO CONTEST! LOGO CONTEST! LOGO CONTEST!  
LOGO!LOGO!LOGO!LOGO!

Contest? Did someone mention a contest??? Read the President's message for the FULL details! YOU could be famous in MAALL Land!!! Be creative and let your imagination flow.....



**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 1992!**

Well, I goofed. Tantalizing bits about the logo contest were in the December MAALL Markings, but surprise surprise! the instructions and deadline weren't. Major editor slippage ... **BUT HERE IT IS!!**

We need a logo for use on Association stationery and documents as well as a logo/banner for MAALL Markings. The prize, as listed in the December issue, will be a years membership extention in MAALL and recognition {for all time!} in MAALL Markings. Other than the wording below, it is not necessary to keep any of the previous MAALL logo elements. The essential elements to include are:

**LOGO:**

1. Mid-America Association of Law Libraries or MAALL
2. "A chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries" (the phrase is required on all official publications)
3. AALL's logo. It can be any size, but needs to appear

**Newsletter banner:**

1. The MAALL Logo, including all of the above
2. Newsletter title: MAALL Markings in whatever type font and size deemed appropriate
3. Placement, font style & size of the Executive Board listings

**All of the above should be submitted as either:**

- a) in camera ready format, that is, dark black on crisp white, suitable for scanning
- b) in a .tif file, machine generated, which can be read by a PC using WordPerfect 5.1 or Page Maker 4.0

Submit two (2) originals to: Katherine J. Tooley, MAALL Editor, The University of Tulsa College of Law Library, 3120 E. 4th Pl., Tulsa, OK 74104. Questions: (918)631-2457 or Internet: LAW\_KJT@vax1.utulsa.edu. **FAX submissions will not be accepted!**

**Decision of the judges [MAALL's Executive Board] is final.**

**“1992: A YEAR OF DISCOVERY”**

**MAALL ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 22-24, 1992  
CORNHUSKER HOTEL, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA**

**FROM KAY ANDRUS, PROGRAM CHAIR**

500 years after Columbus discovered the "new" world we are still discovering new and better ways to deliver legal information. Hence our theme for the MAALL meeting, October 22-24, 1992, in Lincoln, NE, *1992: A Year of Discovery*. Despite its peculiar name, the Cornhusker Hotel and Conference Center is a terrific facility. The meeting rooms are situated around an atrium in an “easy to locate” arrangement. This will make it easy for us to find both people and programs. The program committee is working to finalize a program which includes sessions of interest to firm, state, court, county, corporate and academic librarians. An example of a program that is relevant to all of us is: **Reach Out and Type Someone:** The basics of e-mail, electronic conferencing, bulletin boards, internet, bitnet, compuserve, gateways, listservs, sysops, NREN and more.

Other programs are under development and MALSLC will again be offering a workshop applicable to support staff as well as others. Watch for additional tidbits in future issues of MAALL Markings.

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**VOLUNTEER WANTED!  
MAALL MARKINGS NEWSLETTER EDITOR  
AND ADVERTISING MANAGER FOR 1993!!**

After five years as our association’s newsletter editor, our wonderful Katherine Tooley is taking a break! We are looking for an energetic volunteer to assume her duties as the MAALL Markings editor and advertising manager. MAALL Markings is now published four times per year, March, June, September, December. Perks associated with this position include a travel grant to attend the MAALL Annual Meeting, reimbursement for newsletter-related expenses and phone calls, and use of the Association’s PageMaker Software. In addition, MAALL may provide reimbursement for the registration fee for AALL newsletter workshops, subject to Executive Board approval.

Serving as newsletter editor is a wonderful way to learn more about our association, keep up on what’s going on in the profession in our region, and stay in touch with colleagues among the membership. Interested parties should contact: **Lori Hunt (816) 474-6550**. We hope to hear from you!

## NEBRASKA TRIVIA CONTEST -- Part II

Our next MAALL annual meeting will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska from Thursday, Oct. 22 through Saturday, October 24th. The Local Arrangements Committee is working hard, even as you read this, to make your visit to Lincoln an event to remember. To keep Nebraska and Lincoln ever in your mind, we are delighted to bring you Part II of our famous Nebraska Trivia Contest. We would like to salute those of you who responded to our first three trivia questions. For those of you who haven't yet participated, it's not too late. Remember, there's a fabulous prize involved! If you can't find your last issue of the MAALL Markings for the first three trivia questions, call, write or e-mail the Local Arrangements Co-Chairs for duplicates.

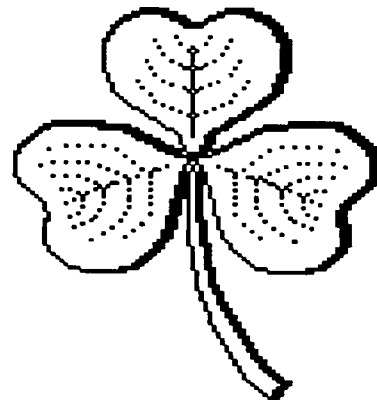
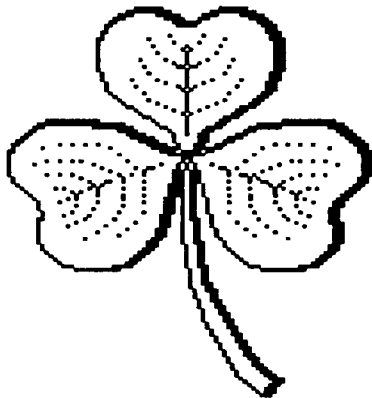
And now for those next three eagerly awaited questions. Everyone ready?

4. What inscription is chiseled into the southwestern corner of the University of Nebraska's Memorial Stadium?
5. What is the name of the bronze statue on the top of the Nebraska state capital and what is the statue doing?
6. On April 28, 1904, President Roosevelt signed an act providing that 37 counties in northwestern Nebraska would be available for homesteading (The Nebraska sandhills).

What was the name of this Act, and what were homesteaders under this act called? What was the maximum amount of land upon which they could homestead, and what was the land called?

Mail your answers to:

Brian Striman  
Rebecca Trammell  
Co-Chairs - Local Arrangements  
University of Nebraska at Lincoln  
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- a. The annual dues for individual membership and associate membership shall be \$10.00.
- b. The institutional membership shall be at a minimum rate of \$20.00, entitling one (1) member. Additional designated members will be at the rate of \$10.00, with no Library to pay annual dues in excess of \$100.00.
- c. The year for dues shall begin on January 1, and the fiscal year shall begin on January 1.

Please complete and mail this form along with your check to: Cheryl Rae Nyberg, MAALL Treasurer. **ONE FORM PER MEMBER PLEASE**, with each institutional member having a form so they will receive a Newsletter and have their name appear in the Membership Directory.

**MAALL DUES FORM**

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**E-MAIL ETIQUETTE "EMOTICONS"  
{LIFTED FROM JOHN DOYLE'S LAW-LIB NOTICE}**

From a March 2, 1992 article in the Roanoke Times & World-News read on the Law-Lib@ucdavis bulletin board (Internet):

:)	smile
:(	frown
;)	wink
:O	open mouth
:*	puckered mouth
8)	glasses and mouth
:=)	eyes, nose and smiling mouth
8=)	glasses, nose and mouth
@->	rose

Other etiquette reminders: don't type in all capitals, it's the same as shouting; always sign your messages and include your e-mail address; be polite, your message could be read by others than the intended recipient.

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**I.L.L. FROM IL\*  
FROM CHERYL RAE NYBERG**

Recently, several MALSLC members have reported problems in obtaining interlibrary loan/photocopy material from the University of Illinois. The staff of the University of Illinois Law Library regrets these difficulties and would like to avoid future problems.

Please address your requests directly to: Reference Librarian, University of Illinois Law Library, 504 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Champaign, IL 61820. FAX: (217)244-8500. We will do our utmost to expeditiously fill all requests for material located in the Law Library. As time and resources permit, we will also satisfy reasonable photocopy requests for material located elsewhere on the Urbana/Champaign campus.

Requests submitted via OCLC or addresses to the ILL office at the University of Illinois Library, 1408 W. Gregory, Urbana, IL 61801, will incur charges. Because of the volume of requests handled (over one thousand each day), the Main Library's ILL office cannot honor the special MALSLC ILL arrangement. ILL requests from MALSLC members will be treated just like any other request, including the assessment of fees when appropriate. If ILL requests **must** be submitted by OCLC, mark the cost line "N/C MALSLC" to assist the Main Library's staff in identifying requests that should be forwarded to the Law Library. Unfortunately, the Law Library cannot expunge fees generated by ILL requests. Please contact Cheryl Nyberg [(217) 244-3044; internet: axvuccn@uicvmc.aiss.uiuc.edu; bitnet: axvuccn@uicvmc] for additional information.

\*[This statement only concerns libraries that are members of the Mid-America Law School Library Consortium; non-members should not alter their procedures for requesting interlibrary loan/photocopy services from the University of Illinois]\*

## THE EDITOR'S LAMENT OR: HOW "IT" ALWAYS HAPPENS AT THE WORST TIMES!

How embarrassing ... I had to call Sally and tell her that due to editor error, this issue would be rather late. Actually, "error" isn't the correct term ... perhaps short-sightedness or the "it can't really happen to me syndrome" is more correct. So what is "IT" you ask?? Well, "IT" was a double whammy combination of the STONED and JERUSALEM viruses on my PC AND disks AND in PageMaker!

Virus protection?? Well, yes, the Law Library had virus protection. I was busy these last two and a half weeks installing McAfee's VShield V.86B on all the PCs in the Law Building while upgrading our lab at the same time. BUT !@! I neglected to scan my PC at home {which is on loan from the office}, the disks sent to me for this issue and worst of all, the PC where PageMaker is resident. I had checked that PC earlier, but had since used it with Newsletter materials. When I went late in February to complete the Newsletter, those files were irretrievable; RAM was jammed and a portion of PageMaker needed to be re-installed. Luckily, the Vshield Clean program worked fine and only the MAALL Markings directory was lost. We were also lucky in that the only viruses encountered were STONED and JERUSALEM, not Michelangelo.

As Grimm's Twisted Fairy Tales (on the Bullwinkle and Rocky show) always concluded: the moral of this story is ... **NO** PCs or diskettes are safe; scanning once is not enough, diskettes - even new ones - must be assumed to be infected, and the scanning software **MUST** be loaded into the autoexec.bat so it runs **EVERY TIME** the system is booted! Luckily, I could re-key this issue of the Newsletter and nothing but time and effort was lost.

Now that March 6 and Michelangelo's birthday have passed, the media is questioning whether the "hipe" about this virus was generated by the anti-virus software creators in order to sell more product. We'll never know, but there have been enough reports about Michelangelo's effect on equipment and businesses that weren't protected to make you really wonder. But there are other very real viruses out there, and more being "created" everyday by computer hackers just for the fun of seeing whether they can do it or not. Those 1,000 or so viruses that are known **ARE** real, and cause very real problems. Our dependance on computers now requires us to know more than how to operate a specific software package...we now must protect our data and operations from potential sabotage. So much for a kinder gentler society!

I hope my experience has motivated all of you to renewed vigilance. If we all scan disks before using, we have the potential to stop dead the spread of computer viruses. It's the least we can do for each other.

Sadder but wiser, *Katherine Tooley*



## SELECTIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY ON LIBRARY AUTOMATION AND TRAINING OF SUPPORT STAFF

by  
Mike McReynolds  
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School of Law Library

[**Compiler's Note:** This is a revised and expanded version of a bibliography prepared for the support staff workshop, "Stress Management: How to Cope with the Changes Automation Brings," held at the MAALL meeting in Columbia, Missouri in October, 1991.]

### LIBRARY AUTOMATION

Andrews, Virginia Lee and Kelley, Carol Marie. "Changing Staffing Patterns in Technical Services Since the 1970's: A Study in Change." Journal of Library Administration, Vol. 9, no. 1, Pp. 55-70, 1988.

In this lengthy article, the authors describe the changes that occurred in staffing and job responsibilities in one library as automation was planned and became reality. Those who have automated can relate to the changes, those who have not yet automated can learn from this description of a successful automation transition.

Bichteler, Julie. "Human Aspects of High Tech in Special Libraries." Special Libraries, Vol. 77, Pp. 121-128 (Summer 1986).

This article discusses a study of how automation affects the health and well being of those whose work is automated. "Technostress" is a real phenomenon that can be reduced by proper training and use of equipment.

Byerly, Greg. "Introducing Staff to Change: High Technology can be Frightening without Proper Planning." Computers in Libraries, Vol. 10, Pp. 39-40 (December 1990).

Professor Byerly's article emphasizes the need for planning and communication when any changes occur in the library environment.

Dupont, Jerry. "CD-ROM in Law Libraries: Machines in Search of a Mission." Microform Review, Vol. 18, no. 4, Pp. 235-240 (Fall 1989).

Mr. Dupont (a producer of microform products for law libraries) discusses the potential, the reality, and the shortcomings of current CD-ROM technologies on the market today.

Harrington, Sue Anne. "The Changing Environment in Technical Services." Technical Services Quarterly, Vol. 4, no. 2, Winter 1986.

Mrs. Harrington provides an overview of how automation has changed the technical services environment. Routine tasks have been streamlined, professionals have been freed to perform more high level and managerial tasks, and support staff have been given more responsibility.

Horny, Karen L. "Fifteen Years of Automation: Evolution of Technical Services Staffing." Library Resources & Technical Services, Vol. 31, Pp. 69-76 (Jan./Mar. 1986).

Ms. Horny's article discusses the long range changes that have taken place at Northwestern University since automation began. Northwestern was one of the early universities to automate technical services functions.

Jones, D.E. "Library Support Staff and Technology: Perceptions and Opinions." Library Trends, Vol. 37, Pp. 432-456 (1988).

This article is a summary and analysis of a study done at several major universities on the broad issues of support staff and technology in libraries. The survey and the quantitative results are included.

Kneeland, Marjorie Harrison. "How Does Your Garden Grow?: Seven Successful Strategies [When Employees Resist Automation Plans]." Small Computers in Libraries, Vol. 8, Pp. 23-24 (November 1988).

Ms. Kneeland's article makes an analogy to the planning, cultivating, and harvesting of a garden in describing the successful library automation process. As with some other articles in this list, the emphasis is on planning, communication and training as necessary ingredients to a successful transition to automation.

Presley, Roger L. and Robinson, Carolyn L. "Changing Roles of Support Staff in an Online Environment." Technical Services Quarterly, Vol. 4, no. 1 (Fall 1986).

The authors discuss the automation of acquisitions and serials at Georgia State University and the changes that occurred in staffing. The transition required much interaction between professional and support staff and resulted in a more highly skilled support staff being responsible for many of the routine duties that had been performed by professionals.

Rooks, Dana C. and Thompson, Linda L. "Impact of Automation on Technical Services." Journal of Library Administration, Vol. 9, no. 1, Pp. 121-136 (1988).

The authors discuss the tremendous changes that have occurred in technical services over the past two decades. They address the changes in staffing, the methods (largely computerization of functions) and how to address these continuing changes with a minimum of stress. They remind the reader that the goals of a technical service department have not changed, only the way the way the work is completed is different.

Sutton, Brett. "Overcoming Illusions: Thoughts on Learning to Use Small Computers." Online, Vol. 14, Pp. 86-89 (July 1990). (Also in NEXIS Library; ONLINE File).

Professor Sutton describes opportunities that have opened to all library staff members due to the small personal computer. He contrasts the changes that are occurring in libraries since the advent of the PC to the changes that occurred in early automation. Now all staff members can participate in automation, because equipment and software have become more standardized and easier to use for those not trained in computer science.

Waters, David. "The Effect of New Technology on Prestige, Self-esteem and Social Relationships of University Library Employees." LASIE, Vol. 20, no. 1, Pp. 16-22 (July/Aug. 1989).

Professor Waters discusses a study done in a number of Australian university libraries on changes in prestige, self-esteem and social relationships of library employees as a result of increasing automation in libraries.

Weaver, Maggie. "Library Technicians and Information Technology Go Hand in Hand." Canadian Library Journal, Vol. 46, Pp. 149-150 (June 1989).

This article discusses the opportunities for library personnel to specialize in the areas of automation.

## TRAINING OF SUPPORT STAFF

Beales, Karen. "Non-professional Information and Training." Education for Information, Vol. 7, Pp. 29-41 (1989).

I chose this article despite the fact that it uses the antiquated term, "non-professional," to describe support staff. This note is from the abstract: "This article examines the profession of information science and librarianship with regard to the division between professional and non-professional staff. It gives a more detailed inspection of the role of the non-professional, leading to thoughts on the importance and need for education and training of non-professional staff."

Bossin, Kerry. "Are You Learning as Much as You Can?: The Personal Dynamics of Networking for Library Support Staff."

Library Mosaics, Vol. 2, Pp. 12-13 (Jan./Feb. 1991).

Ms. Bossin, a library paraprofessional, encourages library support staff to become involved in library organizations, get to know other paraprofessionals, read some of the relevant literature, and profit from networking with other library support staff.

Boyce, Judith I. "Continuing Education for Paraprofessionals." LLA Bulletin (Louisiana Library Association), Vol. 52, Pp. 179-184 (Spring 1990).

This article is written from a Louisiana perspective, but the message applies to all libraries. There are very few formal training programs for library support staff -- even fewer than ALA accredited library schools. This requires that libraries and library organizations take a more active role in ongoing education and training of support staff.

Coleman, Kathleen and Margutti, Elizabeth. "Training Nonprofessionals for Reference Service." RQ, Vol. 16, Pp. 217-219 (Spring 1977).

The authors tell about an inhouse training program which was developed at San Diego State University to train support staff to assist at the reference desk. Most participants felt that librarians, staff and patrons benefitted from this increased level of service.

Deeney, Kay E. "The Role of Paraprofessionals at the Reference Desk." Bulletin of the Medical Library Association, Vol. 78, no. 191-193.

While this article was written about using support staff at the reference desk of a medical library, the ideas can be applied to law libraries. The author points out that most reference questions are not so complex that trained support staff cannot handle them. Willing support staff can be trained to work the reference desk, freeing the reference librarians to do more indepth research and training of specialized patrons.

Emmick, Nancy J. "Nonprofessionals on Reference Desks in Academic Libraries." The Reference Librarian, Vol. 12, Pp. 149-160 (Spring/Summer 1985).

This article is a good discussion of the advantages and problems of using non-MLS staff at the reference desk. Unfortunately, the author lumps student assistants and permanent support staff into one category of "non-professional," which disregards the experience, education and training that many paraprofessionals bring to their careers.

Malinconico, S. Michael. "Technology and the Academic Workplace." Library Administration and Management, Pp. 25-28, Winter 1991.

Professor Malinconico discusses many implications for libraries as they automate and access the ever increasing number of electronic resources. The need for training and the opportunities to expand one's responsibilities are a great challenge to librarians and support staff.

"Networking: The Net that Works for You." Library Mosaics, Vol. 2, Pp.8-10 (Jan./Feb. 1991).

This is the second article from this issue of Library Mosaics that discusses the importance of support staff being involved in library organizations. Taking advantage of the opportunities to learn how others operate is very useful. The article includes a list of state and local support staff organizations.

Russell, Norman J. "Professional and Non-professional in Libraries: the Need for a New Relationship." Journal of Librarianship, Vol. 17, Pp. 293-311 (October 1985).

This indepth article traces the history of the relationship between professional and non-professional library staff and discusses the training needs and career opportunities for library support staff. His discussion of the need for change shows how librarians and support staff can benefit from additional training.

Stanke, Nicky. "Training the Non-Degreed Library Worker: How it is and How it Should Be." Public Libraries, Vol. 27, Pp. 79-81 (Summer 1988).

While this article is concerned with the large number of public libraries that are staffed completely or almost completely by persons not holding the MLS degree, the author's concern for better, and more organized training for library support staff is applicable to all types of libraries.

Webb, Gisela M. "Educating Librarians and Support Staff for Technical Services." Journal of Library Administration, Vol. 9, Pp. 111-120 (1988).

The author emphasizes that libraries are changing rapidly and while change even more in the future. She acknowledges that support staff play an increasingly more important role in libraries. She emphasizes the need for more involvement and training by professional and paraprofessional library staff.

Welsh, Janet. "The Key is Flexibility: the Role of the Paralibrarian in a Small Academic Library." Colorado Libraries, Vol. 13, p. 17 (June 1987).

The author, a library technician, emphasizes the opportunities available to support staff who are willing to take on new responsibilities and learn new skills. The downside, in her experience, is that traditionally "professional" tasks have been delegated to support staff solely as a cost cutting measure.

## MANAGING EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

1992 AALL WINTER INSTITUTE  
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## ONE PERSON'S VIEW, BY KATHERINE TOOLEY

Pat Harris, James Milles, Trish Cervenka, Kathleen Casey and Katherine Tooley [hope I didn't miss anyone!] were among the throng attending this years AALL Winter Institute. From Wednesday, February 5 through Saturday, February 8 we were overwhelmed with the latest in electronic gadgetry and technobabble. The rapid barrage of information about the latest in data storage techniques; networking; CDs and communications protocols was a microcosm of the universe we, as information professionals, face every day.

This institute, co-chaired by Patricia Harris of the University of Missouri-Kansas City Law Library and Jim Hambleton of the Dallas/Fort Worth School of Law Library, provided access to the vendors, users and creators of the new technologies, as well as new-wave presentations by individuals who are "pushing the envelope" beyond the existing technologies. The Infomart was an excellent location for a meeting of this type. Spacious vendor areas allowed attendees to browse, talk and collect information of interest to them; vendors were a part of the conference, giving presentations in their own viewing rooms; the building was fascinating [a re-creation of London's Crystal Palace] with an excellent book/software/souvenir store; the break areas were comfortable, gave an interesting view of Dallas and were well attended.

The opening luncheon speaker was Peter Vogel, who floored us by his announcement that his office doesn't use a secretary and that all the members of the firm are computer users and answer their own phones. He also wore a cowboy hat and boots and was very entertaining in his discussion of the law office of the future, which he really sees as the law office of today. The first afternoon session, presented by Gary Kirkham, a consultant, concerned two areas of technology management that many of us are familiar with already: downsizing and outsourcing. The rest of the afternoon contained breakout sessions by type of library. I attended the Academic session, chaired by Mickie Voges, Chicago-Kent. Some of the interesting discussions that broke out in this group were: how to get staff [read as faculty, librarians, etc.] to care for the equipment located on their own desks!; how to protect yourself and your library -- and why! -- by intelligently communicating with the campus computing/telecommunications infrastructure; and planning staff/student training programs when dealing with an ever widening degree of technological competence.

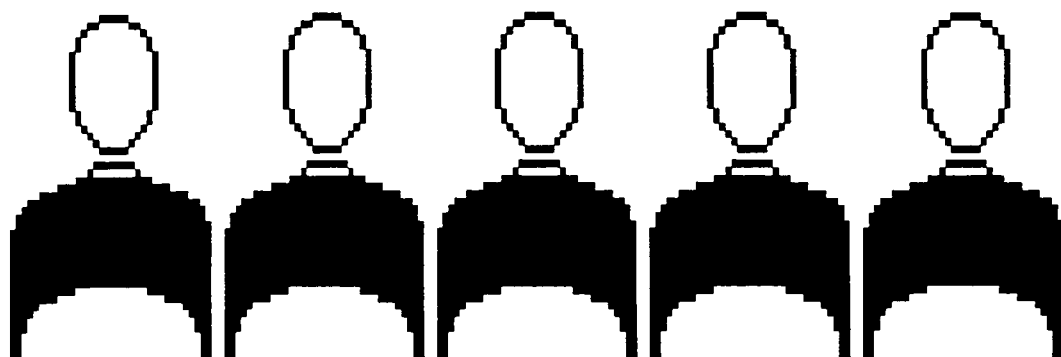
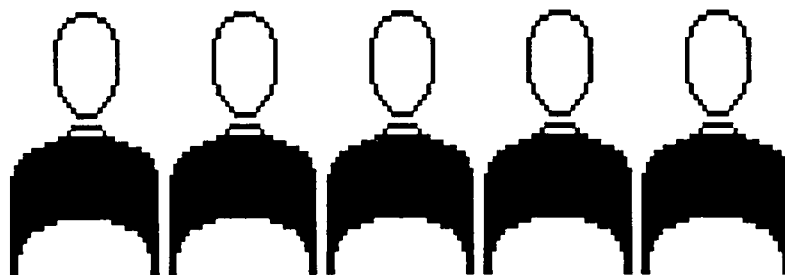
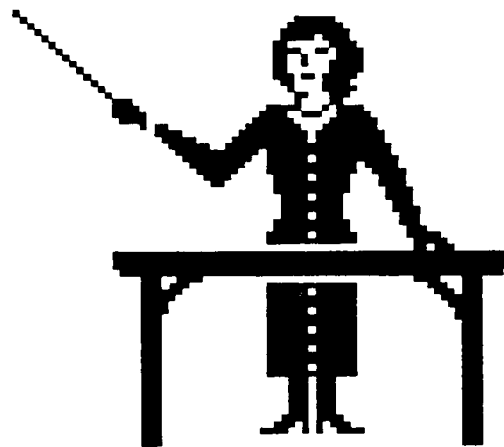
Thursday began with presentations by Mary Wilson, NOVELL, and Barbara Gontrum, University of Maryland Law Library. They discussed LAN solutions and law library applications. The rest of the morning was spent in tracks, as was part of the Friday programs. These tracks allowed us to visit the vendors of our choice for presentations on specific topics such as: Interactive multimedia for training; LAN/Multivendor connections; Imaging with documents; IBM and LANs and TCP/IP; Macintosh multimedia; Macintosh imaging; Document management through imaging; etc.

Thursday afternoon's programs began with *Laser Technology & Networking Cds*, presented by Florence Mason, Library Consultant, and Sharon Criswell, Southern Methodist University. This was an excellent presentation, beginning with the basics of laser technology and progressing through all the management and technological considerations when planning for and implementing a CD network. In my opinion, this was the best and most worthwhile presentation at the entire Institute. They began with the most basic concepts of networking and progressed to the technical realities of planning and staffing. The day continued with a presentation by Brenda Wallsworth of EDS. She echoed the theme that was presented by many of the vendors: that the days of the huge, dedicated main-frame system were numbered; the future was in individual PCs, linked worldwide through vast interconnected telecommunications networks.

Friday's focus was technological resources in transition. Mickie Voges, Chicago-Kent, described and demonstrated their networked image database consisting, at this time, of primarily public domain

United Nations publications. She further explained how all this information was available to users throughout the Law School via the interconnected networks in the Law School and Library. The rest of Friday was spent on presentations concerning expert systems and hypertext. Hank Lischer, Professor of Law at SMU and Trotter Hardy, Professor of Law, College of William & Mary, discussed the development and use of these tools. On Saturday, Anne K. Myers, Pappas Law Library, Boston University spoke on the academic uses of Internet and Bitnet: bulletin boards, discussion groups and electronic journals; and Prof. Hardy covered electronic bulletin boards and hypertext files. Mark Estes concluded the program with his summation of the issues raised, how the "people" side of technology can not be neglected. Throughout this Institute, the notion that new technology means fewer people was shot down. New technology usually means more staff: staff who use, support and develop the new technologies. Existing staffs need time to understand, learn, apply and use the new technologies, and managers must always keep that in mind during the planning for and implementation of new technologies.

All in all, a VERY worthwhile institute! If anyone is interested in seeing the bibliographies, accompanying materials or the entire notebook for the institute, feel free to call me. I would be happy to share it with any of you.



## OF NOTE / MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### ARKANSAS

#### University of Arkansas - Fayetteville

The University of Arkansas School of Law Library at Fayetteville installed the KNOGO security system in February. Two "stripping parties" were held to begin inserting the strips. Both undergraduate and law students service organizations assisted the library staff. All were treated by the Dean to pizza and pop.

A new computer lab was installed which houses 18 IBM compatible PC's, 2 Macintoshes, and 6 Desk-Jet printers. Patrons enjoy network access to several database research services, word processing, CALI and CD-ROM access on a "tower".

#### University of Arkansas - Little Rock

The Arkansas Association of Law Libraries (ARKALL) and the Mid-Arkansas Documents Consortium (MADOCS) met together last January to discuss the challenges associated with finding and acquiring Arkansas state regulations. A joint committee, chaired by Nicanna (Nicky) Sherman of the UALR Law Library, was created to address these problems.

In Little Rock, Greta Boeringer, Reference Librarian at the UALR Law Library, helped law students form a student organization of the National Lawyers Guild. the student chapter sponsored a conference on "AIDS and the Law" on January 25 at the UALR Law School. The program, which offered Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit, was attended by over one hundred participants.

### ILLINOIS

Frank Houdek, Law Library Director at Southern Illinois University School of Law, is the author of "Researching the Law of Motion Pictures: A Revised and Comprehensive Bibliography of Law-Related Materials". 14 COMM/ENT Law Journal 137-204 (1991).

Kathy Garner, Senior Reference Librarian at Southern Illinois University School of Law, is the author of *Lawyer-Librarians in Public Law Schools: The Ethical Conundrums of Pro Bono Activities*, 84 Law Library Journal 31-66 (1992)

### KANSAS

The news from Washburn University School of Law Library is that "we're almost done!" The Big Move into the addition and renovated library was completed in January. Now only the "post" move pockets exist (corners with odds and ends). The Law Library dedication is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, 1992, at 12:30 p.m. Tours of the library will follow the dedication ceremony.

Innovative changes noticed when one enters the new library include doubled floor space; new shelving and design allow for an unobstructed view of the busy public services area; the circulation area has many conveniences that staff consider essential; the reference area is functionally designed to enable guided legal research (online, CD-ROM, print and fiche) as well as traditional bibliographic instruction; the government documents collection now includes a patents resource center ... and all of these departments are connected via the fantastic networking of library computers. You can well imagine how proud we are of our new surroundings. We enjoy sharing the building, its resources, and our "moving stories" with anyone willing to listen. The library staff issue a friendly and informal invitation to all our MAALL friends to stop by anytime to see our new library.

## MISSOURI

**Jo Ann Humphreys**, UM-Columbia Law Library, will be speaking at the SWALL meeting in Lubbock, TX in April on the topic “Managing Your Computers: The Computer Specialist and the Law Library”.

## NEBRASKA

### Creighton Law Library

As part of Creighton 2000, Creighton University's strategic planning process, the Law School has received approval to begin to plan for a law library addition. Alley Poyner Architecture has been hired to work with the building committee in developing a program statement and design. Each library staff member has been meeting with the architects as part of the first phase of this library addition project.

Currently the reference staff is preparing a series of short “brown bag” seminars on research in selected areas of law (e.g. labor, tax) for those students about to embark on their first clerkships as well as those in need of a refresher course on the “art” of legal research.

The student computer center located in the library is now offering free use of a laser printer for all law students. Three new Epson dot matrix printers have replaced some less reliable printers. These have been very popular improvements. Demonstration software, as well as numerous interactive video programs are also available in the lab for students use. Further expansion of both hardware and software is now being considered.

Legal Reference librarian, **Paul Hill**, was recently spotlighted in an Omaha World Herald article concerning a Police Patrol program that is beginning in the city. Paul arranged for the incorporation of a non-profit corporation, Friends of Police on Bikes, Inc. to raise funds to purchase and maintain bicycles for use by the police. Cities with similar programs have evidence that police on bicycles are effective in quietly deterring crime and maneuvering in crowded traffic conditions.

## OKLAHOMA

**Richard E. Ducey**, Director of The University of Tulsa College of Law Library, is teaching an additional course this semester, the Law Librarianship course for the University of Oklahoma's Library Science Program conducted at the University Center at Tulsa. Librarians **Melanie Nelson**, **Kathy Kane** and **Katherine Tooley** have provided “enrichment” for this course by discussing their multiple areas of responsibility.

**The University of Tulsa College of Law** upgraded their student computer lab during spring break [March 2-4, 1992]. Seven IBM PS/2 Model 30's, worn out after 4 years continuous use, were replaced by 8 DTK 386 machines, Panasonic dot-matrix printers and an additional HP laser printer (total 3). Tearing down a lab and re-installing one in just 3 days was challenging, but well worth the time. It corresponded to the Michelangelo scare, so virus scanning and prevention was accomplished at the same time.

## AALL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The AALL Nominations Committee is in the process of identifying possible candidates for the 1993 AALL election. This year candidates are needed for the offices of Vice-President/President-Elect, Secretary and Executive Board. The Committee is charged with presenting a slate of candidates that reflects the diversity of the Association's membership. It is increasingly difficult to fulfill this charge without the assistance of the membership. Each AALL member is invited and urged to submit the names of those he/she feels should be considered as potential candidates. To propose members for candidacy, send a letter, accompanied by a resume of professional activities and any other supporting materials to any member of the Nominations Committee or to AALL Headquarters by May 1, 1992.

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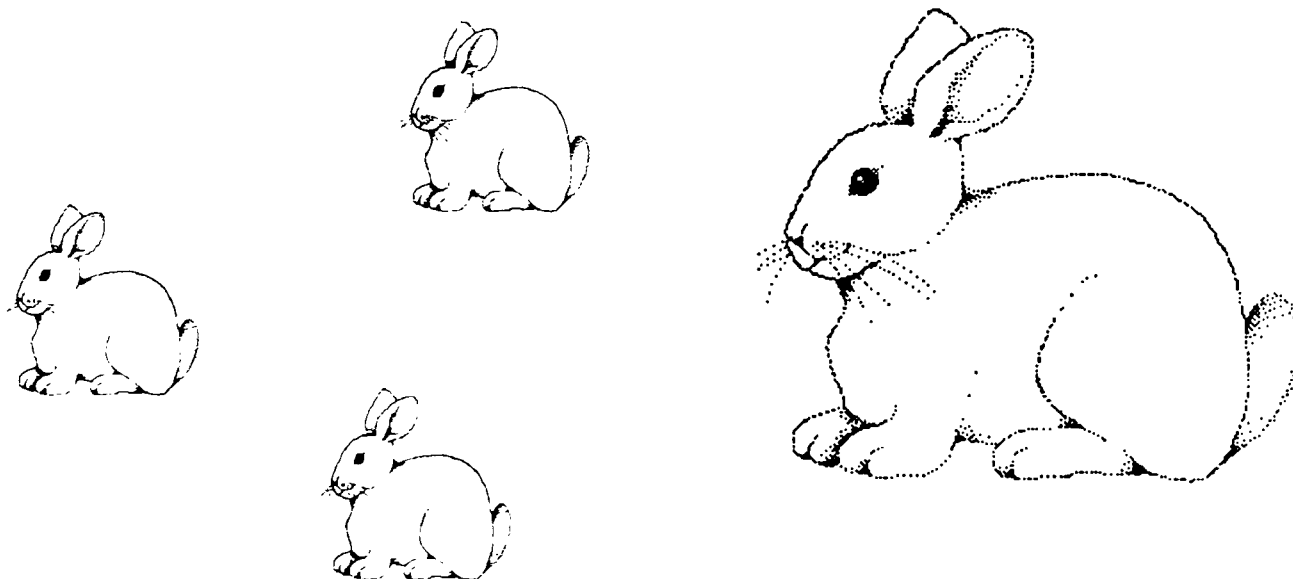
## AALL INFORMATION OF INTEREST

AALL's annual membership "sale" is going on. As of March 1, a new AALL member may join the Association, with full membership privileges, for only \$28.75. That's one-fourth of the regular annual dues amount and the invoices for the 1992-1993 Association year will not be due until June 1. Use a copy of the membership form [following] or send a letter to: **AALL, P.O. Box 94340, Chicago, IL 60678-9340**, with your check made out to The American Association of Law Libraries.

### SURVIVING YOUR FIRST (OR SECOND) AALL CONVENTION

If you are new to the American Association of Law Libraries and are eagerly anticipating attending your first (or second) convention in San Francisco, plan to attend CONELL on the Saturday before the convention begins. CONELL? What's CONELL? Only the best convention event for the new law librarian. CONELL stands for the Conference of Newer Law Librarians and means exactly what it says. Attendance is limited to AALL members having five years or less experience and attending their first or second convention. The one day program has been structured specifically to introduce newer law librarians to the organization, to leaders of AALL and to other law librarians at similar career stages.

Bob Berring, Director of the Law Library at the University of California, Berkeley and Past President of AALL, will deliver the keynote address. Rhonda Oziel, Reference Services Librarian at the Bureau of National Affairs, Inc. Library and representative of the Government Relations Committees, will discuss federal information policy and legislation which have far-reaching impact on all law libraries. During the Newer Law Librarians Forum, participants from the CONELL Class of '91 will speak briefly from their vantage point as a "not quite so new" law librarian. Highlighting the SIS/Committee Marketplace will be the opportunity for each participant to discuss their ideas, concerns and interests with representatives of AALL's Committees and Special Interest Sections. Capping the day, the afternoon will feature lunch aboard a Hornblower Dining Yacht cruising on San Francisco Bay, providing each attendee with the opportunity to "network" with their colleagues from across the country. If you want to get in on the action, watch for your AALL convention mailing and register for CONELL.



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## AALL GOV-LINE REPORT



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The Government Relations Committee of the American Association of Law Libraries produces Gov-Line, a recorded telephone hotline that reports the latest news from Washington and the states on issues of interest to law librarians, and the AALL Gov-Line Report, its print companion. Issues and institutions covered include federal information policy, the Library of Congress, the U.S. Judicial Conference, state affairs, and many other issues. A new issue of Gov-Line and the AALL Gov-Line Report is published every two weeks when Congress is in session. Anyone may call Gov-Line at (312) 939-7774. For further information about any of the issues discussed in these reports, you may contact Robert Oakley, AALL's Washington Representative, at (202) 662-9160 or through Bitnet at ROAKLEY@GUVAX.

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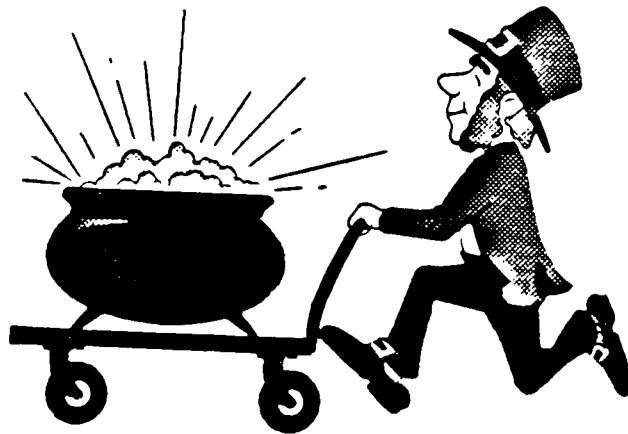
**GPO PROPOSES BOLD STRATEGIC PLAN:** In January Public Printer Robert Houk released a farsighted proposal that would revolutionize Government Printing Office operations in the coming century. Titled "GPO/2001: Vision for a New Millennium," the GPO strategic plan assumes that government documents will increasingly be created and packaged in electronic formats and calls for the dissemination of these electronic government documents to depository libraries through a satellite network. While each receiving library would be required to obtain a receiving station and an attached computer, the GPO proposal would allow a library to receive federal documents much more rapidly than is possible today and to "control (and even alter daily) [its] receipt of information to meet [its] exact needs." Thus, a receiving library could download an entire transmission, select documents by choosing the products and services to be received, or receive and edit part of, or the entire, transmission to interactively preview and accept only those documents then chosen. Libraries could provide public access to electronic information through print-on-demand capabilities or through electronic user terminals. The GPO would provide electronic historic files in formats like CD-ROM so that depositories could purge their on-line systems of older items. The GPO plan also proposes the creation of a universal index to all government information products and services. Finally, the strategic plan identifies a set of "core" government publications that it maintains must be made available in electronic formats within the next few years, including the Congressional Record (by 1993) and other legislative materials such as bills, reports and hearings, the Federal Register, the Code of Federal Regulations, the U.S. Code, the U.S. Budget, key statistical abstracts and indices, and Judicial Branch publications. Nevertheless, the GPO report assures the reader that many publications will remain available in non-electronic formats, as well. Copies of "GPO/2001" will presumably be distributed to depositories through the Depository Library Program.

**PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT COMPROMISE:** Representatives of AALL, the American Library Association, the Association of Research Libraries and the Information Industry Association are now reviewing a compromise draft Paperwork Reduction Act that would address only the dissemination of federal information products and services, avoiding other issues that have nothing to do with access to government information, such as paperwork reduction, that are contained in two currently pending PRA bills (S. 1139 and S. 1044). The draft proposal includes an express finding that "the Federal Government has the responsibility to ensure the flow of public information between the Government and its citizens" and its definition of "public information" is more expansive than those in the currently pending bills, including "any information, regardless of format, that an agency discloses, disseminates or makes available or is required to make available to the public pursuant to law, rule, regulation, policy, or practice." Furthermore, agencies must disseminate in "usable electronic formats (...along with available software, indexes, and documentation) public information maintained in electronic formats[.]" References to private publishing are relatively tame, requiring that agencies merely "encourage a diversity of public and private providers" of government information "consistent with the Government's obligation to disseminate public information." This appears to be a retreat from the checklist of factors that agencies must consider before disseminating information, contained in the two currently pending PRA bills, which includes whether the public information is available

in an equivalent product from the private sector, a factor that encourages private publication. Finally, the agencies themselves are given primary responsibility for managing their dissemination programs, leaving the President's Office of Management and Budget with a relatively modest coordinating role. If the parties can agree to the draft language, a congressional sponsor will be sought to introduce the bill, which would presumably win more support than either of the two existing PRA bills.

**FEDLINE BILL PASSES BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS:** An amended bill that would, among other things, direct the Secretary of Commerce to report to Congress on the feasibility of establishing a Federal Online Product Catalog or FEDLINE at the national Technical Information Service (NTIS) was approved by the House of Representatives on January 28, following Senate approval on November 27. H.R. 1989 proposes that the FEDLINE would serve as a comprehensive inventory of information products and services disseminated by federal agencies, sounding much like the universal index to all federal information products and services that the GPO proposes in its new strategic plan. However, the goal of the American Technology Preeminence Act of 1991 is to enhance the position of U.S. industry through its application of federal research and development, the results of which would be cataloged in the FEDLINE and possibly available only for a fee to NTIS. The goal of the GPO is simply to enhance public access to all federal information. H.R. 1989 has been sent to the President for his approval.

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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, Creighton University, 24th & California Sts., Omaha, NE 68178-0340; (402)472-2875; FAX:

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THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Greetings! This issue of MAALL Markings is **CHOCK-FULL** of newsy-bits, information, humor and points to ponder. Especially important are the luncheon reservation and grants forms. The deadline for the luncheon reservation is fast approaching, so fill it out today!

I hope all of you going to AALL in San Francisco have a **WONDERFUL** time! If you attend a particularly meaningful program or event, please consider writing it up for the next issue.

The next issue of MAALL Markings is in September. Any AALL reports, MAALL meeting information and the ever popular newsy-bits are due to me [on disk please!] by **August 18, 1992!** If you can't make that deadline, call me and let me know what information will be forthcoming.

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

**MAALL LOGO** - The Executive Board has chosen the new MAALL logo. We will be using it as the banner for MAALL Markings, on the cover of the directory, on our stationery and anywhere else we can think of using it. Brian Striman, from the University of Nebraska, designed the winning entry. We want to thank everyone who entered the contest.

**Internal Revenue Service** - Our attorneys (the students from the University of Nebraska College of Law Civil Clinic) have given me Internal Revenue form 1024 partially filled out. I have to fill in some information and then the form will be ready to send to the IRS. Cheryl Nyberg did a great job of putting our financial data in a manner that the IRS could understand! Thank you.

**University of Iowa School of Library and Information Science** - I asked Caitlin Robinson for an update on the status of the school. She responded by e-mail with the following message: "The review process has been completed by a team made up of three members of the Liberal Arts faculty and 2 external reviewers. The recommendation will be presented to the State Board of Regents at their June meeting." She said that we should be able to report the findings at the luncheon in San Francisco and maybe before on Law-lib!

**Interesting article** - For the last couple of years I have been reading all the chapter and sis newsletters that come my way and compiling the "News from Other Newsletters" column for MAALL Markings. In the current Law Library Lights, I came across a very interesting forum on Law Librarianship. The participants were Bob Berring, Mark Estes, Penny Hazelton, Kathie Price and Joanne Zich. They discussed professional image, additional roles, education and training, ethics, minority recruitment, budget crunch, technology, vendors, and the foreseeable future. I certainly recommend it to you and will make free photocopies - just contact me.

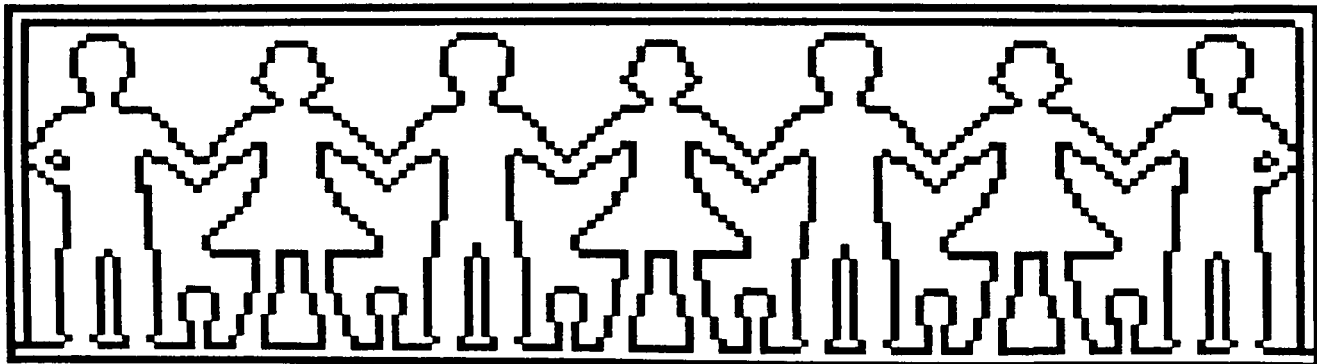
**Atlanta Law Libraries Association Electronic Bulletin Board** - In the Atlanta Law Librarian Association Newsletter, I found another interesting article. ALLA has set up an electronic bulletin board for its membership. Is there any interest in setting up one for us? I realize that the Atlanta group would have no long-distance charges...but maybe there is a way to get around that. What do you think?

**Preservation** - I received from Margaret Leary, chair of the AALL Special Committee on Preservation Needs of Law Libraries, a copy of the committee's report and recommendations. Some of their recommendations concern chapters. There will be a Preservation Roundtable at the San Francisco annual meeting on Sunday, July 19th from 4-5 p.m. If anyone is interested in reading this report and possibly getting involved, please contact me.

**AALL Meeting** - Roommates and the luncheon meeting in San Francisco -- again, let me know if you need a roommate for San Francisco. Do not forget to sign up for the luncheon in San Francisco on July 21st.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL IN SAN FRANCISCO.....AND DON'T FORGET, WE ALSO EXPECT TO SEE EVERYONE IN LINCOLN, NEBRASKA IN OCTOBER.....**

*-Sally*



**MAALL MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO  
LUNCHEON, TUESDAY, JULY 21 @ NOON**

It is not too early to start thinking about the AALL meeting in San Francisco. Please pencil in the MAALL luncheon!

The MAALL Chapter will have a get-together on Tuesday, July 21, at 12:00 NOON for lunch and a business meeting. You find a form below for you to use to send in your reservation and your check for the food. Because food costs in San Francisco are extremely high, even for a buffet, the Executive Board has agreed to underwrite part of the cost of the luncheon.

But most important is the fellowship and the chance to meet old and new friends and to find out about the Annual Meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska. Encourage any former MAALL members to attend.

We will keep the program short - but if anyone has something that needs to be discussed, please let your President know before the meeting.

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MAALL Luncheon in San Francisco. Tuesday, July 21, 1992. **COST: \$14.00.** Please send reservation and check, made out to MAALL, by **JUNE 15th!!**, to:

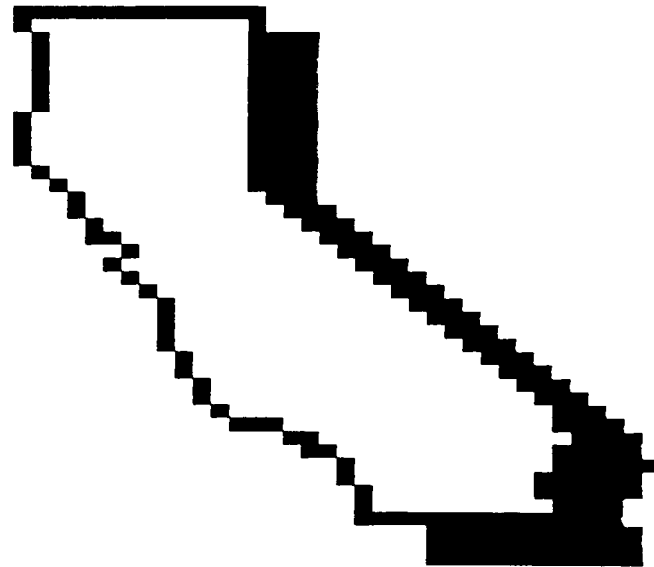
Sally Wise  
University of Nebraska  
College of Law Library  
Lincoln, NE 68583-0902

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

INSTITUTION: \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOUR RESERVATION AND CHECK CANNOT ARRIVE IN LINCOLN BY JUNE 15TH, CALL SALLY (402) 472-5737 AND BRING YOUR MONEY TO THE LUNCHEON !!!!**

SAN FRANCISCO ---->



**California**

## REPORT OF THE MAALL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The candidates for the MAALL 1992 elections are:

Vice-President/President-Elect: **ANN FESSENDEN**, U.S. Courts of Appeals Library

Secretary: **MARILYN NICELY**, University of Oklahoma Law Library

The election will take place at the annual meeting in October in Lincoln, Nebraska. "Additional nominations may be made by any member by communicating in writing such nomination to the President, or by presenting such nomination from the floor."---MAALL By-Laws, Art. IV, § 2.

Committee members: Kirk Gregory, Mary Kay Jung, Mary Ann Nelson, Chair. Biographies of the candidates follow.

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### **ANN T. FESSENDEN**

Education: J.D., University of Mississippi, 1984  
M.L.S., University of Oklahoma, 1977  
B.A., University of Oklahoma, 1974

Current position: Circuit Librarian  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit, St. Louis  
Position held since 1984

Offices held:Chair, AALL Placement Committee, 1989-90  
Executive Board Member, AALL State, Court, County SIS,  
1988-91  
Chair, MAALL Membership Committee, 1988-90  
Chair, Citation Subcommittee of ABA Appellate Judges  
Conference Judicial Opinion Writing Committee, 1988-91

Areas of expertise: Space planning, legal citation, operating in fiscal  
austerity

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### **MARILYN K. NICELY**

Education: M.L.S., University of Oklahoma--Norman, 1974  
M.A., Arizona State University--Tempe, 1973  
B.A., Ohio University--Athens, 1967

Current position: Technical Services Librarian  
University of Oklahoma Law Library  
Position held since 1982

Offices held: Agent/Coordinator, Mid-American Union List of Legal

Periodicals, 1982-

Chair, Publications Committee, SWALL, 1991

Chair, AALL TS/SIS, 1984/85

Chair, Oklahoma Library Association Government Documents

Roundtable, 1983

President, University of Oklahoma Professional Staff

Association, 1982/83

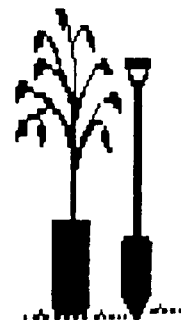
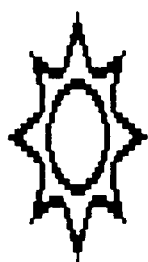
Vice-President, University of Oklahoma Professional Staff

Association, 1980

Publications: Nicely, Marilyn K.; Stoppel, Kaye; Amelung, Richard, "MAUL :  
an OCLC union list of legal periodicals," 76 Law Library Journal 394 (1983)

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## SPRING, AS WE'VE SEEN IT!



**MID-AMERICA ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES  
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5. Tim Kelly
6. Kathleen Casey

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3. James Duggan
4. Greta Boeringer\*
5. Katherine Tooley
6. Judith M. Clarke

**RESOURCE SHARING**

1. John Edwards, Chair
2. Vianne Wai-on Tang

\*moved during the course of the year

## TRAVEL GRANTS FOR 1992 MAALL MEETING IN LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

The Mid-America Association of Law Libraries will be awarding travel grants to the 1992 annual meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska, October 22-24. One of the grants will be titled the Marian G. Gallagher Memorial Grant in recognition of her contributions to the law librarian profession. The amount of each award is \$200.00.

Criteria for awarding the grants are: current membership in MAALL; usefulness of the meeting to the applicant; contributions of the applicant to MAALL and/or AALL; proven or potential abilities of the applicant, and financial need. Application forms must be submitted by **August 1, 1992**. Entries postmarked after that date will not be eligible. Letters of reference are not required. The application follows.

### MAALL TRAVEL GRANTS GUIDELINES

1. Travel Grants (\$200) are to help defray expenses incurred by current MAALL members in attending the annual MAALL conference.
2. The type, number and size of MAALL grants are determined annually by the MAALL Executive Board.
3. Applicants for travel grants must be paid members of MAALL or a designated member of an institutional membership at the time the application is made.
4. Incomplete applications and those postmarked after the published deadline will be ineligible for consideration.
5. All funds must be used for the designated meeting.
6. The grant must be repaid to the Association if it cannot be spent as stipulated or if for reasons of personal disability a recipient cannot attend the program for which the grant is made. Grants are non-transferable.
7. A member may not receive a grant two years in succession.
8. In the event there are no applicants for a designated grant, the unused allocated funds shall be returned or disbursed at the discretion of the MAALL Executive Board and Grants Committee. Unused, allocated funds may be used to increase the awards for the following year.
9. Grant recipients will be selected by the members of the Grants Committee.
10. Grants will be awarded on the basis of: a) Financial need. b) Proven or potential ability of the applicant. c) Contributions to MAALL and or the profession. d) Usefulness of the meeting to the member.

### 1992 MAALL ANNUAL MEETING TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

INSTITUTION/EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_

WORK ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Are you currently a member of MAALL? \_\_\_\_\_ How long? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Are you a member of AALL? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How many MAALL Annual Meetings, if any, have you attended? \_\_\_\_\_
4. List MAALL or AALL activities, if any, in which you have participated:

5. How many years have you worked in law libraries? \_\_\_\_\_

6. List previous employment in law librarianship:

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Length of Service</u>
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7. Education:

<u>School</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Date</u>
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8. Briefly describe the duties and responsibilities in your current law library position, and your career goals.

9. How do you feel you will benefit from attendance at this annual meeting?

10. Briefly state your library's policy relating to reimbursement of travel expenses to conferences and conventions.

**PLEASE READ AND SIGN**

If for any reason I cannot attend the MAALL Annual Meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska, I will notify the Grants Committee and return the money.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant's signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Please send this application by **August 1, 1992**, to:

Judith A. Morgan  
Director, Law Library  
Oklahoma City University Law Library  
2501 N. Blackwelder  
Oklahoma City, OK 73106

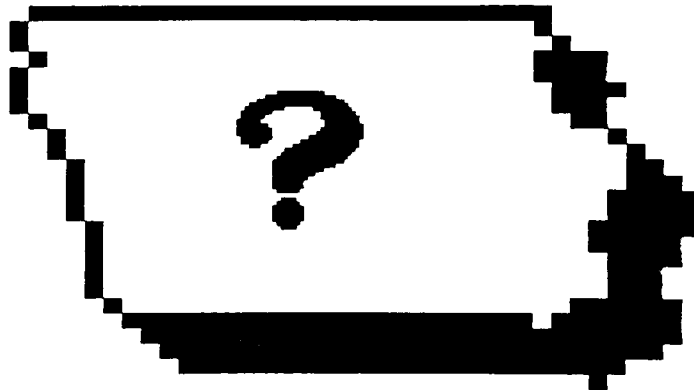
### Nebraska Trivia Contest - Part III

Yes! Finally!! Here it is. The third and final part of the Nebraska Trivia Contest!!! You've all been waiting for these questions, and here they are.

7. What native Nebraskan illustrated the 1898 book Oo-Mah-Ha Ta-Wa-Tha?
8. What was the FIRST newspaper published in the Nebraska territory?
9. What Nebraska newspaper editors have won Pulitzer Prizes for their editorials?

Now these questions aren't all that hard, so everyone, send us your answers. We will recognize ALL of you who participate in this contest at the upcoming (Thursday, October 22nd through Saturday, October 24th) MAALL meeting to be held in **LINCOLN, NEBRASKA**. For those of you who answer these trivia questions **CORRECTLY**, there are **PRIZES!!!** These prizes (notice the plural) will be presented to you at the **MAALL Meeting** in Lincoln, so answer the trivia questions and plan to attend. There will be fun, excitement, **A GREAT PROGRAM**, and **PRIZES!!!** Mail your answers to:

Brian Striman (brians@unllib.unl.edu)  
Rebecca Trammell (rebeccat@unllib.unl.edu)  
Co-Chairs - Local Arrangements  
University of Nebraska at Lincoln  
College of Law Library  
Lincoln, NE 68583-0902



# Nebraska

## OF NOTE/MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### Arkansas

#### University of Arkansas (Fayetteville)

The University of Arkansas Law Library (Fayetteville) announces their new Library Director. He is **Glen-Peter Ahlers**, former Director of the District of Columbia School of Law. Mr. Ahlers received his law degree from the Washburn University of Topeka in 1987 and his M.A. from the University of South Florida. His academic law library experience includes the University of New Mexico, Washburn University of Topeka and Wake Forest.

**Claudia Driver**, Assistant Librarian for Public Services, assisted the Ozark Legal Services in conducting a CLE program for local attorneys interested in serving as guardians ad litem for juvenile courts in northwest Arkansas.

**Salley Kelly**, Assistant Law Librarian for the National Center for Agricultural Law Research and Information in Fayetteville, published an article in the February 1992 issue of the AALL Newsletter. The article is entitled "A Wellspring of Agricultural Law to be Found at the NCALRI in Arkansas."

**David Hutchins** joins the library staff as new Assistant for Public Services. He will be responsible for document delivery services and circulation. David is also a student in the Criminal Justice program at Fayetteville.

The Law Library staff is in the initial stages of automation with Innovacq. They plan to begin with the serials acquisitions systems.

#### University of Arkansas at Little Rock

**Gretta Boeringer** resigned as Reference Librarian from the UALR Law School Library to accept a position as a Government Documents Inspector. **Jim Martin**, Public Services Librarian, will resign this June to accept a position as Assistant Reference Librarian from the Library of Congress Law Library.

Construction continues at the new facilities for the UALR Law School. Our new campus is being created by the renovation of the former University of Arkansas Medical School and new construction which will house the library. The new library will house a computer lab, rooms for both Lexis and Westlaw terminals, two audio visual rooms, study and conference rooms, a class room and over forty semi-private locking carrels. The official move will begin July 31. We will be open for the fall semester.

Please note that because of the move, we will not be able to accept interlibrary loan requests from July 25 through August 16. Our new address will be 1203 McAlmont, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72202-5142. We do not know our new telephone number at this time.

### Iowa

**Drake University:** Electronic mail for staff members at Drake University Law library should be sent through the Internet to [name@acad.drake.edu](mailto:name@acad.drake.edu). For example, the address for sending a message to Kaye Stoppel would be: [KS2261R@acad.drake.edu](mailto:KS2261R@acad.drake.edu). Although Drake will no longer be a BITNET node as of July 1, 1992, libraries with only BITNET access can still communicate with Drake by using the INTERNET address. [Editor's note: if you have questions about their access protocol, contact John Edwards]

## Kansas

### Washburn University

Government Documents Librarian, **Jan Brown**, is retiring from Washburn University after fifteen years of superior service within the Law School Library. Jan is looking forward to a full retirement and has plans to pursue her interests in genealogy, bridge, computer tinkering, and travel. Fellow staff members wish Jan the best of times and will dearly miss her professional expertise and never failing sense of humor. One last question, Jan, (for the umpteenth time) exactly how do you update the CFR?

Washburn School of Law Library is participating in the **Cooperative for Innovation**, an economic development program of Washburn University and innovative Technology Enterprise Corporation (non-profit). The Cooperative links the resources of the Law Library with businesses and individuals throughout the state of Kansas.

A complementary resource at Washburn is the satellite reference center for the Kansas Patent and Trademark Depository Library. The Law Library is rapidly developing collections in intellectual property law, partly with grants from the Kansas Library Network Board.

**Kevin Heinshaw**, librarian at the **Sedgwick County Law Library**, has news of a new computer system at the library. The Wichita Bar Association and the Sedgwick County Law Library are undergoing a joint networking project. The strategy is incorporating Netware as the connecting program. Kevin is utilizing the Paradox database program as a management system. The result will be a new and improved online catalog with joint accessibility. Old files are currently being converted and new files are being entered. Good luck, Kevin, and have a nice summer!

### University of Kansas

**Fritz Snyder**, Associate Director for Research and Acquisitions, has been holding a series of meetings called Reference Refreshers for all the staff who have reference shifts. Every two weeks he reviews about ten titles which are in the reference collection explaining their uses and what information each contains. It is very useful to everyone and has also served as a weeding device.

**Mon Yin Lung** has vacated her position as Head of Technical Services to become Public Services Librarian. She will be in charge of Circulation, Interlibrary Loan and Documents Selection and Documents Reference. **Louise Hanson**, the former Public Services Librarian resigned to become Adult Services Librarian at Topeka Public Library.

**Mary Burchill**, Associate Director for Automation and Administration, has received a sabbatical for the fall semester of 1992. The title of her project is "Research and Develop a Plan to Determine the Extent and Nature of Book Deterioration Within Kansas University Libraries." Most of the sabbatical will be spent in Lawrence with trips to Ohio State, Stanford and Yale planned to look at their preservation plans.

## Nebraska

### University of Nebraska-Lincoln

**Sally Wise** has been elected Vice-Chair/Chair Elect of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln's Academic Senate. This a tremendous honor for Sally, personally, for the Law Library and the Law College. Sally is the first woman ever to be elected to this position at the University.

## **STAFF EXCHANGE PROGRAM EXPANDS**

### **BY: JOHN D. EDWARDS**

MAALL was one of the first chapters to initiate a staff exchange program nearly a decade ago. Since that time, a number of MAALL members have participated in the exchanges. The program enables a staff member to visit another library to see how that library, or a department, operates or uses technology in its operation. Both libraries benefit from the exchange of information.

This year MAALL is participating in what may be the first inter-chapter staff exchange program. James Milles of St. Louis University Law Library reports on his visit to Case Western Reserve Law Library, an ORALL member. [Editor's note: his report follows] For an application or more information on MAALL's Staff Exchange Program, please contact: John D. Edwards, Drake University Law Library, Des Moines, Iowa 50311 or (515) 271-2141.

### **STAFF EXCHANGE REPORT BY JAMES MILLES**

#### **I. Introduction**

The idea for this inter-regional exchange came out of discussions between Judith Kaul, Media Technology and Reference Librarian at CWRU, and myself, during the AALL Winter Institute on "Managing Emerging Technologies" in Dallas, February 5-8. LANs (Local Area Networks) and imaging technology were two prominent themes of the Institute, as well as two areas that Saint Louis University and the Mid-America Law School Library Consortium have been exploring. CWRU has developed extremely sophisticated applications of both technologies. So have other libraries, but CWRU is very similar to SLU in size of student body and number of faculty, as well as the fact that both are private institutions. (As I was to learn, however, the two institutions are quite different with regard to financial resources.) Informal arrangements were begun for me to visit CWRU during spring break.

#### **II. Goals**

My goals in visiting Case Western Reserve University Law Library were to learn more about the technology of LANs and imaging, and in particular their law school applications.

LAN technology has matured in recent years into the standard for workplace automation. The decrease in cost and increase in power of microcomputers, especially in a networked environment, along with the age and incidence of failure of many of the existing non-networked computer installations, makes LAN technology a necessary option to consider.

Imaging technology--the use of scanners, OCR (optical character recognition) software, and multimedia--is an emerging technology that is becoming increasingly widespread. Applications range from preservation of old and rare library materials to the development of highly sophisticated instructional resources. While only a few of us may be producers of imaging projects in the next few years, almost all of us are certain to be consumers of such products. It is essential, therefore, that we at least become informed consumers.

#### **III. Description**

I spent Thursday and Friday, March 19 and 20, 1992, visiting Case Western Reserve University Law Library. Judith Kaul, Kathleen Carrick, and the rest of the staff at CWRU arranged a comprehensive two-day visit. I was met on my arrival Thursday morning by Judy, who took me on a tour of the Law Library. Judy then introduced me to Dan Kowall, Information Systems Coordinator, and Mark Zajaros, LAN Administrator, with whom I had lunch. During lunch we discussed a number of preliminary considerations with regard to networking. In the afternoon I spent additional time with Dan, as well as meeting with Amy Hammett, Software Specialist, and Larry Smith, Hardware Coordinator.

Prior to the CWRU networking project, the law school and law library, like many others, divided responsibility for automation. Having two administrative structures involved in the planning and implementation of automation was perceived to result in inefficiency and duplication of effort. In order to better serve the needs of both law school and law library, therefore, computer support was combined under the supervision of Dan Kowall, who reports to Kathleen Carrick.

Friday morning Judy Kaul demonstrated the services available through CWRUnet, the university-wide network, and LAWl, the law school LAN. These services include: electronic mail; access to the University's CD-ROM database library, an extensive collection of over 30 CD-ROMs; the law school's software library, providing access to CALR, word processing, spreadsheet and database software, graphics packages, and in-house databases of popular videos and the law library's bibliography series; EUCLID, the library catalog system of the Cleveland-area universities; and the Cleveland Free-Net. Later Judy took me to see the joint CWRU-IBM Electronic Library Project, an extremely sophisticated cooperative effort to develop multimedia applications in a wide variety of areas, ranging from music to medicine. The law library is developing a proposal to use imaging technology to preserve old Ohio reports and to conserve scarce library space.

After lunch with Christine Corcos, Head of Public Services, Kathleen, Judy, Mark and I spent the afternoon on a tour of CWRUnet. Joseph Wise, CWRU Assistant Director of Operations, and Michael Kukura, Network Services Engineering Manager, showed us the inner workings of the network, from the DEC, Sun, and IBM file servers to the cabling system installed throughout the university. CWRU has undertaken an impressive commitment to networking the entire university; every office, dormitory room, and workstation is provided with a faceplate delivering twisted pair wire for voice communication, coaxial cable for television, and both multi-mode and single-mode fiber optic cable. CWRUnet is wired with fiber optic to every workstation. Already mechanical locks on the doors to buildings are being replaced with electronic locks operated by the same magnetic cards that provide access to photocopiers and soft drink machines. Plans call for operating the university's environmental systems on the same network.

#### IV. Summary

CWRU School of Law and the Law Library benefit from an institution-wide commitment to high technology that most of us can only dream of. Although I do not foresee Saint Louis University developing anything on the scale of the information delivery and resource sharing network at CWRU, I did learn a great deal about the technologies of LANs and imaging, and the visit gave me a number of ideas that I hope to be able to implement. Foremost among these is a realization of what can be accomplished through coordination and planning of automation.

Kathleen Carrick, Judy Kaul, and the others who organized my visit not only provided an information-packed two days, but were also gracious hosts. It was a remarkably productive 48 hours for all involved, and the results met and exceeded my goals.

**MID-AMERICA CONSORTIUM COMPUTER LAB  
SURVEY RESULTS, MAY 1992  
BY: JAMES E. DUGGAN AND JO ANN HUMPHREYS**

A survey of all MAALL Computer Lab Personnel was conducted in January/February 1992 to provide an updated listing of computer lab equipment, software, staffing and training policies of the nineteen schools in the consortium. Charts condensing those completed surveys, along with copies of handouts and policies as contributed by member schools, are available from the authors or the member libraries. The following is a summary of the survey results.

### **Computer Labs**

Every law school in the Mid-American Consortium offers students computer access, with labs ranging from 2 IBM pc's (University of Missouri-Kansas City) to 31 Macintosh and IBM clones (Drake University). The MAALL average is 13.8 pc's. 15 of the 19 schools offer at least one laser printer for student use. Nine schools currently configure at least some of their computers on a local area network. Two of the schools (University of Nebraska and University of Oklahoma) have portable pc's that can be checked out.

The majority of the schools allow only law students to use their computer labs, with two exceptions: the University of Nebraska gives law students priority use, and the University of Missouri-Columbia will allow non-law students usage of the lab for educational LEXIS access.

### **Lab Fees**

Nine schools currently do not charge any fees to use their computer labs (although in some cases students must supply their own paper). The remaining schools either include charges in tuition costs, charge per page for laser printing, or assess fees ranging from \$10 - \$40 per semester for those students wishing to use the computer lab.

### **Computer Lab Staffing**

Twelve schools utilize librarians to oversee the computer lab. These include five computer services librarians, three associate directors, three librarians, and a technical services librarian. All of the librarians have other duties within the library. The remaining schools use either student assistants, computer technicians, or a business manager. Most of the lab managers have offices located in or next to the computer lab.

The majority of those responsible for their school's computer labs received training either "on-the-job" or through seminars.

The labs are staffed from a high of 84 hours per week (University of Missouri-Columbia) to a low of none (Oklahoma City University; University of Arkansas-Little Rock; University of Tulsa; and Washington University). Most labs are staffed between 20-40 hours per week.

### **Training Programs**

Thirteen schools offer some form of in-lab word processing training, and the remaining schools either planning to offer courses in the future, or rely on their university computing center to offer courses. Other training courses in addition to word processing are offered by some schools, including resume writing, mail merge, brief writing (Drake University); Pagemaker (Southern Illinois University); and Citerite and RightWriter (University of Tulsa). Most courses are offered in the Fall semester, although many schools offer selected courses every semester. Librarians are most often used by MAALL schools for training, although some schools also use students as well.

### **Maintenance**

The majority of the schools use a combination of in-house talent and either university computer support or outside technical personnel for computer lab equipment. Six of the schools utilize maintenance contracts for equipment support.

## Software

All schools provide WordPerfect in their computer labs. Other software programs offered by a majority of the schools include CALI, LEXIS, and WESTLAW.

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## THE "BEST" RECENT SUBJECT COMPILATIONS OF STATE LAWS

by Cheryl Rae Nyberg

These thirty-one compilations were chosen from the recently completed manuscript, Subject Compilations of State Laws 1990-1991: An Annotated Bibliography (Twin Falls, ID: Boast/Nyberg, at press). The criteria used to identify the "best" compilations for this list is that these sources are either cover-to-cover compilations (the entire volume or article is a compilation) or that a significant portion of the work contains descriptions of state laws on a given subject. Subjects range from abortion to taxation. Most of the sources were published in 1990 and 1991.

This bibliography is the seventh in a series published in this newsletter. Previous bibliographies have identified compilations on corporations (December 1991), drugs (June 1991), the environment (March 1991), children (October 1990), law in the workplace (February 1990), and AIDS (December 1989). If you would like to request that a specific topic be addressed in the future, please contact the compiler.

### Abortion

Abortion in the United States: A Compilation of State Legislation.

Buffalo: William S. Hein & Co., 1991. 2 vols. KF9315.Z95A26 1991. 344.73'04192 or 347.3044192. 90-86246.

Full text. Cites to codes and cases. Note: Volume 1 includes abortion laws state-by-state. Volume 2 covers abortion laws by topic, including legality of abortion, penalties, notice and consent, licensing and regulation of health care facilities, conscience laws, public funding, abortion referral and counseling, records, confidentiality, abortifacients, and insurance coverage. A publication of the Institute for International Legal Information.

### Alcoholism

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius. "State-by-State Drug and Alcohol Testing Survey." William and Mary Law Review 33 (1991):189-252.

Essay and summaries. Cites to constitutions, codes, regulations, and cases. Covers inclusion of alcoholism and/or drug addiction in laws on handicapped discrimination, drug testing, and unemployment compensation. Includes Puerto Rico.

### Animals

Gardner, Rebecca L.; Boyle, Jeanne E.; Calhoun, Ellen. "Official State Lists of Endangered, Threatened, or Rare Species." Reference Services Review 19 (Spring 1991):23-48.

Essay. Cites to codes and regulations.

### Antitrust

American Bar Association, Section of Antitrust Law. State Antitrust Practice and Statutes. [Chicago]: American Bar Association, 1990. 3 vols. KF1650.S7 1990. 343.73'0721 or 347.303721. 90-85322.

Vol. I: Appendix B-1 to B-3, "State Unfair and Deceptive Acts and Practices Statutes." Citations only. Cites to codes.

Vol. I: Appendix D-19 to D-29, "Appendix A, Antitrust Laws of the States." Citations only. Cites to constitutions and codes. Covers civil and criminal antitrust laws. Includes Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Vol. I: Appendix D-30, "Appendix B, State Merger Statutes." Citations only. Cites to codes. Includes twelve states and Puerto Rico.

Vols. I-III. Essay and full text. Cites to constitutions, codes, and cases. Covers all aspects of antitrust laws, including boycotts, mergers, price discrimination, exemptions and defenses, statutes of limitations, jurisdiction, government enforcement, and private causes of action. Includes Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

### Arbitration

Legislation on Dispute Resolution. Compiled 1990. Washington:

American Bar Association, Standing Committee on Dispute Resolution,

Governmental Affairs and Public Services Group, 1990. 288 pp. OCLC 22857502.

Pp. 7-71, "A. Compendium of Laws on Dispute Resolution in the Fifty States and the District of Columbia." Table. Cites to codes and court rules. Covers substantive areas in which dispute resolution may occur, including education, health care, labor, landlord-tenant, legal services, wills, consumer affairs, domestic relations, judicial procedure, contracts, environment, evidence, real estate, community affairs, housing, criminal law, international business, employment, public lands, transportation, farming, civil rights, agricultural labor, small claims, debtor-creditor, law enforcement, occupational injury, taxation, property, private judging, and banking and dispute resolution processes, including arbitration, conciliation, mediation, and informal procedures.

Pp. 73-74, "1) Arbitration Statutes in the United States." Citations only. Cites to codes.

Pp. 111-25, "C. Cross-Reference Charts of Dispute Resolution Laws by Subject Matter." Lists. Cites to bills, codes, and court rules.

Pp. 127-59, "D) List of Statewide ADR Initiatives." Essay. No citations. Includes twenty-one states.

Pp. 161-77, "E. Compendium of Dispute Resolution Bills Introduced in the 1989 State Legislative Session." Table. Cites to bills.

### Asbestos

Neilander, Dennis K.; Sacarto, Douglas M. State Asbestos Programs

Related to the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act: A Survey of State Laws and Regulations: An Update, April 1990. Denver: National Conference of State Legislatures, 1990. 236 pp. OCLC 21879885.

Charts and summaries. Cites to bills, session laws, codes, and regulations. Covers building inspections, accreditation or licensing of asbestos contractors and workers, abatement standards, air monitoring, laboratories, and liability issues. Note: Updates State Asbestos Programs Related to the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act: A Survey of State Laws and Regulations (1988) (1988-90 Nyberg 1395.03).

### Campaign Finance

Council of Governmental Ethics Law. Campaign Finance 1990: Legislation & Litigation. Lexington, KY: Council of State Governments, 1990. 109 pp. (T-00390) OCLC 25086927.

Summaries. Cites to bills, session laws, administrative decisions, and cases. "This document outlines major developments in campaign finance legislation and litigation . . . that have occurred since December, 1989, when . . . the predecessor of this report" was presented. Prepared by the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission.

### Constituency Statutes

"Appendix." Stetson Law Review 21 (1991):279-93.

Full text. Cites to codes. Covers the twenty-eight states that have laws on corporate directors' consideration of nonshareholder constituencies. Note: Appendix to "Symposium: Corporate Malaise/Stakeholder Statutes: Cause or Cure?"

### Court Procedure

Williams, Jane. "Survey of State Court Opinion Writing and Publication Practices." Law Library Journal 83 (1991):21-49.

Summaries. Cites to constitutions, codes, and court rules in footnotes. Covers intermediate courts of appeal and courts of last resort. Note: Errata printed at Law Library Journal 83 (1991):853.

### Criminal Records

SEARCH Group, Inc. Statutes Requiring the Use of Criminal History Record Information. Washington: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 1991. 71 pp. (NCJ-129896) KF9685.Z95W66 1991. 345.73'0772 or 347.305772. J29.9/8:H62/2. 91-601308.

Charts and tables. Cites to codes and court rules. Covers laws that require the use of criminal history record information for firearms, bail, offense upgrades, sentence enhancement, habitual criminals, probation, presentence reports, correctional classification, and parole. Includes U.S. (federal), Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Current as of Oct. 1990.

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Sitarz, Daniel. Divorce Yourself: The National No-Fault Divorce Kit. 2d ed., revised and updated. Carbondale, IL: Nova Publishing Company, 1991. 331 pp. (Legal Self-Help Series) KF535.Z9S57 1991. 346.7301'66 or 347.306166. 91-23431.

Pp. 215-320, "Appendix, Divorce Laws of All 50 States and Washington, D.C." Summaries. Cites to codes and court rules. Covers residency, grounds, courts, separation, simplified or special divorce procedures, mediation, property distribution, alimony/maintenance/spousal support, restoration of maiden name, and child custody and support. Note: Previous edition published in 1990.

### Drug Testing

Tulacz, Gary J. What You Need to Know about Workplace Drug Testing. Rev. ed. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Maxwell Macmillan Professional and Business Reference Publishing, 1991. 96 pp. OCLC 23951281, 23951989, 23964576 or 23978956.

Pp. 52-96, "Chapter 7, State Laws." Summaries. Cites to constitutions, codes, attorney general opinions, and cases. Covers drug and alcohol testing of employees, privacy, coverage of abusers under handicap discrimination laws, testing of public employees, and unemployment and workers' compensation provisions. Note: Distributed as Bulletin 6, Section 2, June 4, 1991, Termination of Employment and as Bulletin 21, Section 2, June 7, 1991, Human Resources: Guide to Employment Law and Regulation. Previous edition published in 1989 (1988-90 Nyberg 1460.10).

### Drugs

May, Jon R. State Laws/Regulations Pertaining to the Control of Anabolic Steroids. Rockville, MD: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration, 1990. 43 pp. OCLC 23737127.

Summaries and tables. Cites to bills and codes. Covers laws on the distribution, sale, or use of anabolic steroids and/or human growth hormone and classification of steroids as controlled substances.

### Elections

Bott, Alexander J. Handbook of United States Election Laws and Practices. New York: Greenwood Press, 1990. 535 pp. KF4749.B625 1990. 342.73'07 or 347.3027. 90-32460.

Essay, tables, charts, and summaries. Cites to constitutions, codes, attorney general opinions, and cases. Covers laws on the right to vote and the right to a secret ballot (pp. 4-7), residency and voter registration (pp. 9-12), primaries (pp. 22-24), voting rights of the mentally ill (pp. 26-28), voting rights of criminals (pp. 30-35), the purge of voter registration records for failure to vote (pp. 44-45), reinstatement after purge (pp. 47-50), residency requirements for candidates (pp. 63-67), the right of felons to hold office and the linkage between voter qualification and candidate qualification (pp. 73-75), access to the ballot (pp. 96-107), candidate requirements (pp. 114-38), selection of party delegates to the national nominating convention (pp. 141-42), reapportionment (pp. 209-21), legislative redistricting (pp. 222-27), constitutional amendment process (pp. 271-74), direct legislation (pp. 275-78), signature requirements for recall petitions (pp. 290-93), deceptive campaign literature (pp. 333-35), freedom of information (pp. 385-98), open meetings (pp. 403-07), campaign finance (pp. 412-16), personal finance disclosure (pp. 422-25), lobbying (pp. 429-37), political literature disclosure (pp. 442-45), privacy (pp. 452-54), and political activities of public employees (pp. 479-83).

### Firearms

Gottlieb, Alan. The Rights of Gun Owners. Updated ed. Bellevue, WA: Merrill Press, 1991. 235 pp. (A Second Amendment Foundation Handbook) KF3941.Z9G675 1991. 344.73'0533 or 347.304533. 91-31859.

Pp. 95-150. Summaries and some full text. Cites to constitutions, codes, and cases. Covers constitutional provisions on the right to bear arms, self-defense, permits for concealed weapons, possession of guns at home or at work, gun owner's identification cards or firearm purchase approval permit needed to buy a handgun, firearm registration with police, and waiting periods. Note: Previous editions published in 1983 and 1981 (1979-83 Nyberg/Boast 534.03).

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International Casino Law. Edited by Anthony N. Cabot, William N. Thompson, and Andrew Tottenham. Reno: University of Nevada, College of Business Administration, Institute for the Study of Gambling and Commercial Gaming, 1991. 474 pp. OCLC 24329986.

Summaries. No citations. Includes fourteen states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Canadian provinces, and more than fifty countries.

### Grandparents' Visitation Rights

Victor, Richard S.; Robbins, Michael A.; Bassett, Scott. "Statutory Review of Third-Party Rights Regarding Custody, Visitation, and Support." Family Law Quarterly 25 (1991):19-57.

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Pp. 54-55, "Table II, American Bar Association, 'Rights of Third Party,' Stepparents." Table. Cites to codes. Covers custody and visitation rights and support obligations.

Pp. 56-57, "Table III, American Bar Association, 'Rights of Third Party,' Siblings/Stepsiblings." Table. Cites to codes. Covers custody and visitation rights.

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Epidemic of Fear: A Survey of AIDS Discrimination in the 1980s and Policy Recommendations for the 1990s. A Report of the ACLU AIDS Project. New York: American Civil Liberties Union, 1990. 146 pp. OCLC 22216544, 22574218, or 25021847.

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Summaries. No citations. Covers procedures for reporting spills of oil or hazardous substances or wastes, excess air emissions, wastewater excursions, and underground tank leaks to state and local officials.

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All-States Wills and Estate Planning Guide: Basic Principles and a Summary of State and Territorial Will and Intestacy Statutes. Chicago: American Bar Association, Section of General Practice, 1990. var. pp. KF775.Z95A55 1990. 346.7305'2'0269 or 347.306520269. 90-83537.

Summaries, full text, and tables. Cites to codes. Covers laws on inheritance, wills, nuncupative wills, holographic wills, bond and residency requirements for executors and guardians, revocation of wills, effect of subsequent divorce, spouse's right of election, the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act, the Uniform Simultaneous Death Act, choice of law, self-proving provisions, military provisions, living wills, minimum age requirements, witnesses, and death and gift taxes. Includes Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Note: "The All-States Wills and Estate Planning Guide will be revised periodically." "Except as otherwise noted, the material contained herein is a work of the United States Government. It is not subject to copyright protection and may be freely reprinted." "When reprinting any portion of this work, please use the following citation: The Judge Advocate General's School, U.S. Army, ACIL-ST-262, Legal Assistance Wills Guide [page number] (Jan. 1989)."

### **Juvenile Courts**

Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. "Access to Juvenile Courts: A Reporter's Guide to Proceedings and Documents." News Media & the Law 15 (Fall 1991):12-page supplement following p. 22.

Pp. 4-12, "A Jurisdictional Guide to Juvenile Access." Summaries. Cites to codes, court rules, and cases. Covers public or media access to juvenile proceedings and court records.

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Employment Law in the 50 States: A Reference for Employers. 3d ed. 1989-90 Washington: CUE, 1989. 261 pp. OCLC 21120383.

Summaries. Cites to session laws, codes, and cases. Covers employment-at-will; discrimination; testing for AIDS, alcohol, and/or drugs; employee access to personnel and other records; leave policies for jury duty, military duty, pregnancy, disability, or parental duty; plant closings; polygraph examinations; employee searches and surveillance; termination; toxic substances; and whistleblowers. Note: Previous editions published in 1987 (1985-88 Nyberg 1220.01) and 1984.

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Pp. [213-66], "Appendix C, State-Mandated Durable Powers of Attorney for Health Care and Related Forms." Full text. Some citations to codes. Includes seventeen states.

Note: "Updated, revised, and expanded edition of The Living Will Source Book (1986).

### **Not-for-Profit Corporations or Organizations**

Hopkins, Bruce R. The Law of Fund-Raising. New York: John Wiley & Sons, 1991. 591 pp. (Nonprofit Law, Finance, and Management Series) KF1389.5.H66 1991. 344.73'03170681 or 347.3043170681. 90-42408.

Pp. 57-251, "3. The State Charitable Solicitation Acts: Comprehensive Summaries." Summaries. Cites to session laws and codes. Covers regulation and licensing of charitable organizations and professional fund-raisers and solicitors, annual reporting requirements, exemptions, commercial co-ventures, prohibited acts, and sanctions. Includes forty-two states.

Pp. 555-58, "Appendix A, At-a-Glance Summary of State Charitable Solicitation Acts." Lists. No citations. Covers same subjects as above and states that have charitable laws with exemptions for religious organizations, educational institutions, membership organizations, small organizations, and hospitals.

### **Pardons**

National Governors' Association, Center for Policy Research. Guide to Executive Clemency among the American States. Washington: U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections, 1988. 203 pp. OCLC 21216777.

Charts and summaries. Cites to constitutions, codes, and cases. Covers gubernatorial authority, administrative agencies, regulations, reports, types of clemency (reprieves, commutations, pardons, remission of fines and penalties, and restoration of citizenship), unpardonable crimes, administrative process, restoration of civil rights, standards, evidence, records expungement, and subsequent conviction. Includes American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

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Blatt, Richard L.; Hammesfar, Robert W.; Nugent, Lori S. Punitive Damages: A State by State Guide to Law and Practice. St. Paul: West Publishing Co., 1991. 596 pp. (West's Handbook Series) OCLC 24940575.

Summaries and essay. Cites to constitutions, codes, court rules, attorney general opinions, and cases. Covers conduct required to recover punitive damages (malice or gross negligence), the insurability of punitive damages, conflicts of law in contracts and torts, and jury instructions. Includes American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, the Trust Territories, and the Virgin Islands. Note: Includes a bibliography of civil jury instructions.

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Summaries. Cites to codes and cases. Prepared by the American Bar Association, Section of Labor and Employment Law.

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American Bar Association, Section of Taxation. ABA Sales & Use Tax Desk Book, 1990-91 Edition. Edited by D. Michael Young and John T. Piper. Washington: American Bar Association, 1991. var. pp. OCLC 24272025 or 24465319.

Summaries. Cites to codes. Covers sales and use taxation of retail sales, services, warranties, maintenance agreements, amusements, food, licenses, bad debts, imports, exports, and related goods and services; exclusions and exemptions; nontaxable goods; and commodities taxation. Note: Previous edition published in 1988 (1988-90 Nyberg 1650.01).

A light moment to cure the doldrums.....

## LIBRARY "LITERATURE" FROM LONNNNGGGG AGO (AND FAR AWAY...)

### THE RETURN OF *CONAN, THE LIBRARIAN*

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In the lost ages before history began, knowledge was rarer than rubies, more precious than pearls, fought for by fierce fighters armed with arrows of alliteration. The one who held the key to knowledge held great power.

For centuries, this key had been guarded by the priestesses of the Temple of Knowledge. Anyone in need of information could come to the Temple and (for a small offering, for there was in that time no LSCA) have their question answered. But there always have been those who would use knowledge for evil ends--the most evil end of all being monopolizing it to themselves.

And so it was that on a misty morning in the early Spring, the call of the owl, servant of the High Priestess, summoned to the Temple of Knowledge the greatest of the Reference Warriors, Conan the Librarian.

He arrived to find the Temple strangely quiet. A line of patrons had formed before the Altar of Reference. Above it was a sign he had never seen before: Back in a Minute. Novices spoke in nervous whispers in groups of two or three as he walked by.

He could hear anxious voices through the heavy oak door as he reached the inner sanctum of the High Priestess. The owl on its perch rolled it[s] head around and opened its great eyes.

"WHOOooooo?"

"It is I, Conan, the Librarian."

The great door swung open with a moan of its iron hinges. Conan entered and knelt before the High Priestess. "Rise, Conan." The High Priestess looked older and more careworn than he had ever seen her. Beside her stood a Priestess Conan did not know, though by her insignia, he recognized her as an dept of the Technical Arts. The High Priestess took a long breath, seemingly to draw upon an inner power, then she spoke again.

"Conan, you have shown the greatest skills in the Public Arts. Your quest to the Great Oracle for the secrets of greenmail and poison pills for Dean James the First earned the Temple a large Endowment. Now your sword and your wits must be their sharpest for a great crisis has come upon us. A calamity that could spell the destruction of the Temple itself."

Conan felt as if a cold hand had clutched his heart. He glanced at the Priestess of Technical Services, but she gave him a dark look and glanced away. The High Priestess continued.

"Our most sacred relic has been stolen. The holy book upon which our system of knowledge is based, the source of all true cataloging, without which all knowledge in the Temple would degenerate to mere information. The holiest of holies entrusted to the Priestesses of the Temple by the gods themselves at the beginning of Time. The book whose very title is in the unpronounceable language of the gods."

Conan gasped. "Not the...the..."

"Yes," the High Priestess nodded, "the AACR2." . . . .

### THE SAGA OF *SONJA, CIRCULATION SORCERESS*

AN ORIGINAL LIBRARY SAGA

BY: B. J. THROWER, Tulsa, OK, c1992

Sonja hurried down the carved stone steps of the Library of Laws, heavy scabbard against her leg. She knelt in haste and kissed the golden statue of the library deity, The Director. She said, "Watch over me, Director, for I am late, which bodes ill for the day." She stood up and walked quickly behind the stone slab of the Circulation Desk.

Erin, one of several Library of Laws reference librarians looked up from the scroll she was reading and said,

“Sonja, did you hear? The Director shall appear to us today!” Sonja placed her cloth bag of figs and dried apples on the floor and nodded. Erin said that every day, and it never happened.

Erin added, “All of the scribes on staff are ill with the Plague. We have no one to copy laws for patrons. You deal with it, for the Oracle Catalog might summon me at any moment.” “Yes, Erin. The new desk attendant can copy.”

“Excuse me, excuse me!” A small man in a long blue robe scurried toward the Desk. “Who is in charge here?” Erin was about to answer when a stentorian Voice rang out, “ERIN, ERIN REFERENCE LIBRARIAN! The Oracle Catalog. “Yes, Master Oracle! YES!” Erin whispered. She stumbled away with a vacant expression, drooling a bit. Such was the awesome Power of the Oracle Catalog.

Sonja bowed to the startled patron, smiled pleasantly and asked, “Good Sir, how may I--?” “There are students talking and creating a disturbance in the Legal History of Kings Reference Room. I demand you do something about the young hooligans!”

Sonja entered the LHK Reference Room with the small man in tow, who continued to complain, bleating like a goat. And he rather looked like one, too, Sonja thought. Robed students clustered at tables strewn with the yellowed scrolls of the Legal History of Modern Kings. Their whispers echoed off the stone walls until Sonja’s shadow loomed above them in the torch light.

“Students, I am Sonja, Circulation Sorceress. A complaint has been lodged against you for talking in the Library of Laws.” “A lie!” a student exclaimed. “We are merely studying!” “I overheard you. This Rule is posted. I advise you to consult all wooden signs. I advise you to obey.” “Or what, pray tell?” sneered the student.

Sonja grasped the hilt of her sword and drew it singing from the scabbard. “Or this be your fate, whippersnapper.” The student, red of face, bowed deeply and said, “I beg for your pardon, Mistress Sonja!” “I give you that,” Sonja said. She sheathed her sword and trotted back to the Circulation area, feeling satisfied but not smug. Law students were bold, but usually reasonable.

The new desk attendant, Raphael, plucked his beard in despair while a dirty carrier pigeon sat on his shoulder preening its feathers. “Oh-oh, Sonja! We have a problem!” “Calm yourself, Raphael. What is it?” Raphael waved the tiny message the pigeon had flown in. “We have an interlibrary loan request from the Great Library at Alexandria!” Alexandria was one thousand leagues away.

“What loan do they request, Raphael?” He shrugged and gave the message over. Sonja read it and sighed, “O, Director! This ILL calls not only for pigeons, but Courage and Magic. Raphael, hold the fort. I make a Quest to the Dungeon.” “Wow,” Raphael said, obviously impressed. “But you leave me here alone? Without guidance, Sonja? How long will your Quest take? What about my break?” “It shall take as long as it takes,” Sonja replied. “Keep your head. Consult the Circulation Manual if the need arises. Erin wants you to copy laws for patrons today. Cage that filthy bird, and please help yourself to my figs.” “Those were your figs? Your bravery inspires me, Sonja. You can count on me!” Raphael swore.

Sonja unsheathed her sword for the second time that morning and stalked toward the dank, dark spiral steps which led around and down to the Stacks of the Library of Laws Dungeon . . . !

WILL SONJA SURVIVE THE DUNGEON TO SEND THE ILL? WILL THE DIRECTOR APPEAR? WILL ERIN STOP DROOLING WHEN THE ORACLE CATALOG SUMMONS HER??? The saga of *Sonja, Circulation Sorceress* will continue.....

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AALL Copyright Committee has expressed its support for the bill, joining sister library associations.

The West Publishing Company has expressed its strong opposition to the bill. Apparently, the publishing conglomerate, Thomson Company, supports the bill, and its U.S. subsidiaries have written Congressional Representatives in support. The AALL Copyright Committee has discussed this issue and will continue to monitor the legislation. However, the Committee would like very much to hear from law librarians on this issue. If you would like to express your opinion, please contact Kathleen Vanden Heuvel, (510) 643-9147, before July 20. After July 20, contact Lolly Gasaway, (919) 962-1049.

### THIRD PARTY AGREEMENTS AND ONLINE DATABASES

The spring 1992 issue of Law Library Journal contains a Questions and Answers column written by Linda Will, manager of research services at Holland & Knight in Tampa, Florida. The column discusses the widely varying restrictions on resale and distribution of information retrieved from databases found in NEXIS, Dialog and other online services. It looks like law librarians must pay careful attention to the language of their contracts with the different vendors. Verbal assertions by the vendors do not always agree with the written language of the contracts. Be sure to check the Questions and Answers column for details.

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### **AALL ANNUAL MEETING REMINDERS TO PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

Persons requiring vegetarian or Kosher meals for the President's Luncheon and the Closing Banquet are reminded to stop by the Information/Hospitality Desk to request their meals. Requests for both events must be made by 5:00 p.m., Sunday, July 19, 1992.

Persons with a disability requiring auxiliary aids and services as well as others who may require transportation to and from the Opening Reception and the President's Luncheon are reminded to check the appropriate box(es) on page 30 of the Preliminary Program.

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## AALL COPYRIGHT COMMITTEE NEWS

### FAXING AND COPYING OF NEWSLETTERS

Many law firm librarians have expressed concern about possible infringement for photocopying and faxing newsletters protected by copyright. A number of out-of-court settlements strongly suggest that cover-to-cover copying is infringement, and these have caused many firms to evaluate their copying policies. A recent case held that cover-to-cover photocopying or faxing of a newsletter constituted infringement (Pasha Publications, Inc. v. Enmark Gas Corp., 22 U.S.P.Q.2d (BNA) 1076 (N.D. Tex. Mar. 10, 1992)). The court noted that the defendant was a commercial enterprise and that the unauthorized photocopying of the newsletter furthered its commercial pursuits. The court also pointed out that faxing copies of newsletters rendered the purchase of additional subscriptions unnecessary, thereby affecting the market for the newsletter. The defendant was permanently enjoined and restrained from directly or indirectly infringing the plaintiff's copyrights.

This case provides an excellent illustration of the dangers of photocopying commercial newsletters and a reminder that faxing is essentially the same as photocopying. The Pasha case is available online and at: 19 Media L. Rep. (BNA) 2062 and Copyright L. Rep. (CCH) ¶26,881.

The May 1992 issue of Law Office Management and Administration Report contained an inaccurate statement concerning AALL in an article on photocopying newsletters. The article states that AALL "reached an agreement that condoned cover-to-cover photocopying." In reality, the resolution that was passed expressed the sentiment that cover-to-cover photocopying constitutes infringement.

### COURSE MATERIALS

Faculty members at many colleges and universities are confused about new policies for compiling course materials at many copy services in the wake of Basic Books v. Kinko's. Another Kinko's-style case is under litigation in Michigan. On April 2, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan issued a preliminary injunction to prohibit the Michigan Document Service from preparing or selling course materials. The plaintiffs are Princeton University Press and other publishers who publish textbooks for the college market.

### H.R.4426: REMOVING COPYRIGHT PROTECTION FOR LEGAL CITATIONS

This bill, currently before Congress, would remove copyright protection for any name, number, or citation by which the text of state and federal laws or regulations are, or ever have been identified, or for any volume or page number by which state or federal laws, regulations, judicial opinions are, or ever have been, identified. The

**AALL GOV-LINE REPORT  
NO. 24, MAY 6, 1992**

Produced by the AALL Government Relations Committee  
Written and Edited by Susan Lewis-Somers  
Production Assistant: Ronda Bedgood

The Government Relations Committee of the American Association of Law Libraries produces Gov-Line, a recorded telephone hotline that reports the latest news from Washington and the states on issues of interest to law librarians, and the AALL Gov-Line Report, its print companion. Issues and institutions covered include federal information policy, Library of Congress, the U.S. Judicial Conference, state affairs and many other issues. A new issue of Gov-Line and the AALL Gov-Line Report is published every few weeks when Congress is in session. In addition, anyone may call Gov-Line at (312) 939-7774. For further information about any of the issues discussed in Gov-Line or the AALL Gov-Line Report, you may contact Bob Oakley, AALL's Washington Representative, at (202) 662-9160 or through Bitnet at ROAKLEY@GUVAX.

**NUMBERING OF GOV-LINE REPORT ISSUES ALTERED:** The numbering of the AALL Gov-Line Report issues has been changed, beginning with this issue, to reflect the numbering of the AALL Gov-Line, the companion telephone hotline that was first published in January 1991. The last issue of the Gov-Line Report was No. 7 (Gov-Line No. 23).

**PROPOSED REVISION OF OMB CIRCULAR A-130 RELEASED:** On April 29, the President's Office of Management and Budget published its proposals for revision of its Circular A-130, a document that gives guidance to federal agencies in their collection and dissemination of agency information, pursuant to the federal Paperwork Reduction Act. The proposed circular seeks to manage the entire "life cycle" of government information and to coordinate federal and state information policies. The OMB proposes to broaden the kind of "information products" that agencies are directed to disseminate to the public (and to depository libraries) to include information compiled and maintained in electronic formats. However, in proposed Appendix IV, the OMB states that as it interprets the existing law governing the Depository Library Program (44 USC 1901, et seq.), agencies do not have any legal obligation to make electronic "information products" available to depository libraries. In addition, the OMB moves farther away from its former emphasis on private publishers to disseminate much government information by taking a more neutral position between "federal" and "non-federal" information providers. Finally, the proposal directs agencies to avoid the establishment of exclusive or restrictive distribution arrangements with publishers and to set any user charges for government information no higher than the cost of dissemination. The OMB proposal appears in the April 29 Federal Register at 57 FR 18296. Anyone wishing to submit comments on the OMB proposal must do so by August 27, 1992.

**FEDERAL COURTS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE SUBSTANTIAL FEES FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TO ONLINE RECORDS:** The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized all federal district courts and bankruptcy courts to charge the public a \$1.00 per minute fee to access a new online system of case records and files called PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records). Currently, not all federal courts using the PACER system charge the fee for public access, although most are expected to eventually. The \$1.00 minute per access fee is almost three times higher than the online fee that was proposed by the Federal Maritime Commission last year (but never enacted) for public access to its online tariff data file. The Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts has not made the PACER system available to depository libraries, which would provide free public access to the federal court records.

**HOUSE FLOOR REMARKS IN HONOR OF NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK:** Representative Major Owens,

Democrat of New York, spoke about the state of the nation's libraries on the floor of the House of Representatives on April 8, in honor of National Library Week. Rep. Owens, the only librarian in Congress, decried a dramatic reduction in the federal funding of libraries proposed by President Bush in his proposed 1993 budget, from \$132 million in the current appropriation to \$35 million in the Administration's 1993 proposal. In addition, he inserted into the record a summary and status report of library-related legislation now before Congress. Included in his status table are appropriations bills for library programs, as well as the GPO Wide Information Network for Data Online (WINDO) Act of 1991, H.R. 2772, which would establish in the Government Printing Office a single point of online access to a wide range of federal databases that contain electronically stored public information. Other useful information entered into the record by Rep. Owens includes an ALA-produced fact sheet on the 1991 White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services (WHCLIS), with an excerpt from the WHCLIS Summary Report, and ALA fact sheets on the proposed budget for the Library of Congress and on proposals for the funding of state and local libraries. Rep. Owens' statement is in the April 8 issue of the Congressional Record on pages H2460-H2471 .

**LC TO INTRODUCE NEW FEES-FOR-SERVICES BILL:** Library of Congress officials have proposed substantial revisions to an existing bill that would authorize the library to develop fee-based programs and services. The bill, S. 1416, would grant the Librarian of Congress broad powers to engage in fee-generating programs, with few limits on such fees, at the expense of traditional LC services. The new proposal, which may be introduced in Congress as a substitute bill, more carefully limits the amount that LC can charge for "specialized library products and services" to the cost of packaging and distributing them. However, the list of these fee-generating specialized products and services has been expanded to include "electronic access to the contents of the collections." This is a basic service that many librarians argue should fall into the separate category of "national library products and services" or even the category of "core library products and services," both of which are provided to libraries and their patrons at no charge (other than the telecommunications costs, in this case). Any attempt by LC to recover the full distribution costs for electronic access to the collections could cause some library associations to reconsider their stated positions on the bill.

**AALL APPOINTS COMMITTEE TO MONITOR IMPLEMENTATION OF WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS:** At its April meeting, AALL's Executive Board approved the establishment of a Special Committee on the White House Conference on Library and Information Services (WHCLIS). The Special Committee will monitor post-WHCLIS activities and events and will consult with AALL's President on the level of the Association's future participation in such events. In July, the Committee will present a report to the Executive Board which will recommend an appropriate level of WHCLIS participation. The report will consider the costs of such participation, as well as the expected benefits for the Association and its members. The members of the Special Committee are Shirely David, Penny Hazelton, Barbara Houston, Kathy Larson and Cheryl Nyberg (Chair). The Committee seeks input from interested members.

## 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, Creighton University, 24th & California Sts., Omaha, NE 68178-0340; (402)472-2875; FAX:

### AALL VOLUNTEER:

**AALL Public Relations Coordinator.** The AALL Executive Board at their April meeting adopted the recommendation of the Special Committee on Public Relations that the volunteer position of PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR be created. The charge of the volunteer Public Relations Coordinator will be to establish and administer the public relations program of the Association. If this sounds like an interesting challenge, call Mark Estes, AALL Vice-President/President Elect, right away.....(303) 861-7000, ext. 260.

### KANSAS

**Catalog Librarian:** Requirements: MLS from an accredited library school, must be able to work well with people, be detail oriented, have good communication and supervisory skills. Prefer library/law experience or specialization in Law Librarianship. Responsible for cataloging operations including all aspects of OCLC, reclassification and retrospective conversion, planning and implementing online catalog, technical processing. Includes processing, organization and shelving of government documents. Supervises full-time cataloging assistant and oversees half-time documents assistant and students. Share reference duties on evenings and weekends. Salary: \$23,000. Full time, 12 month tenure track appointment. Available June 18, 1992. Review of applications will begin on June 1 and will continue until position is filled. Send letter of application, resume, transcript and 3 references. Apply: Mary D. Burchill, School of Law Library, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045. (913) 864-3025. An EO/AA Employer.



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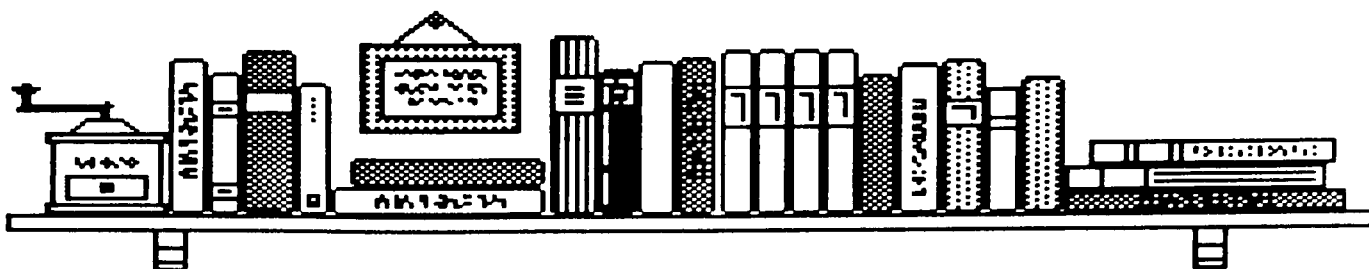
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Hello! Welcome to the rather late September issue of MAALL Markings. My thanks to all who have helped, offered moral support and commiserated during my convalescence. Many thanks to Sally, Lori and the Nebraska crew who have worked with the delay, during it all to their advantage.

The Committee volunteer form is printed in this issue. Please take the time to volunteer for the committee of your choice. Committee work is very rewarding, and to paraphrase Uncle Sam, "MAALL Needs *YOU* !"

Please read the MAALL Meeting Announcement concerning rooms at the Cornhusker Hotel---it's very important for those of you planning to arrive on October 21.

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# ANNUAL MEETING

## IMPORTANT \*\* IMPORTANT

If you need hotel reservations for Wednesday, October 21st, local arrangements has reserved a block of rooms at the **CLAYTON HOUSE** (10TH & "O" Streets). Call 800-233-7778 to reserve Wednesday night accommodations. Tell them you are with the MAALL group to receive a price comparable to that at the **CORNHUSKER**. Don't forget to also make a reservation at the **CORNHUSKER HOTEL**, the Convention Hotel, for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday if necessary. The **CORNHUSKER** number is 800-742-2226. We have lots of space at the **CORNHUSKER** beginning on Thursday the 22nd. Unfortunately no rooms are available for Wednesday the 21st.

Local Arrangements will assist you in every way possible to move to the **CORNHUSKER HOTEL** on Thursday morning. We will be providing transportation, assisting with luggage and making all other necessary arrangements.

We are excited to have all of you coming to Lincoln, and we will do everything we can to make your stay exciting and rewarding.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us:

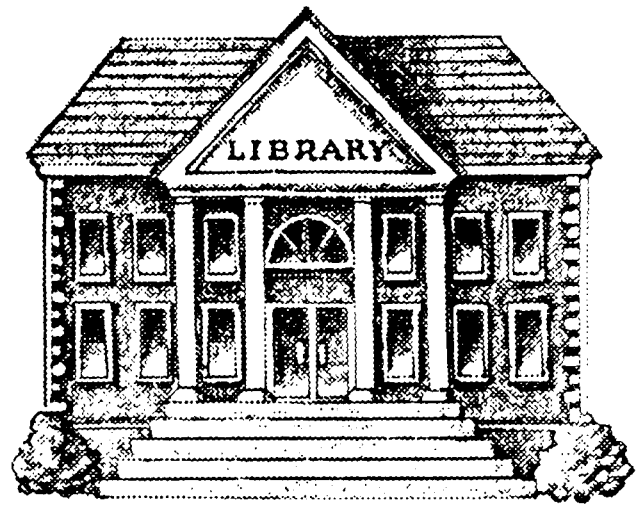
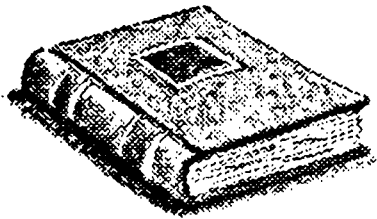
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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Hopefully you have October 22-24th marked on your calendar. Those are the dates for the *1992 A Year of Discovery* : 1992 Annual Meeting of the Mid-America Law Library Association. The meeting will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska. The Local Arrangements and the Program committees have been and will be working long and hard for your enjoyment and intellectual stimulation. Please look over the materials included in this newsletter and in the information we sent you awhile ago and then make your registration. If you need any more information or have any questions, please give me call or anyone on the committees. We all look forward to seeing you in Lincoln.

We will have our business meeting Friday morning. Please send me any issues that you would like to see on the agenda. Mark Estes, the President of the American Association of Law Libraries, will be attending our meeting. He looks forward to hearing from and talking to everyone.

This is my last column. It is hard to believe that my term is over. I want to thank everyone in the association especially the Board, the committee chairs and committee members, and the newsletter editor for their enthusiasm, energy, support, experience, savvy, intellect and time. Volunteering your talents is so important to our chapter. We can't exist without dedicated volunteers.

I also want to thank everyone for the opportunity to learn from them.

Lori Hunt will become President at the conclusion of the business meeting on Friday. I look forward to turning over the "gavel" to her at that time. Please give her all the support that you have given me. I know that she will do a terrific job.

See you all in Lincoln. Sally



Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting  
Mid-America Association of Law Libraries  
Tuesday, July 21, 1992  
San Francisco

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by President Sally Wise.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the prior meeting, which had been printed in an earlier issue of the MAALL Markings. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes, it passed.

Cheryl Rae Nyberg then presented a printed treasurer's report. The full report will be printed in this newsletter.

President Wise reported, that MAALL was represented in the Activities Area of the convention. Brian Striman was introduced as winner of the logo competition, which you can see on the cover of the 1992 MAALL Membership Directory. Sally had been notified that the Library School at the University of Iowa, in Iowa City, has been saved. Due to shortness of time, we then moved ahead temporarily, on the agenda, to New Business. It was moved and seconded that we delete Article IX (Protection of Tax Exempt Status from the Constitution). It was passed. It was then moved and seconded that we adopt the new language of Article IX. It was adopted.

Vice-President Lori Hunt announced that she would be making committee appointments before the Fall meeting, in hopes that the committee members would have an opportunity to meet while in Lincoln. AALL Outreach Program needs MAALL liaisons for areas in the MAALL region. If you're interested you can contact Lori.

Local Arrangements Committee members, for the 1992 Meeting in Lincoln, were then introduced by Rebecca Trammell and Brian Striman. The site for the meeting will be the Cornhusker Hotel, a beautifully restored hotel in downtown Lincoln. The Committee urged members to send in their Nebraska Trivia answers!

Kay Andrus, Chair of the Program Committee for the 1992 meeting in Lincoln, passed out a Preliminary MAALL Program; *1992: A Year of Discovery*.

Directory Committee Chair, Angie Lange, announced that the Directory had been mailed to all members. Any corrections or anyone not receiving their directory should contact her.

Lori Hunt, reporting for Katherine Tooley, announced that Debbie DeSpain will be the new editor of MAALL Markings for FY 93.

Evelyn Gardner, Membership Committee, said the committee had sent out letters to all members who did not renew their membership to MAALL, to encourage them to do so. Also letters were sent to Academic Librarians to encourage their staff to participate in MAALL. They will make a study of the responses and be making recommendations to the Fall '92 Membership Committee.

Judith Morgan reminded us that the applications for a grant to the MAALL meeting next Fall, in Lincoln, appeared in the June Newsletter.

The Pro Bono Committee had no report at this time.

Resource Sharing Committee Chairman, John Edwards reported that the staff exchange program is going well. There was a report by James Milles in the last newsletter and will be a report of a second staff exchange in the upcoming (this) newsletter.

Sally asked new members to stand and introduce themselves.

Susan Csaky announced that there would be new officers, for the Mid-America Law School Library Consortium, taking office this year. Also, there is an updated Union List available from the Consortium for \$100.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15.

Submitted by Angie Lange, MAALL Secretary

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## 1993 MAALL Markings Newsletter Editor and Advertising Manager

We are happy to announce that Debbie DeSpain of the University of South Dakota has volunteered to serve as MAALL Markings editor beginning in 1993. Janet McKinney, of the University of Missouri-Kansas City has agreed to be the Advertising Manager for the newsletter. Debbie and Janet will carry on the grand tradition established by the wonderful editors/ad managers that have come before!

## **1992/1993 COMMITTEES**

It's time to get our committees in place and ready to go for another year. Included in the MAALL MARKINGS is a coupon to send in and volunteer for a committee. As you know, committees do the vital work of the organization. There will be time for committee meetings in Lincoln during lunch on Friday. PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM and return it to Lori Weiss by October 15, 1992.

1992/1993 committee chairs:

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS - Tranne Pearce

DIRECTORY - Angie Lange

GRANTS - Judy Morgan

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS (1993) - Lynn Foster

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS (1994) - John Edwards

MEMBERSHIP - Evelyn Gardner

NEWSLETTER - Debbie DeSpain, Editor/Janet McKinney, Ad Manager

NOMINATIONS - Katherine Belgum

PLACEMENT - Mary Kay Jung

PRO BONO PROJECT - Jim Milles

PROGRAM (1993) - Not yet set

PROGRAM (1994) - Not yet set

RESOURCE SHARING - John Edwards

**MAALL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 1992/1993**

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Please check the committees(s) that you would like to be on:

\_\_\_\_\_ CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS: Propose and submit any changes, additions, deletions to MAALL's Constitution and Bylaws.

\_\_\_\_\_ DIRECTORY: Prepare the MAALL Directory.

\_\_\_\_\_ GRANTS: Establish criteria for awards of grants, publicizes availability, and selects recipients.

\_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS, Little Rock, AR (1993): Prepare local arrangements.

\_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS, Des Moines, IA (1994): Prepare local arrangements.

\_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERSHIP: Identify and contact perspective members.

\_\_\_\_\_ NEWSLETTER: Work with the MAALL MARKINGS editor and be liaison to gather membership information.

\_\_\_\_\_ NOMINATIONS: Select slate of candidates for elected officers.

\_\_\_\_\_ PLACEMENT: Maintain active resume file for employees and prospective employers. Publicize information.

\_\_\_\_\_ PRO BONO PROJECT: Explore and develop ways that law librarians can provide pro bono services.

\_\_\_\_\_ PROGRAM (1993): Prepare the 1993 program.

\_\_\_\_\_ PROGRAM (1994): Prepare the 1994 program.

\_\_\_\_\_ RESOURCE SHARING: Explore and develop ways that the membership may more effectively share information resources.

Please return the completed form by **October 15, 1992** to:

Lori Weiss, Vice President MAALL  
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## AALL PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM GEARS UP

AALL has launched a major public relations effort in 1992-1993 in response to the Final Report of its Special Committee on Public Relations issued in Spring 1992. The Executive Board established a new volunteer position to spearhead this effort, the **Public Relations Coordinator**, and created a new **Public Relations Advisory Committee** to provide guidance and support. It also provided a significant budget, perhaps the best indicator of how important they consider an effective public relations program to be.

While some of the specifics of the program can only be developed in response to particular needs as they arise, the primary goal is already clear: *to inform a variety of audiences that because of unique education, training, and experience, law librarians are the professionals best able to provide, or coordinate access to, legal information.* Among the audiences targeted to receive this and many related messages are hiring and funding authorities (e.g., law firm administrators, law school deans, county law library boards of trustees), library patrons, non-law librarians and other information professionals, library educators and students.

To reach these diverse groups, it is necessary to call upon all the resources available to AALL. And our most important resource by far is the membership itself. Each and every member should be a part of AALL's public relations "team." Headquarters personnel can issue news releases, develop marketing campaigns, and engage in like-scale activities, but they cannot personally interact with those in our target audiences as can librarians who encounter them on a daily basis. These direct contacts are perfect windows of "PR opportunity" if we are prepared to take advantage of them. One of the major goals of the new AALL program will be to provide information and support to ensure such preparation exists. Brochures, press packets, posters, informational handouts, exhibit booths, and sample marketing tools are just a few of the tangible items which will be available to members. Perhaps more important will be the provision of **ideas and practical suggestions** which can be turned into successful promotional devices in each and every law library.

So what does all this mean for you? At the moment, not much. A wide-ranging program such as envisioned here does not occur overnight. But you will see tangible evidence as the year progresses, including a monthly column in the *AALL Newsletter* entitled "PR Potpourri" which will be filled with tips and suggestions that are "ready for use." And here's where you can help. We are looking for public relations successes—be they large, small, or medium-sized—which can be reported to readers of the column. Sharing your methods in this way might jumpstart someone into an activity that spreads the word about law librarians and thus ultimately is as much to your benefit as to theirs.

So be it a bookmark, a clever poster or brochure, a special program, or an article you wrote, please contact me with news of your PR efforts so that I may share them with our colleagues. All I need is a brief description and/or an actual sample, if appropriate. I am also interested in any thoughts or ideas you may have about the AALL Public Relations program generally. I look forward to hearing from you all.

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## **MAALL TRAVEL GRANT AWARD WINNERS**

The recipients of travel grants to the 1992 MAALL annual meeting Lincoln, Nebraska are:

Janet McKinney: Marian G. Gallagher Travel Grant, University of Missouri-Kansas City

Leann V. Genovese: U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit, St. Louis, Missouri

Kirk Gregory: U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit, St. Louis, Missouri

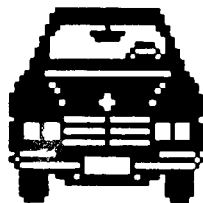
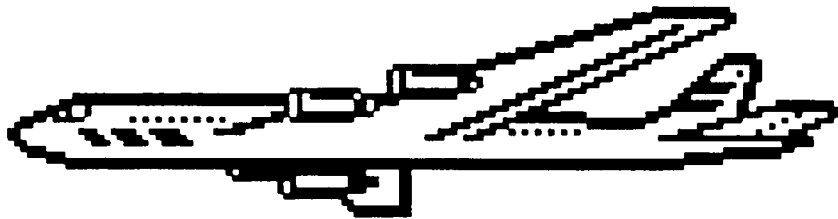
David Harlem: University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas

Jim Voelker: U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit, St. Louis, Missouri

Grants will be awarded at the MAALL opening Luncheon in Lincoln, Nebraska, Thursday, October 12, 1992.

Submitted by Judith Morgan, Grants Chair, Oklahoma City University Law Library

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# OF NOTE/MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## ILLINOIS

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

Elizabeth W. Matthews has published a Second edition of The Library Reference Shelf: Annotated Subject Guide. Buffalo, NY : William S. Hein & Co., Inc. 1992. 210 p.

She has also compiled, on microfiche, a collection of miscellaneous papers and pamphlets dealing with efforts to have the Equal Rights Amendment passed during the 1970s. These miscellaneous documents, including announcements, flyers, pamphlets and newsletters, were compiled from the collection on the topic given to the School of Law Library by Doris Turner, activist in the movement. These documents could prove valuable to anyone doing research on the topic, and the fiche are available at the Southern Illinois University School of Law Library.

University of Illinois

Construction is underway at the University of Illinois Law School. New construction on three sides of the existing building will result in new office space for faculty and library staff, two new compact stack rooms, and expanded facilities for students. The wrap-around construction will mean considerable noise and disruption of normal library operations for the next year. Within the next two weeks, library staff will move to temporary accommodations in a remodeled area in the basement. Phone service may be affected so we ask our colleagues to be patient. The projected completion date is August 1993.

## IOWA

University of Iowa

Project staff at the University of Iowa law Library have completed the first two phases of a reclassification project. The ultimate goal is for the collection to be fully LC-classified. The Library's European materials have been reclassified including titles related to the EEC and the Council of Europe. We have also recently completed the reclassification of our Australian and New Zealand titles. All new call numbers are being sent to RLIN by tape and will be included in our annual updates to the Consortium Catalog. We are now working "in India" and following the completion of that phase will turn our attention to the other jurisdictions including Africa, Asia, and the Middle East.

Other project staff will soon be barcoding the Library's collections in preparation for NOTIS circulation implementation. Teams of students will apply bar codes and create item records for all periodicals and for our two core collections. State materials, treatises and federal documents will be done at a later time.

## KANSAS

### Washburn

The Reference Staff at Washburn University School of Law Library presented a class in legal research to a "captive" audience. Library Science students and working professionals from various libraries participated in an "Intensive Weekend" which is part of Emporia State's School of Library and Information Management (SLIM) curricula. The "Intensive Weekend" concept avails students and librarians the opportunity of receiving topical instruction in a specified area within the library field. So, the librarians at the School of Law joined with sixteen students from 6:00 pm Friday, August 28th through 12:00 pm Sunday, August 30th. The point of instruction was "Introduction to Legal Information". This power packed weekend included: --Introduction to primary legal sources, computer-assisted legal research systems, secondary legal literature, and legal reference tools;--Introduction to legal and research processes and legal reference tools and service: --Overview of current issues, developments and opportunities in law librarianship -- Hands-on use of legal information sources available at recently expanded library facilities of Washburn University School of Law.

### University of Kansas

The staff at the University of Kansas School of Law Library welcomes a new member to the librarian team. **Margaret Bearse** has been selected as Catalog Librarian. Margaret comes to the Law Library from across the beautiful K.U. campus where she worked at Spenser Research Library as the cataloger in the Special Collections department. Other staff changes include **Mon Yin Lung's** move from Technical Services to become the Law Library's Public Services Librarian, and **Louise Hanson's** move from academia in Lawrence to public librarianship at Topeka's Public Library. We wish all the best of luck in their new job opportunities.

## MISSOURI

Name changes!!! Lori Hunt is now **Lori Weiss** and Pat Harris is now **Pat O'Connor**. Congrats to both happy couples!! [Editorial comment!]

### University of Missouri Kansas City

**Bill Draper** has resigned from UMKC. He has accepted a position at the University of Pennsylvania's Biddle Law Library as Head of Circulation Services. His last day at UMKC is September 11 and he begins his duties at Biddle on the 28th. Bill says that it has been a pleasure serving in MAALL and he will miss all of you. He hopes he can return to the midwest again someday.

## St. Louis University

**Betsy McKenzie** has been elected President of the St. Louis University Faculty Senate. This is the first time a librarian has been elected to this post. **Richard Amelung** previously served as President pro tem for a year when he was elected Secretary and the President took a year's sabbatical. In addition, **Betsy McKenzie** was invited to contribute a chapter on the Minneapolis pornography ordinance to a book, Libraries, Erotica, and Pornography, edited by Martha Cornog. This book has been selected as the 1992 recipient of the A.L.A. Eli M. Oboler Award for the best published work in the area of intellectual freedom.

## NEBRASKA

### Creighton University Law Library

Approximately 4300 titles in the Klutznick Law Library were retrospectively converted by AMIGOS Bibliographic Council over the summer. These titles, when added to the many others that were previously entered or converted to machine readable form by Creighton librarians, complete our retrospective conversion project. All library holdings, with the exception of rare book titles, are now available and searchable through the PALS online catalog. Although there are some records which need to be cleaned up, the major project phase is over. The library staff is looking forward to officially closing the card catalog.

Legal Reference Librarian, **Paul Hill**, recently published an article on bicycle law in the Fall 1992 issue of "The Creighton Lawyer." Paul reviewed the history of biking and cited examples of law suits involving this mode of transportation.

Three workstations have been added to the student computer lab over the summer. With the addition of a Macintosh and two more IBM compatibles, the total number of terminals available in the lab is thirteen. Each of the IBM compatible computers are connected to the law school network.

Creighton welcomes two new employees to the law library support staff. **Karen Siedel** is now the Serials and Government Documents Assistant and **Steven Williams** is the new Circulation/Interlibrary Loan Assistant.

### Douglas County Law Library News

**Carol Gendler** has left the Douglas County Law Library (in Omaha) to pursue her own business named "L.I.S. Legal Information Services, Inc."

Taking Carol's place is **Ann Borer**, who would like to announce that they will no longer provide private legal reference computer services, and will no longer provide the Nebraska bankruptcy decisions indexing and production services.

The library just received the second of three shipments of microfilm of Nebraska Legislative History. So far, the library has from the 85th Legislature (1977) to the 91st Legislature (1991). The last shipment will go back even further. This valuable filming includes floor debates, committee records, hearings, exhibits, and other legislative documents that are hard to find in other print sources.

The Law Library and the Law College are excited about the dedication honoring Virginia and Marvin Schmid for whom the library will be named. Our special guest speaker is AALL's President, **Mark Estes**. The ceremony is scheduled for October 28, 1992. Other dignitaries will be in attendance for this special event.

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## 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, Creighton University, 24th & California Sts., Omaha, NE 68178-0340; (402)472-2875; FAX:

### OKLAHOMA

University of Oklahoma Law Library. Government Documents/Acquisitions Librarian. (Twelve-Month Full-Time Position). Qualifications and Experience: ALA-accredited Master's degree in Library Science. Experience with library government documents computer automation systems preferred. Experience with acquisitions work or cataloging desirable. Familiarity with bibliographic utility, d-base, and on-line searching preferred.

Responsibilities: Manage Government Documents Department and Acquisitions Department. Provide reference assistance part-time. Assist in book selection. Serve as liaison with faculty members. May assume other duties as determined by the Director or Associate Director of the Law Library. Salary: Minimum \$21,100 per annum, commensurate with experience. Submit completed application, consisting of resume and names of three references to Personnel Service, University of Oklahoma, 905 Asp Avenue, Norman, OK 73019 for referral. Please enclose a note with your resume stating that you are applying for the Librarian I position at the Law Library. Any questions relating to the position should be directed to Marilyn Nicely, Technical Services Librarian, University of Oklahoma Law Library, 300 Timberdell Rd., Norman, OK 73019. Application deadline is October 16, 1992. The University of Oklahoma is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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The last issue! What a happy/sad experience! Thanks to all of you who have made editing this Newsletter such a rewarding experience. Special thanks to: Kathie Belgum, who offered me this opportunity; Peter Schanck, Sally Wise and Lori Hunt Weiss for always being there; Peggy McDermott and Cheryl Nyberg for their never failing support; Mitch Fontenot, Trish Cervenka and a host of others who made compiling the Newsletter so much easier...my thanks to all, and best wishes for the holiday season.



*MAALL Markings* is on the move! Debbie DeSpain, University of South Dakota is the new editor, and Janet McKinney, UMKC Law Library is the new advertising manager. They are eager, ready and willing to move into new areas with the Newsletter! Their first issue will be March, 1993. Let's keep their in baskets full of articles and newsy bits, okay?

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**\$\$ 1993 MAALL DUES \$\$**  
**JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31**

Please use this form to pay your dues! New mailing lists for the Newsletter and the Membership Directory are being compiled. *Please don't let your name or institution be dropped .*

Dues are figured according to the following schedule, extracted from the MAALL By-laws, §5:

- a. The annual dues for individual membership and associate membership shall be \$10.00.
- b. The institutional membership shall be at a minimum rate of \$20.00, entitling one (1) member. Additional designated members will be at the rate of \$10.00, with no Library to pay annual dues in excess of \$100.00.
- c. The year for dues shall begin on January 1, and the fiscal year shall begin on January 1.

Please complete and mail this form along with your check to: Cheryl Rae Nyberg, MAALL Treasurer. **ONE FORM PER MEMBER PLEASE**, with each institutional member having a form so they will receive a Newsletter and have their name appear in the Membership Directory.

**MAALL 1993 DUES FORM**

NAME:

POSITION:

INSTITUTION:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

FAX:

E-MAIL: INTERNET/BITNET/MCI (please circle one):

Type of Membership: (Circle One) Individual    Institutional    Associate

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MID-AMERICA ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES.** Mail to: Cheryl Nyberg, University of Illinois Law Library, 104 Law Building, 504 East Pennsylvania Ave., Champaign, IL 61820.

**\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE CUT OFF AND RETAIN FOR YOUR RECORDS\*\*\*\*\***

MAALL Dues Paid:

Date:

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Individual:

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

As this is my first column as MAALL President, I want to take this opportunity to let you all know how honored I am to serve this organization. The annual meeting in Lincoln was wonderful! The hard work of the Program and Local Arrangements Committees was reflected in every detail. Kay Andrus, Program Chair, and his committee did a fabulous job of assembling interesting and challenging sessions on a wide variety of topics, which included: preservation, automation, management, copyright, legal research instruction, downsizing, and computer assisted research. Rebecca Trammel and Brian Striman, the Co-Chairs of Local Arrangements along with their committee members, saw to it that we all had a great time. A highlight of the special events was during the opening lunch where we were treated to the moving presentation, "Marlene Snyder as Clara Colby: A Chautauqua Style Presentation of a Prominent Nebraska Suffragist of the late 1800's." The reception at Morrill Hall (with planetarium show) and the Friday evening Banquet at the Cornhusker were also wonderful. I want to take this opportunity to thank these people and their committees for their hard work on our behalf.

We now look ahead and continue with planning for next year's meeting in Little Rock. Lynn Foster and her Local Arrangements Committee are already hard at work. Glen Peter Ahlers has a great Program Committee, and they are setting about the task of putting together a terrific program.

I'm looking forward to a busy, fun year; and am excited about working with the committees that we have assembled. Our committees are headed by dedicated individuals with lots of energy. I have always found committee work to be extremely rewarding, as it helps you feel connected to the organization and your profession. Through association work, you develop friendships with colleagues from many types of libraries throughout the Midwest. These contacts will always be personally and professionally rewarding. Through these relationships, we learn not only about the differences that provide a richness and strength to our organization, but also about the great similarities between academic, corporate, county, court, and law firm libraries. You will see the current committee roster in this issue of *MAALL Markings*.

The Pro Bono Committee could use additional volunteers. Jim Milles, the Pro Bono Chair, would like to have a representative from each MAALL member state. We are still needing representatives from Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, and Nebraska. The current goals of this committee are to coordinate requests for pro bono research and to provide research assistance to guardian ad litem in family law proceedings. If you are interested in participating in these important activities, please give me a call.

I would like to call your attention to a new committee, the Internet Committee. This group will begin looking at the possibility of establishing a MAALL bulletin board and discussion group on Internet, which will allow all of our members to communicate with each other more effectively.

The Membership Committee begins a new year with a variety of projects. Susan Bobo joins this group as the Library School Liaison. Susan will work throughout the year to make sure that the region's six accredited library schools receive information about MAALL and our programs. Through these efforts, we hope to recruit new members to the association and attract talented new librarians into the law library profession.

A few details about MAALL's 1993 summer business meeting in Boston: We have requested our traditional Tuesday buffet lunch, which will be held on July 13, 1993. For those planning travel budgets, AALL headquarters tells us that room rates in the Association's block of rooms range from a low of \$86.00 single/\$130.00 double - to a high of \$122.00 single/\$147.00 double.

I would like to close this column with thanks to two individuals who have made significant contributions to MAALL. Katherine Tooley has served as our newsletter editor since February, 1988. For a group that meets only twice each year, and is spread over an eight state region, communication throughout the rest of the year is what keeps our organization alive. *MAALL Markings* is the communications vehicle through which we keep each other informed

of member news, placement opportunities, and upcoming educational programs, and also provides a place for our authors to share their knowledge and expertise. I know the entire MAALL membership joins me in thanking Katherine for her dedication.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Sally Wise. She has given us conscientious, enthusiastic and energetic leadership as our president for the past two years. Her contributions include serving as the Program Chair for the 1990 meeting in Lawrence, re-examining our tax status as a nonprofit organization, coordinating a number of changes to our Constitution and Bylaws, establishing a Pro Bono Committee, and initiating efforts to update our logo. Sally has served as a facilitator for the many MAALL committees and the Executive Board, and she has helped to make all of our jobs easier. Her efforts are greatly appreciated, and her contributions will have a lasting impact on the Association.

Best wishes to everyone for Happy Holidays!

*Lori*

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**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting  
Mid-America Association of Law Libraries  
October 22, 1992  
Cornhusker Hotel - Lincoln, Nebraska**

Present were: President Sally Wise, President Elect Lori Hunt Weiss, Vice-President Ann Fessenden, Treasurer Cheryl Nyberg, Past President Peter Schanck, and Jo Ann Humphreys who was filling in for Secretary Angela Lange.

The MAALL stationery is being printed by the University of Nebraska. Sally will send the stationery out to the officers when it is ready.

Sally reported on the status of our changes with the Internal Revenue Service. The constitutional changes were sent to Missouri where MAALL is incorporated. The IRS and the tax attorney felt that the Articles of Incorporation should be the legal document and that the By-Laws and Constitution be integrated and be the document that runs the Association. The Articles of Incorporation have been sent to the Missouri Secretary of State's office. The integrated document will need to be ratified. The current registered agent is Jim Milles. This may need to be changed to Lori, Ann or to one of the two year officers.

The agenda for the business meeting for the following day was discussed. AALL is giving a registration award for the Seattle meeting in 1994. Each chapter will get one free registration over the next three years. The MAALL Grants Committee should develop the criteria for this award. AALL needs to know by April 1994 who the recipient of the award is.

It was decided to increase our travel grants from \$200 to \$300. The number of grants awarded will stay the same. It was also decided that we would give a travel grant to the AALL meeting. Our requirements for this grant might need to be tighter.

Sally distributed information about CLASS membership. This would be a means to get access to Internet for court and firm libraries. MAALL could possibly join as a group. Lori will appoint a committee to look into a possible membership.

Lori reported on the issue of chapter insurance. This insurance would cover injuries caused by a person doing Association business. The insurance would not cover the member but would cover the person who was injured. The cost is \$2 per member. About half of the AALL chapters (mostly those located in urban areas) have insurance. Some regionals, particularly those located in urban areas, have insurance. Those obtaining insurance have been required to obtain it in order to book hotels for their meetings. MAALL has not yet experienced this problem. A decision was made to defer obtaining insurance until it becomes an issue in securing a hotel.

Sally announced that we need to make sure that the hotel that we are using for our annual meetings meets ADA requirements. The local arrangement chair needs to be aware of this when getting a hotel.

Because of liability, AALL is encouraging chapters to either have more cash bars or a two drink ticket. Lori will ask at the Council of Presidents to see what other chapters are doing.

The AALL Strategic Plan was discussed. The Mentor Program might be something that MAALL can start. We could add a personal touch for new members by sending them a letter welcoming them to the Association. The Membership Committee should draft a letter.

The report of the AALL Special Committee on Preservation Needs of Law Libraries was distributed. We had one preservation program at this meeting and will probably have in at the Little Rock meeting in 1993.

Sally mentioned a possible By-Laws change. AALL finds it difficult at times to know who the President is for communication purposes. It was suggested that AALL send out information to both the President and Vice-President. Lori will write to AALL to arrange for dual distribution.

A question was raised whether AALL should apply and pay for applications for CLE credit for national and chapter meetings. ORALL wants AALL to do this. It was decided that ORALL should pursue this on their own.

Lori announced local arrangement plans for the 1993 meeting in Little Rock. She announced that John Edwards is in charge of local arrangements for the 1994 meeting in Des Moines. At the 1993 AALL meeting in Boston, MAALL will have a deli buffet luncheon on Tuesday.

The newsletter was discussed. A question was raised whether we should send out past newsletters to a person who joins mid year. It was decided that back copies would be provided to new members only when requested. It was also agreed that MAALL would pay for Debbie to attend a PageMaker workshop.

The meeting was adjourned.  
Jo Ann Humphreys, reporting



## **MINUTES OF THE MAALL ANNUAL MEETING ANGELA LANGE, SECRETARY, REPORTING**

The business meeting of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries was brought to order on Friday October 23, 1992 at 7:30 a.m. in Lincoln, Nebraska. President Sally Wise presiding.

The minutes of the San Francisco business meeting held July 21, 1992, were approved as printed in the September issue of *MAALL Markings*.

Cheryl Rae Nyberg, Treasurer, presented a printed report of the financial standing of the Association.

In the President's Report, Sally Wise, discussed the amendment to the MAALL Constitution to be ratified later in the business meeting.

President Elect, Lori Hunt Weiss, reported for the Executive Board. AALL will fund a grant for one of our newer members to attend the AALL annual meeting in Seattle in 1994. Drake University will host the 1994 Annual Meeting of MAALL in Des Moines, Iowa. A MAALL discussion group will be set up to look into getting Chapter access on Bulletin Board via internet. The MAALL Business Meeting Luncheon will be held on Tuesday during the AALL annual meeting in Boston.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Rebecca Trammell, for local arrangements in Lincoln, welcomed everyone to Lincoln, thanked her committee and announced some time schedules of the Lincoln meeting.

Kay Andrus, Chair of the Program Committee for the Lincoln meeting, highlighted some of the features of this years program and thanked his committee.

Directory Committee had not met and had no report, but Angie Lange, Chair, will contact the members by phone.

*MAALL Markings* will be losing a terrific editor after this next issue. Katherine Tooley will put out her last edition and the deadline for that issue is Nov. 17th. However, *MAALL Markings* will be gaining another terrific editor, Debbie DeSpain from the University of South Dakota.

You can contact Trish Cervenka, Chair of the Placement Committee with any employment opportunities you are aware of.

Sally Wise reported for Louise Hanson, Chair of the Membership Committee. Fritz Snyder was commended for the MAALL display he set up at the AALL Convention in San Francisco. Evelyn Gardner will be the new Membership Chairperson.

James Duggan announced this years Grant recipients.

The Pro Bono committee has set up a referral service to attorneys doing Pro Bono work and has asked for one volunteer from each state within the chapter to help with that.

John Edwards reported that Erlene Rickinson did participate in a staff exchange and will report her experience in the next *MAALL Markings*.

Constitution & By-laws was addressed by Sally Wise in her opening remarks and will be addressed

further in New Business.

Local Arrangements for Little Rock, Susan Goldner, said that arrangements were being made at the Excelsior Hotel, for the 1993 meeting in Little Rock. They have a brand new law school at the University of Arkansas and are anxious to share that with us.

## NEW BUSINESS:

For tax purposes we needed to integrate MAALLs' Constitution and By-law into one document, as our constitution was not recognized as an organizational document by either the state of Missouri or by the IRS. A printed copy of the "merged" document was distributed for discussion. The new By-Laws of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries was voted on and accepted.

President Wise asked for all new members to stand and introduce themselves.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

For the past two years AALL has had a special committee study the needs of the Association. That committee recommended they develop a Public Relations Program. The AALL Executive Board has funded that project and appointed Frank Houdek as it's coordinator. Frank says we will be hearing new ideas from him on "how to get the word out" and he is equally interested in hearing our needs and new ideas of what we are doing to promote our libraries.

Carol Moody announced that she has concerns that the GPO may cease to produce a paper copy of many documents we are receiving, in favor of fiche. She urges everyone with the same concern to write the Public Printer. Discussion followed.

Mark Estes announced the candidates for new offices in the American Association of Law Libraries and discussed the direction the Association would like to go. In addition to the Public Relations Program, the Executive Committee has sent proposals to the Board for other special projects. One being an intern program to help recruit new people and inner city youth into law librarianship. Mark welcomes other new ideas you may have.

The Consortium is sponsoring it's Third Annual Workshop for Paraprofessionals. They have created a directory of paraprofessionals and support staff and are funding three grants to attend the workshop.

Sally Wise then conducted the election of new officers. Ann Fessenden, Circuit Librarian for the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals was nominated and elected for Vice President/President elect. Jo Ann Humphreys, Associate Law Librarian at the University of Missouri-Columbia was elected Secretary.

President Lori Hunt then thanked outgoing officers, announced that no committees are closed, so please join in and expressed her enthusiasm for a great year to come in MAALL.

# **BY-LAWS - MID-AMERICA ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES**

## **ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this organization shall be: MID-AMERICA ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES, a chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries.

## **ARTICLE II. OBJECTS**

The Association is established for educational and scientific purposes. It shall be conducted as a non-profit organization for:

1. promoting law librarianship; and
2. developing and increasing the usefulness of law libraries.

This chapter shall not engage in any activity that is in conflict with the object of the American Association of Law Libraries.

## **ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section 1. In General**

Any person interested in or engaged in law library work is eligible for membership by complying with the relevant By-laws provisions. Neither membership nor full participation in the activities of this chapter shall be denied to any person on account of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability.

### **Section 2. Individual Members**

Any person officially connected with a law library, or with a separately maintained law section in any library, may become an active individual member upon determination of eligibility by the Secretary and payment of annual dues. An adverse determination may be appealed to the Executive Board.

### **Section 3. Institutional Members**

Any law library may become an institutional member upon payment of annual dues. The Executive Board is empowered to determine whether the institution applying is a law library.

### **Section 4. Associate Members**

Persons not connected with law libraries may be elected to associate membership by the Executive Board and shall pay annual dues.

### **Section 5. Rights and Privileges**

The right to hold office shall be restricted to active individual and institutionally designated members. The right to hold the office of President or Vice President/President Elect is further restricted to individual or designated institutional members in good standing of AALL. Rights of voting shall be restricted to active individual and institutionally designated members.

## Section 6. Dues

- a. The annual dues for individual membership and associate membership shall be \$10.00.
- b. The institutional membership dues shall be at a minimum rate of \$20.00, entitling one (1) member; additional designated members will be at a rate of \$10.00, with no library to pay annual dues in excess of \$100.00.
- c. The year for dues shall begin January 1, and the fiscal year shall begin on January 1.

## ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

### Section 1. Officers

- a. The officers of this Association shall consist of: President; Vice President/President Elect; Secretary; and Treasurer. The President and Vice President/President Elect shall hold office for one year; and the Secretary and Treasurer for two years, in staggered terms; at which time their successors shall be elected.
- b. In the event that the President resigns prior to the completion of his or her regular term, or is otherwise unable to perform the duties of the office in the judgment of the Executive Board, the Vice President/President Elect shall automatically assume the Presidency and shall serve therein until his or her original Presidential term would have expired. A special election will be held to fill the office of the Vice President/President Elect upon the assumption of the office of the President by the Vice President/President Elect.
- c. In the event of vacancy in the office of Vice President/President Elect other than the assumption of the Presidency as provided in Section b, above, or of the Secretary or Treasurer, the President shall appoint, with ratification by the Executive Board, a successor to serve until the next regular election for that office.

### Section 2. Duties of Officers

- a. The President, Vice President/President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer shall perform the duties usually pertaining to their respective offices.
- b. The Executive Board shall consist of the current officers and the immediate past President, and shall be responsible for executing the policies of the Association.

### Section 3. Committees

- a. There shall be such committees as the Association or the Executive Board may establish from time to time.
- b. The President shall appoint all members of committees.

## ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

### Section 1. Annual Meeting

An annual meeting of the Association shall be held either in October or November at such time and place as the Executive Board shall determine.

## **Section 2. Other Meetings**

The President shall call other meetings of the Association as deemed necessary, or when requested to do so by the Executive Board.

## **Section 3. Conduct of Meetings**

Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of Roberts Rules of Order except as otherwise specified in the By-laws.

## **Section 4. Quorum**

A quorum for a business meeting of the Association shall consist of fifteen members.

# **ARTICLE VI. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

## **Section 1. Nominating Committee**

The President shall appoint a nominating committee which shall submit the names of a candidate or candidates who have agreed to be nominated for each of the following offices to the President at least forty-five days prior to the annual meeting: President; Vice President-President Elect; and Secretary (in even-numbered years) or Treasurer (in odd-numbered years). The list of candidates shall be circulated to the membership at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting.

## **Section 2. Additional Nominations**

Additional nominations of candidates who have agreed to be nominated may be made by any member by communicating in writing such nomination to the President, or by presenting such nomination from the floor.

## **Section 3. Method of Election**

The regular election of officers of the Association shall be by secret ballot at the annual meeting.

## **Section 4. Tie Votes**

In the event of a tie vote, the chair of the nominations committee shall draw at random one ballot from those cast at the meeting, and shall use the vote recorded for the office in question on that ballot to break the tie. Should that ballot not break the tie (for example, there was an abstention on that office), the process shall be repeated.

# **ARTICLE VII. BY-LAWS**

## **Section 1. Adoption**

Any By-law may be adopted, repealed, amended or suspended by a majority of those present and voting at any business meeting of the Association.

## **Section 2. Consistency**

The by-laws shall be consistent with the Constitution and By-laws of the American Association of Law Libraries. In case of any conflict, the AALL provisions shall control.

### Section 3. Approval

All adopted amendments shall be submitted to the AALL committee on Constitution and By-laws for review, as required by its By-laws Article 8, section (a).

### Section 4. Effective Date

All adopted amendments shall take effect upon publication in the MAALL newsletter after they have been approved by AALL.

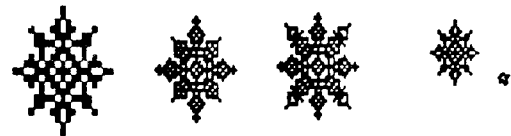
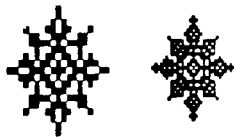
Approved at Business Meeting, October 23, 1992. Awaiting approval by AALL.

## SELF-HELP LAW BOOKS GRANT

Fritz Snyder reports that the University of Kansas Law Library has received a grant of \$4,040 dollars from the Kansas Library Network to buy self-help law books. The impetus for the project was Frank Houdek's book, *Law for the Layman: An Annotated Bibliography of Self-Help Law Books* (Fred G. Rothman & Co., 1991).

The high cost of legal assistance and efforts at streamlining legal procedures have led to an increased interest in self-representation. Very few of the public libraries would be able to buy the 250 books listed in *Law for the Layman*. Nor would they want to even if they could afford it - some are too specialized.

With the grant, the K.U. Law Library is buying all the books in the bibliography it did not already have. K.U. will then be the ILL resource for these books for all libraries in the state. K.U. will send fliers and use electronic mail to notify all libraries in the state that K.U. has this self-help collection. K.U. will also encourage libraries in the state to buy Houdek's book and put it in their reference collections. His book will be the key to this resource collection of the K.U. Law Library.



## MAALL COMMITTEES 1992/1993

### Constitution & Bylaws

Tranne Pearce, Chair

### Directory

Angela Lange, Chair  
Mitch Fontenot  
Jo Ann Humphreys  
Vianne Tang

### Grants

Judy Morgan, Chair  
Susan Goldner  
Melanie Nelson

### Internet

Jim Milles, Chair  
John Christensen  
Debbie DeSpain  
Mitch Fontenot  
Scott Umphrey  
Aris Lee Woodham

### Local Arrangements (1993)

Lynn Foster, Chair  
Jada Aitchison  
Kathryn Fitzhugh  
Pauline Ghidotti  
Susan Goldner  
Melissa Serfass

### Local Arrangements (1994)

John Edwards, Chair  
Julie Thomas

### Membership

Evelyn Gardner, Chair  
Susan Bobo, Library School Liaison  
Mary Brandt Jensen  
Mike McReynolds  
Marie Wiechman

### Newsletter

Debbie DeSpain, Newsletter Editor  
Janet McKinney, Advertising Manager  
Margaret Bearse (Kansas Liaison)  
Claudia Driver (Arkansas Liaison)  
Mitch Fontenot (Nebraska Liaison)  
Steve Lambson (Missouri Liaison)  
Pat Monk (Oklahoma Liaison)

### Newsletter, cont.

Julie Thomas (Iowa Liaison)  
Jane Williams (Illinois Liaison)

### Nominations

Katherine Belgium, Chair  
James Duggan  
Trish Cervenka

### Placement

Mary Kay Jung, Chair  
Melanie Nelson  
Viannne Tang  
Martin Wisneski

### Pro Bono

Jim Milles, Chair  
Sandra Lee Braber  
Kathleen Casey  
Delores Jorgensen  
Betsy McKenzie  
Maria Protti  
Candice Spurlin

### Program, 1993

Glen Ahlers, Chair  
Anne Fessenden  
Sandra Klein  
Lynn Koperski  
Kimberly Martin  
Caitlin Robinson  
Val Russell  
Jane Williams

### Program, 1994

Not yet set

### Resource Sharing

John Edwards, Chair  
Vianne Tang

### Library School Liaison

Susan Bobo

### NTIS Liaison

Carol Moody

**TREASURER'S REPORT  
1992 MAALL ACCOUNT STATUS**

Account Balance as of July 13, 1992:                      \$11,761.03

**INCOME**

Membership Dues	\$ 210.00	
1992 AALL Meeting (lunch)	\$ 351.00	
Newsletter Advertising	\$ 70.00	
1992 MAALL Meeting		
Registration: \$5,184.50		
Vendor Contributions: \$2,075.00		
Total:	\$ 7,259.50	
Interest Earned	\$ 131.90	
Travel Grant Refund	\$ 200.00	
Total Income, July 14--November 10, 1992		\$ 8,222.40

**EXPENSES**

1992 AALL Meeting (lunch)	\$ 1,647.03	
Newsletter	\$ 800.00	
Staff Exchange Program		
Erlene Rickerson	\$ 100.00	
1992 MAALL Meeting		
Travel Grants	\$ 994.67	
Lodging, M. Estes	\$ 148.92	
Refund	\$ 45.00	
Hospitality Suite	\$ 399.46	
Marlene Snyder	\$ 250.00	
Supplies	\$ 83.62	
Anne Fenner	\$ 150.00	
Total 1992 Meeting	\$ 2,071.67	
Total Expenses, July 14--November 10, 1992		\$ 4,618.70

Account Balance, as of November 10, 1992                      \$15,364.73

Submitted by, Cheryl Rae Nyberg, Treasurer

# MAALL Executive Board Resolution Regarding Cost Cutting Considerations Currently Before GPO

During the annual business meeting in Lincoln, Carol Moody and Dorie Bertram reported that they had received early reports that the Government Printing Office was considering a number of cost cutting measures in an effort to address a major budgetary shortfall. These measures include a proposal to distribute to depository libraries selected primary legal materials exclusively in microfiche format. Materials at risk for distribution solely in microfiche include:

Titles selected by a small number of depository libraries (criteria not yet set),

Dual distribution items - those currently distributed in both paper and fiche,

Duplicate distribution items - those currently distributed in both slip format and later as bound volumes,

Certain big ticket - high cost items such as the C.F.R. and the serial set.

In response to concerns of the MAALL membership, the Executive Board drafted a resolution on behalf of the organization for distribution to the following individuals: Hon. Charles Rose, Chair of the Joint Committee on Printing; Robert W. Houk, Public Printer; Wayne P. Kelley, Superintendent of Documents; and Judith C. Russell, Library Programs Service Director, G.P.O. AALL President, Mark Estes, and AALL's Washington Representative, Bob Oakley provided background information on this issue to the Executive Board. A copy of the resolution follows:

## MID-AMERICA ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES RESOLUTION ON COST CUTTING PROPOSALS BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Federal government creates, stores, manages and disseminates government publications and information at taxpayers' expense; and

WHEREAS, the public's right to information about the activities, actions and policies of the Federal government is a central and indispensable tenet of the American democratic system; and

WHEREAS, among the cost cutting measures reported to be under consideration by the Government Printing Office is a proposal to distribute to depository libraries selected primary legal materials solely in microfiche format, such as the Code of Federal Regulations, Statutes at Large, United States Code, slip laws, slip opinions, hearings, treaties, and the bound serial set; and

WHEREAS, the distribution of primary legal materials exclusively in microfiche format to depository libraries will have a devastating effect on timely and useful public access to legal material; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Executive Board of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries strongly supports the right of the people to have access to government information and the belief that government, at all levels, has an affirmative duty to provide and facilitate public access to government information; and

RESOLVED that the Executive Board of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries takes this early opportunity to express concern over cost-cutting measures that would have the effect of denying the right of the people to have ready access to government information; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Executive Board of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries urges the Government Printing Office to explore other appropriate means to cut costs, without restricting the distribution of important depository library primary legal materials exclusively in microfiche.

# **MAALL STAFF EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

Erlene Rickerson of the University of Missouri--Columbia Law Library visited the University of Iowa Law Library in July as part of MAALL's Staff Exchange Program. Through this program staff members are able to visit other libraries to see how that library, or one of its departments, operates. For more information on the program, contact John Edwards at Drake University Law Library, Des Moines, Iowa 50311. (515) 271-2141.

## **STAFF EXCHANGE REPORT**

by

**Erlene Rickerson**

**University of Missouri-Columbia**

**School of Law Library**

The University of Missouri is a four-campus system with four main libraries and two administratively separate law libraries. This University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law Library participates in the system-wide online catalog called the Libraries of the University of Missouri Information Network, or LUMIN. LUMIN was purchased more than ten years ago and the library directors recently completed a request to the UM Board of Curators to replace the current LUMIN system, among other things. Currently LUMIN consists of the online union catalog, a cataloging module, and a circulation module. It is anticipated that LUMIN's replacement will be a fully integrated system which will include acquisitions and serials control.

It is in anticipation of this new automated system that I looked around for some experienced advice. Currently, the UMC Law Library maintains a kardex for the control of periodically received items and a manual filing system for acquisitions records management. I wanted to find out what steps I could take now which would make the transition to the automated system easier and more productive. So I contacted Caitlin Robinson, Head of Technical Services at the University of Iowa Law Library and visited with her and her staff on Friday, July 10th. Although the University of Iowa Law Library is considerably larger than UMC Law, I knew that they had recently converted kardex records to machine-readable form for use in their NOTIS system. I wanted to learn what successes and failures they experienced in this process. I also wanted to discover how satisfied they are with their NOTIS system, how the Technical Services department was affected by automating additional functions, and how the various department workflows and staff levels were adjusted to accompany change.

Caitlin provided a demonstration of NOTIS and we discussed a variety of topics related to its implementation. Of considerable interest to me was the reorganization of the department that resulted in the creation of a new unit called "Bib Processing" which exists between Cataloging and Acquisitions. Cataloging and Acquisitions became "professional groups" and Bib Processing became a group of support staff headed by a professional. The staff in Bib Processing provide support activities for both Cataloging and Acquisitions. Also of interest to me was the conversion of the kardex to machine-readable form. While it is unlikely that we will be able to hire staff for our conversion, information on the order in which categories of materials were converted by Iowa's staff should prove helpful to us. One other area in which I was interested is the acquisition of bibliographic record for older federal documents. Like Iowa, we provide full cataloging for

currently received documents, but have a collection of older documents for which we would like to have greater bibliographical control and accessibility. Iowa has decided to use Marcive as a source for these bibliographic records and I will follow the progress of that project with interest.

I appreciate the support of MAALL and the graciousness of Kathie Belgum, Caitlin Robinson and the staff at the University of Iowa Law Library. My visit has certainly provided me ideas and information that should guide us in our further endeavors in library automation.

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## Recent Subject Compilations on: Court Procedure and the Judiciary

by Cheryl Rae Nyberg

This short bibliography contains citations and annotations for nineteen law review articles that compare the states' laws on subjects affecting court procedure and the judiciary. The citations are arranged in alphabetical order by author and keywords in the annotations are highlighted by bold type. This article is one in an irregular series of bibliographies of subject compilations of state laws taken from the compiler's working database. These citations and hundreds of others will appear in the next annual volume of Subject Compilations of State Laws 1991-1992 (Twin Falls, ID: Boast/Nyberg, forthcoming 1993). Previous bibliographies appearing in *MAALL Markings* have identified compilations on corporations, drugs, the environment, children, law in the workplace, and AIDS.

Baum, Victor S. "Here Comes the Judge You Chose." Family Advocate 14 (Spring 1992):53-56. P. 54, "LSJP Statutes." Essay. Some citations to codes. Covers the eight states that have laws on litigant-selected judge proceedings, also known as "**rent-a-judge**" laws. Includes California, Colorado, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Tennessee and Washington.

Bezak, Elizabeth Marie. "DNA Profiling Evidence: The Need for a Uniform and Workable Evidentiary Standard of Admissibility." Valparaiso University Law Review 26 (1992):595-638. P. 620, fn. 178. Citations only. Cites to codes. Covers the five states that have laws on "**the admissibility of DNA evidence in a criminal proceeding.**" Includes Indiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Tennessee, and Virginia.

Bowermaster, Janet M. "Two (Federal) Wrongs Make a (State) Right: State Class-Action Procedures as an Alternative to the Opt-In Class Action Provision of the ADEA." University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform 25 (1991):7-51. P. 10, fn. 10. Citations only. Cites to codes and court rules. Covers laws on **class actions**.

Cafferata, Reynolds. "A Proposal for an Empirical Interpretation of Canon 5." Southern California Law Review 65 (1992):1639-74. P. 1641, fns. 11 and 12. Citations only. Cites to codes, court rules, and judicial canons. Covers the twenty states that have laws restricting **judicial candidates' speech** based on Code of Judicial Conduct Canon 7(B)(1)(c) (fn. 11) and the nine states that have similar laws prohibiting "**pledges of conduct**" (fn. 12).

Calogero, Pascal F. "Advisory Opinions: A Wise Change for Louisiana and Its Judiciary?" Loyola Law Review 38 (1992):329-86. P. 337, fns. 32-34. Citations only. Cites to constitutions, codes, and cases. Covers the eleven states that permit state supreme courts to issue **advisory opinions** on questions of laws submitted by the governor or the legislature.

Ewing, Christopher W. "Payne v. Tennessee: The Demise of Booth v. Maryland." Pacific Law Journal 23 (1992):1389-1448. P. 1391, fn. 8. Citations only. Cites to codes. Covers laws permitting "the admission of **victim impact evidence** during the sentencing phase of a criminal trial." Includes U.S. (federal).

Flint, George Lee, Jr. "ERISA: Jury Trial Mandated for Benefit Claims Actions." Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review 25 (1992):361-418. P. 395, fn. 176. Citations only. Cites to constitutions and cases. Covers the **right to a jury trial** in civil actions.

Hammond, Michael v. "Peremptory Challenges: Edmonson v. Leesville Concrete Co. and the Baston Motion in Civil Litigation." South Carolina Law Review 43 (1992):617-46. P. 621, fn. 31. Citations only. Cites to codes and court rules. Covers laws on **peremptory challenges** in civil trials.

Harris, David A. "Justice Rationed in the Pursuit of Efficiency: De Novo Trials in the Criminal Courts." Connecticut Law Review 24 (1992):381-431. Pp. 385-86, fns. 19, 21, and 22. Citations only. Cites to constitutions, codes, and court rules. Covers the twenty-four states that have laws on **de novo systems** which authorize new trials in superior courts.

Hinderks, Mark D. and Leben, Steve A. "Restoring the Common in the Law: A Proposal for the Elimination of Rules Prohibiting the Citation of Unpublished Decisions in Kansas and the Tenth Circuit." Washburn Law Journal 31 (1992):155-223. Pp. 163-65, fns. 50-52. Citations and summaries. Cites to codes, court rules, and cases. Covers provisions on the **citation of unpublished opinions**.

Jones, Russell. "Finality over Fairness: The Ever-Expanding Preclusive Effect of State Procedural Default in Federal Habeas Corpus Cases." University of Toledo Law Review 23 (1992):663-96. P. 687, fn. 206. Citations only. Cites to codes and court rules. Covers habeas corpus laws with provisions on **collateral attack**, "a proceeding outside the criminal trial/direct appeal process by which a convicted criminal can obtain release from custody, a new trial, or vacation of sentence."

Keilitz, Susan and McBride, Judith White. "Judicial Performance Evaluation Comes of Age." State Court Journal 16 (Winter 1992):4-13. Pp. 6-9, "Selected Characteristics of Judicial Performance Evaluation Programs." Table. Cites to codes, court rules, and administrative orders. Includes fourteen states and the Navajo Nation. Note: A corrected and revised copy of the chart is printed at pp. 30-33, State Court Journal 16 (Summer 1992).

McDermott, Brian L. "The Constitutionality of Canon 7(B)(1)(c) of the Code of Judicial Conduct: Free Speech Rights of Judges." Creighton Law Review 25 (1992):855-910. P. 861, fn. 37. Citations only. Cites to codes, court rules, and judicial canons. Covers the eighteen states that have laws on **judicial campaign conduct** identical to the provisions in the Code of Judicial Conduct.

Owens, Theresa M. "Should Iowa Adopt the Tort of Intentional Spoilation of Evidence in Civil Litigation?" Drake Law Review 41 (1992):179-99. P. 193, fn. 169. Summaries. Cites to codes. Covers the twenty-eight states that have laws that classify the **destruction of evidence** as a misdemeanor or felony.

Pitney, Brian R. "Unlocking the Chamber Doors: Limiting Confidentiality in Proceedings before the Virginia Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission." University of Richmond Law Review 26 (1992):367-90. Pp. 369-71, fns. 21-24. Citations only. Cites to constitutions, codes, court rules, and rules of judicial inquiry/discipline boards. Covers timing of public disclosure regarding **judicial disciplinary proceedings** and sanctions.

Ruddock, Deanna L. "Gregory v. Ashcroft: The Plain Statement Rule and Judicial Supervision of Federal-State Relations." North Carolina Law Review 70 (1992):1563-91. Pp. 1576-77, fn. 104. Summaries. Cites to constitutions and codes. Covers the thirty states that have laws on **mandatory retirement for judges**.

Sandler, Jeffrey R. "Prejudgment Interest in Personal Injury Claims: A Proposal for the Illinois General Assembly." JohnMarshall Law Review 25 (1992):595-625. Pp. 606-07, fn. 64. Citations only. Cites to codes. Covers the thirty-three states that have laws on **prejudgment interest** in personal injury actions.

Tchao, Amy K. "One Step Forward, One Step Back: Emergency Reform and Appellate Sentence Review in Maine." Maine Law Review 44 (1992):345-416. P. 349, fn. 12. Citations only. Cites to codes and court rules. Covers the twenty-three states that have laws on the authority of the judiciary "to structure the exercise of trial court discretion in **sentencing matters**."

Tucker, Donald F. and Kaylian, Mark G. "Investing in Justice: How Plaintiffs Are Selling Shares to Finance Their Commercial Lawsuits." Brief 21 (Spring 1992):26-30. P. 29, "Current Status of Champerty and Maintenance Laws." Chart. No citations. Covers laws on **champerty** ("a bargain to divide the proceeds of litigation between the owner of the liquidated claim and the party supporting or enforcing the litigation") and **maintenance** ("maintaining, supporting, or promoting the litigation of another"). P. 30, fn. 6. Citations only. Cites to codes. Covers laws on limited partnerships, including adoption of the first or revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act. Includes the Virgin Islands.

## OF NOTE/MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### Arkansas

#### University of Arkansas - Fayetteville

**Louise Lindsey** has accepted a position as Associate Director for the University of Connecticut Law Library. **Lorraine Lorne**, previously with the University of Detroit Law Library, is now Head of Technical Services. Finally, **David Harlan** joined the staff as Technical Assistant for Cataloging. David recently received his MLS from Columbia.

### Illinois

#### University of Illinois

After thirty five and a half years of service to the University of Illinois Library, **Fred Mansfield** will enjoy his first day of retirement on December 1st. Fred has worked on acquisitions, cataloging, and collection development for the Law Library since February 1966. Among his many other accomplishments, Fred obtained a Common Market Flag and a print of Justinian and his legal advisers for the Law Library. Fred also added substantial holdings to the Library's Roman Law collection.

Construction continues with significant progress being made on the south side of the building. New offices for the library faculty are scheduled to be completed in January and we are looking forward to moving into our new accommodations.

#### Southern Illinois University

Southern Illinois University School of Law Library has announced the most recent addition to its "Publication Series". It is entitled "SIU Law Library Disaster Plan" and is compiled by **Elizabeth Matthews**, Preservation and Special Projects Librarian. If you are interested in this publication, or any others in the series, contact: Lou Polsgrove, Southern Illinois University School of Law Library, Lesar Law Building, Carbondale, IL 62901.

**Iowa****Drake University**

At Drake University, construction is continuing on the Dwight D. Opperman Hall and Law Library, with the move into the new building tentatively set for March 1993. U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy will be present for the building dedication on April 16. The Law Library staff looks forward to showcasing the new building to MAALL members during the 1994 Annual Meeting in Des Moines.

Also at Drake, the automated circulation system on DRA was brought up in time for the fall semester. Automation has succeeded in making circulation procedures more efficient for both patrons and staff.

**Kansas****University of Kansas**

Margaret Bearse, of the University of Kansas School of Law Library will take on the responsibility of MAALL Newsletter Liaison for the Kansas region. This is an excellent way for a new member of MAALL to get to know her colleagues in area libraries. Good luck Margaret and good news!

**Washburn University**

Washburn University School of Law Library welcomes a new librarian to its staff. Jie Su is Washburn's Weekend Reference/Cataloging librarian. Jie wears many hats in his current position and, luckily, he is up to the challenge. Jie received his M.L.S. from Florida State University and his B.A. from the Department of Library and Information Science, at Peking University, Beijing, China. In a month's time, Jie bought a new car, got married (his wife is also a librarian and is looking for employment), moved to Topeka, found an apartment, and is well established in his new job at the law library! Good luck Jie and welcome to Kansas!

**Missouri****University of Missouri-Columbia**

Susan D. Csaky, Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law, announced her retirement effective May 15, 1993. Her retirement brings to a close a distinguished career. She has been at UMC since 1979. During her tenure she has presided over many changes in technology, advised in the development of the library wing of the new law building and supervised a major move to that new building. Her presence and leadership will be truly missed. Jo Ann Humphreys, Associate Director, has been named to the search committee charged with finding a new director for the library.

Timothy J. Heinsz, Dean of the School of Law, also announced that he was stepping down to further pursue the instruction and writing facets of his career. Dean Heinsz has served as Dean since 1988. He will continue in that position until a replacement can be found.

The Library welcomes as Acquisitions Clerk Tom Schultz. Tom fills an important spot in trying to pay growing bills with shrinking dollars. Welcome aboard, Tom!

**South Dakota****University of South Dakota**

Delores A. Jorgensen and Barbara B. Heisinger are the co-compilers of "A Bibliography of Indian Law Periodical Articles Published 1980-1991". The 1992 second edition is available from William S. Hein & Co., Inc. The volume contains two sections--the main 1980-1990 bibliography and the 1991 supplement.

## **AALL ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING 1998 ANNUAL MEETING**

Received via Internet from Mark Estes, AALL President

On Saturday November 21, the AALL Executive Board adopted the following statement:

“In light of the recent adoption of Colorado’s Amendment Two, the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Executive Board voted unanimously not to hold its 1998 annual meeting in Denver.

The Board reached this decision for two major reasons. First, AALL is inclusionary in its membership and seeks to broaden access to legal information. Amendment Two is, by its nature, exclusionary and its policy of exclusion could be extended to restrict access to legal information. Second, Article 9 of AALL’s Bylaws states that “participation in any activity of the Association . . . shall not be denied to any individual, or abridged on account of . . . sexual orientation.” Holding the AALL annual meeting in a state which constitutionally permits a policy of discrimination would deny some members full participation in the Association’s premier educational activity.”

Note: this statment was faxed Saturday evening [Nov. 21] to the Denver Post.  
Additional press releases will be forthcoming on Monday.

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### **An excerpt from the *P.R. Potpourri* Column which appears in the AALL Newsletter authored by our own Frank Houdek**

“Where’s the librarian? Not on L.A. Law--Yet” Those who resisted the City’s charms to stay the course at the Annual Meeting in San Francisco this summer know that on of the last programs on Wednesday featured Charles B. Rosenberg, Esq., technical advisor to “L.A. Law.” According to Fleeta Cunningham who reviewed Mr. Rosenberg’s “performance” for the HALL Newsletter, Mr. Rosenberg explained “that there isn’t a law librarian, or even any legal research on the show, because the writers and producers feel that there is little opportunity for dramatic courtroom conflict with either.” In response, Fleeta issues this challenge: “Surely somebody out there can come up with a scenario involving a librarian in a conflict with ‘dramatic trial value.’ Anyone got a suggestion?”

So how about a Law Librarian’s L.A. Law Contest? The rules are simple: You send me your script ideas by, say, February 15, 1993; we’ll figure out a totally subjective way of declaring a winner and give them a year’s supply of something or other; and, best of all, we’ll gather the ideas together in a big bundle and send them off to Mr. Rosenberg and his “L.A. Law” chums. We’ll get a law librarian on that show yet! --Frank Houdek, AALL Public Relations Coordinator, SIU School of Law Library, Carbondale, IL 62901, (618) 453-8788.

## AALL SPONSORS LEGAL RESEARCH TEACH-IN DURING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

The Research Instruction Caucus (RIC) of AALL is organizing what it hopes will be a massive "Legal Research Teach-In" during National Library Week, April 18-24, 1993. This activity will not only improve the research skills of library patrons, it also offers a wonderful public relations opportunity. Law Librarians can demonstrate the skills they have as teachers as well as information providers.

RIC needs the participation of as many law librarians as possible to make Legal Research Teach-In a success. You can take part in two ways. First, RIC is compiling a series of kits that can be used by individual libraries for Teach-In purposes during National Library Week. RIC organizers are looking for a variety of materials to include in the kits which will cover topics such as federal law, basic reference sources, secondary sources, non-legal materials and more. **YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NEEDED!** Pathfinders, research guides, charts, posters, puzzles--any creative works which you are willing to share are welcome. The materials will be aimed at diverse audiences including students, lawyers, paralegals and secretaries, so just about anything will do.

The other way you can participate is by making a commitment now that your library will conduct an event of some sort featuring teaching legal research during National Library Week. Once you have committee to action, the doing will sort of fall into place. RIC will be there to assist you, though, with both practical suggestions and a variety of materials in the aforementioned kits.

Please send all contributions as soon as possible to:

Karen B. Brunner, Library Manager  
Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti  
Headquarters Plaza  
One Speedwell Avenue  
Morristown, NJ 07960  
(201) 538-0800 x480  
(201) 538-1984 (FAX)



## 1992 SPIRIT OF LAW LIBRARIANSHIP AWARD

Nominations are now being accepted for the 1993 Spirit of Law Librarianship Award. This award goes to a member of the American Association of Law Libraries who, through his or her position, makes a contribution toward the improvement of a social condition or the increased awareness of a social concern.

The award (in the form of a memento) is funded by the proceeds from the title Spirit of Law Librarianship: A Reader, donated by the authors Roy M. Mersky and Richard A. Leiter and by the publisher Fred B. Rothman & Co. The recipient of the first award was Westwell R. Daniels, Professor of Law and Director of the University of Miami Law Library, for his extensive work on behalf of the homeless in the Miami area.

Nominations with a statement of justification should be submitted to:

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Nominations for the 1993 Spirit Award will close on May 1, 1993. The recipient will be chosen by Spirit of Law Librarianship committee members Roy Mersky, Rich Leiter, Wes Daniels and Dick Spinelli.

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### ANOTHER NEWSY BIT FROM INTERNET, WITH THANKS TO ALBERT BRECHT

"The Sunday, Nov. 15, 1992 New York Times, Week in Review section, listed median weekly salaries from 1983 to 1991 adjusted for inflation. I'll share a few of the pluses and minuses with you:

Librarians	- 0.1%
Lawyers	+18.1%
Architects	- 8.4%
Computer Pgmrs.	+ 2.5%
Nurses	+17.1%
Physicians	+43.6%
Col. Profs.	+12.8%
Personnel Mgrs.	+12.4%
Social Wkers.	+ 2.8%
Teachers, elem.	+ 8.9%
Travel Agents	- 21.9%

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### WARNING! NEW POLITICAL COMPUTER VIRUSES ON THE LOOSE!

Time for some comic relief in this Newsletter, especially at this time of year! These were floating around our VAX News and I thought they needed sharing. Please take them in the comic spirit intended...Katherine.

**FEDERAL BUREAUCRAT Virus:** Divides your hard disk into hundreds of little units, each of which do practically nothing, but all of which claim to be the most important part of the computer.

**DAN QUAYLE Virus #1:** There is something wrong with your computer, we just can't figure out what.

**DAN QUAYLE Virus #2:** Forces your computer to play "PGA TOUR" from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. six days a week.

**PAT BUCHANAN Virus:** Shifts all your output to the extreme right of your screen.

**CONGRESS Virus:** Overdaws your computer.

**GALLUP Virus:** 60% of the PCs infected will lose 38% of their data 14% of the time (Plus or minus a 3.5% margin of error).

**POLITICALLY CORRECT Virus:** Never calls itself a "virus", but instead refers to itself as an "electronic micro-organism".

**MARIO CUOMO Virus:** It would be a great virus, but it refuses to run.

**GOVERNMENT ECONOMIST Virus:** Nothing works, but all your diagnostic software says everything is fine.

**TED TURNER Virus:** Colorizes your monochrome monitor.

**ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER Virus:** Terminates and stays resident. It'll be back!

# THE SAGA OF SONJA, CIRCULATION SORCERESS

## Part Two—Peasants, Pigs & Petunias

Sonja ran with a light step down and round the steps to the Dungeon Stacks. It seemed she ran forever. It would be an arduous climb up, and Raphael had already eaten her lunch . . . A cob-webbed corridor loomed into the distance beyond the last step, dotted with feeble torch light.

“Blech,” she said.

BLECH, the corridor echoed.

“I hate spiders,” she whispered.

SPIDERS the corridor answered.

“Spiders?” someone cried out. “Where? I’ll not have spiders in the Library of Laws Dungeon! Lemme at ‘em--”

Sonja raised her sword. “Who are you? I can’t see you!”

“Well? Who are you?”

“Sonja, Circulation Sorceress. I have an ILL request from the Great Library at Alexandria.”

“Ho, how the mighty have fallen! ‘The Great Library at Alexandria, the Great Library at Alexandria,’ it’s all everyone speaks of, when we have a perfectly respectable collection right here--”

“Excuse me,” Sonja interrupted, “but who are you? Where are you? Can you help me find the law I seek?”

Chuckles floated her way. “Come, Sonja. Follow the torches to the very end of the corridor.”

“I’m coming,” she said. She advanced with her sword held high, envisioning a giant Troll awaiting her perhaps, knowing that Courage was part of this Quest. It was a very long corridor, too.

She discovered a large room carved from rock, bright with candlelight, a cheery fire, and row upon row of dry, snug stacks. A wizened old fellow stood waiting for her. She said, “Good Sir, I am Sonja--You look familiar. Have we not met before? Perhaps at the Library Christmas party?” He posed with a stern expression and a twinkle in his eyes, and Sonja gasped, “Can it be? You are the Director?” He smiled broadly and nodded. “But--why do you dwell underground? How can an ordinary man of flesh and blood be the statue of the deity I kiss each morning?”

“Oh, that’s in my contract. I stay down here for 50 years, I get to be a deity. What jolly fun it is, too. Now, Mistress, what law do you seek for your ILL?”

“It-it is from the Barbarian Era, and concerns peasants, pigs and petunias. That is, in a time of drought,

who has more right to eat petunias, the peasant or his pig?"

"That explains it. The Great Library at Alexandria would not bother with Barbarian Law. There aren't many laws from that Era, either. They were, after all, Barbarians.

"Rest yourself before the fire, Mistress Sonja. Drink wine, eat cheese and bread. I'm off to the stacks."

"Thank you, Director!" Sonja sheathed her sword and settled in with her boots up. She gorged on cheese and sipped wine while the humming Director located the cite and copied it for her.

Giving it into her care, he held a chubby finger to his chubby lips and said, "Keep my secret, Sonja."

"So I do vow," she replied, with a saucy bow.

"And do come again! I like visitors, but for some reason I only meet someone on staff about once each decade."

The wine and cheese made her journey upstairs a happy one, as did her delicious secret. Helen and Raphael seemed astonished to see her again.

Helen cried, "I thought you were--"

"Doomed!" Raphael shouted. "Doomed to the Dungeons forever! Why, Helen had to watch the Desk for both of my breaks, and she would have for my lunch, too, except all the food up here has mysteriously disappeared!"

"Has so much time passed?" Sonja wondered. "Raphael, you have no doubt consumed all the food in the Library of Laws. Now summon the Keeper of the Carrier Pigeons. The ILL is ready to be winged to Alexandria."

"Oh, goody," Raphael said, and off he went.

"Oh, goodness," Helen said. "Was it terrible beyond belief?"

"No. The Director protected me, Helen."

"Did I tell you he will appear to us today?"

"Yes, Helen, you did."

Outside the night was starry and cold. The warning bell had sounded, clang-clanging its alarm. Linger-  
ing patrons had been routed from the Library of Laws for another day. Sonja, wrapped in her warmest foxskin robe, had just watched the Keeper of the Carrier Pigeons fling his little beauty skyward, bound for Alexandria with the ILL.

Over the hill, a man on horseback came riding up. A patron with some dire emergency? Sonja thought.

"Hey, Sonja!" It was Raphael. "Will I now bide you good night, or will you allow me to give you a

ride home?"

She was going to refuse, being a hardy sort of woman. But it had been a full day, with much accomplished at the Library of Laws, not only the ILL but reference questions answered by the score, many laws copied, with no one else on staff catching the plague, and best of all, meeting The Director.

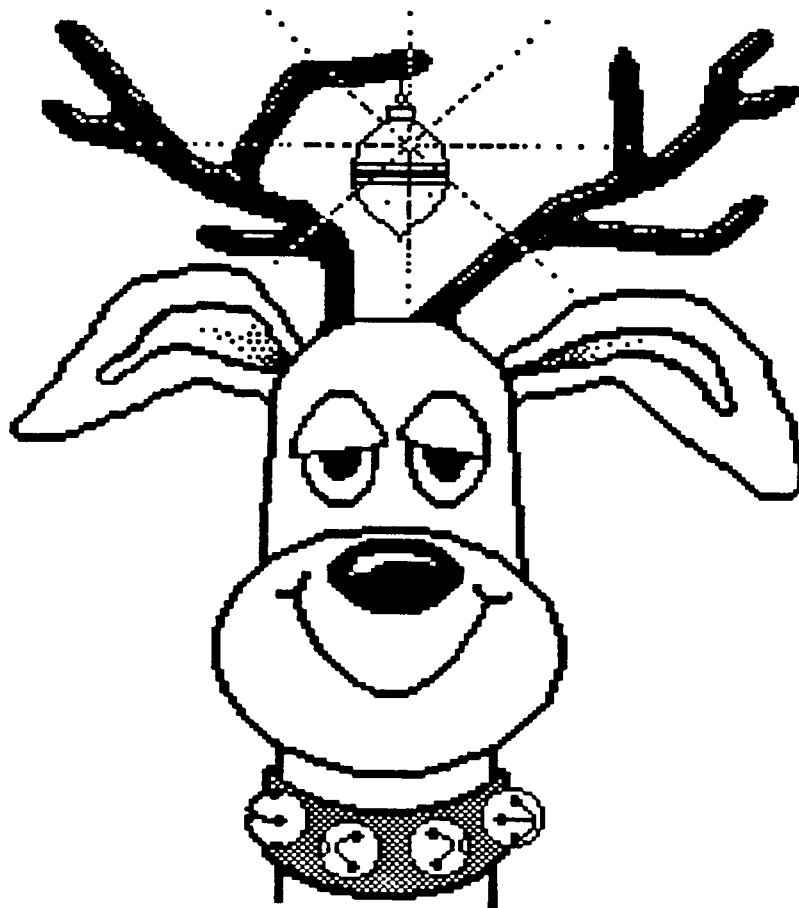
She said, "You shall give me a ride, Raphael."

"Oh, goody," said the young man. Before he could reach down, she was seated on the horse behind him. "You must tell me, Sonja. What happened in the Dungeon Stacks? They say it's a Trial. Did you meet with demons and monsters? Did you fling magic spells one after another?"

"Grow up, Raphael," Sonja said, thinking it was a miracle that today she had not used her Magic one time. She had only had to use her level head. And she planned to visit The Director often. Perhaps he could explain the Power of the Oracle Catalog, among other things. Aye, it was certainly an adventure working at the Library of Laws.

the end

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