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CHARLESTON - HERE WE COME!!!

Hazel Johnson Program Chair

Mark your calendars now for a great meeting in Charleston, April 2-4, 1987! The programs planned for the 1987 annual meeting of the Southeastern Chapter promise a little something for everyone. Program committee members Hazel Johnson (Smith & Hulsey), Steve Hinckley (University of Richmond), Tim Lewis (Alabama Supreme Court), and Diana Osbaldiston (University of South Carolina) are now in the final stages of selecting speakers for one of our most diverse meetings ever.

In recognition of the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution. the Committee is seeking a keynote speaker for the closing luncheon to address the importance of Constitution and its place in legal history. The major program topics provide a nice blend between the substantive and the practical. Concurrent sessions at the meeting will be scheduled to provide a greater diversity of programming. the topics are "Tort Among Liability Insurance Crisis," featuring David G. Owen of University of South Carolina law faculty and one of the authors of the latest edition of Prosser on Torts; "The Law Library as a Profit Center," focusing on the current trends in law firms to make their libraries profitable; "Marketing Within Databases Organization; "The Funding Crisis the Public Law including techniques and sources of funding; alternative Research," focusing on the Tax Reform Act of 1986, and several others.

Building on the popularity of working lunches last year, discussion groups are scheduled for the Charleston meeting. to permit time for exploration of Charleston restaurants, the groups will be scheduled during one of the programming slots. The discussion topics include for firm appraisals, forms access libraries, handicapped, copyright and management. The list of discussion leaders is not yet complete. any of you want to be a discussion leader, contact a committee member. Johnson's Bruce Arrangements Committee also is hard putting together ofexciting agenda activities, including excursions to environs surrounding Complete information Charleston. on the programs will be mailed early in 1987. Keep an eye out for this information and join us for Springtime in Charleston!



EDITOR'S CORNER

I appreciate the various comments which I received about the first issue οſ the SOUTHEASTERN LAW LIBRARIAN. was very pleased with the issue and would like to thank Randall Brown, Cheryl Olszowy, and the staff at Law Book Exchange for fine work. did experience some problems with the mailing list, however. To that situation remedy Secretary Wenger, ofthe Chapter, will maintain a current and accurate mailing list and will supply the mailing labels for the newsletter to Law Book Exchange. If you did not receive the first issue volume 12 or if you know someone who did not, contact me and I will send copies.

There is a new feature in this issue. The Chapter Placement Committee, chaired by Mary F. Cross, has information about the need to publicize job openings in the Newsletter and has provided several position vacancies for this issue.

I encourage chapter members and librarians to remember the AALL Occasional Papers Series. The Publications Committee AALL is inviting AALL members to submit their publications for inclusion in this series. series is designed to include publications of practical value law librarians, including handbooks and procedural guides. The first two items in this series include a handbook for AALL Special Interest Section officers and a handbook manual serial control systems. Frank Houdek of Southern and Illinois University Myers of University of Virginia have done a super job in getting off series the ground. if Contact Anne you have a

publication or if you have an idea for a publication.

Please respond to Wes's request for information about the software which is used your libraries. A union list of the software available in the Southeastern Chapter certainly be helpful as members consider the purchase expensive software packages. This list could provide us with a name to contact to determine. PRIOR to purchase, if software has the necessary functions and capability.

The deadline for information for the next issue, vol. 12, #3 (Spring 1987), is <u>February 15, 1987</u>. Please send me items which you would like included.

Timothy L. Coggins University of North Carolina



CHAPTER MAILINGS

Are we mailing your newsletter and other chapter items to the correct address? Unfortunately, it is only when newsletters and other mail are returned or when they reach you because ofincorrect addresses that we become aware of necessary changes. Simple as it may seem, keeping the SEAALL mailing list correct and up-tois difficult a Please help by informing the Chapter Secretary, Larry Wenger of the University of Virginia Library, Charlottesville, (Law VA 22901; 804-977-5690) if we have been addressing your mail incorrectly or if you have a change of name or address.

Thanks for your help.

From The President

As the pre-holiday panic sets in, and we wonder how we are ever going to get the annual report or next year's budget request drafted on time, to say nothing of how we are going to accomplish the gift shopping when there is no time for a real lunch hour, thoughts of Charleston in the Springtime have been relegated to the bottoms of our infamous heaps. Only members ofthe SEAALL Program and Local Arrangements Committees lie awake at night with visions of concurrent panels and plantation conviviality dancing in their heads!

But, do you realize that a mere three months after New Year's Eve will convene for our SEAALL annual meeting? It is, therefore, time to arrange NOW to be there. The previews of the program by Hazel Johnson in this issue and the hard-work of the other Johnson (Bruce) on local arrangements for provide Charleston should sufficient temptation to send every member of the Chapter running to nearest travel agent. realize that, in these parlous times, financial many SEAALL members have serious trepidations about approaching their bosses to request travel funds. Regardless of the type of library, the people in control of the purse strings seem unusually parsimonious these days. Many SEAALL members who want to attend the national AALL meeting feel that they have no choice but to pass up the chapter convention. urge you not to make assumption without trying every possible approach. Going to the SEAALL meeting is well worth the extra effort!

First, consider applying for a Lucile Elliott Scholarship. This year, Claire Engel's Scholarship Committee has consulted with the Executive Board and agreed upon a new set of guidelines for the

Essentially, more people awards. will be eligible. Even if you have won an AALL grant more than three years ago or 1f you are a veteran rather than a new SEAALL member, you now qualify for an Elliott. Service to the chapter and profession will be taken consideration 1n the selection process. AND the best news of all the number of scholarships will increase, most likely to six.

Secondly, never assume that your employer will not consider HELPING send you SEAALL without to presenting a convincing proposal. Offer to pay a portion of your expenses as a sign of commitment, and you may be surprised. your boss the announcement about the program in this issue of the Newsletter, and indicate what you specifically hope to get from the programs. This year's program is rich and varied - offering concurrent sessions - that I cannot conceive of a law librarian who would not profit significantly. past Every program chair that some members claim report nothing of interest to them was available on the program. assume you that those members are short-sighted. The session that attend this year research or copyright or the tidbit that you glean from a discussion on the library as a profit center or marketing online research service may turn out to be of tremendous benefit to your patrons and your employer next month or next year.

Another less specific, but probably even more important reason making every effort participate 1n the chapter convention is the valuable "cross pollination" \mathbf{of} ideas. national meetings are large now and there seems to be a tendency to "stick with our own kind" government academic, firm, or librarians. When I think back, I realize that some of the

useful things I have learned have been in both formal and informal gatherings intended primarily for firm or academic librarians. SEALL's relatively small size throws us all together, and we are enriched tremendously in the process.

If this all sounds like a sales pitch, that's because it is. SEAALL is a quality product, and I think it's well worth selling to your firm or institution and well worth contributing to yourself. Consider it an investment in your professional development. As I step down from my soapbox, I wish you a happy and refreshing holiday season. I will expect to see you in Charleston next April.

Best Wishes,

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MICROCOMPUTER IDEAS: COMPUTER LABS AND SOFTWARE UNION LIST

J. Wesley Cochran University of Mississippi

Shortly after the last issue of the Southeastern Law Librarian went Meckler Publishing press, Company announced that one of its periodicals, Computing, Public would merge with Small Computers in Libraries, another of publications. Presumably, Computers will now include regular features concerning public access to microcomputers.

I was somewhat disappointed in this development because librarians need information concerning public access to library microcomputers. A small number of academic and public law libraries now have some form of public access to computers, and I believe that the number will increase dramatically in the next several years.

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"My dear, the noise, the people!"

To establish a computer lab, librarians must consider several factors to combine hardware and software to best support the needs of the user. All too often, the librarian's ideal computer lab must conform to limitations of external factors. My library, for example, has no adaptable space for a lab now. We have no empty rooms and very little unused floor space. Creating a computer lab with just two microcomputers in it will be difficult.

Librarians considering public access to microcomputers must address the following factors. Obviously, each library has its own local customs which must be considered.

Security: Some sort of control in most applications is necessary. Any piece of hardware, including internal circuit boards, can be stolen. Librarians must assess how secure the equipment must be. Nearly every microcomputer supply catalog has an abundance of security devices available in all price ranges depending on the level of security desired.

Reference: Inevitably, librarians will be asked to provide some form of reference assistance. Do not locate the equipment far from the "main stream", or be prepared to spend (waste?) time in walking to and from the computers.

Acceptance: What requirements are there for acceptance of the work product? Are letter quality printers necessary or will dotsuffice? matrix Academic librarians may need to consult faculties. their Some faculty accept members may not papers printed on a dot-matrix machine. Likewise, most attorneys will need letter quality printers available to print legal instruments.

Costs: Who will pay (and how) for maintenance and supplies? Will the costs be borne by the library or

just the microcomputer users? that most law suspect libraries will have a far easier time than academic and public libraries with this. If costs are limited to the users, some control of access is necessary, as well as some system to collect fees to pay the costs. The University of Washington, for example, charges its students \$50 per quarter or \$100 per year. Students are issued a card for access to the Computer Room which is staffed (40 hours per week) by a student worker paid from the collection of fees.

Training: Who is responsible for What aids should be training? provided? Obviously, this range from no assistance to a continuously-staffed facility. publications Library containing research tips, as well as basic information, can be an effective means of communication. of handouts on basic computer use helps the occasional user renew skills.

Liability: Some release from liability for malfunction of equipment is advisable for microcomputers in public and academic libraries.

Supplies: Responsibility for stocking supplies, such as printer ribbons, paper and disks. must be determined well in advance. A law firm library generally has little difficulty with providing supplies. academic However, and public libraries should address this issue.

Selection of software, for a library computer lab and for administration use, can be tricky. Costs are high, and customers are reluctant to pay for something which might not work well in local application. Though some computer literature contains software reviews, the best reviewer, course, is a user, and, to that end, a union list of software would

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(MICROCOMPUTERS, cont.)

lead potential customers to library professionals who could provide frank and open evaluations.

The Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C. compiled just such a list, and I would like to do the same and revise 1t regularly. Please take a few minutes to send information on the processing, spreadsheet, database management, litigation support. and billing, and utility programs which your library uses on microcomputers.

The name of the program and its producer (including the version or release number), hardware required, amount of RAM memory required, and the type ofprogram (word processing, spreadsheet, etc.) will give me enough information to produce a helpful list. My address J. Wesley Cochran, Law is: Library, University of Mississippi, University, MS 38677.

The union list will be published in a future issue of Southeastern Law Librarian. I thank you in advance for the help.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKS CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT

The Nominating Committee wants suggestions for possible candidates for the office of Vice President/President-Elect. (The Secretary and the Treasurer will begin the second year of their terms next year.) For each suggested candiate, please as much information possible concerning the individual's background and professional activities to assist the Committee in its work.

Please use the form in this newsletter and submit your suggestions to:

Professor J. Wesley Cochran Law Librarian University of Mississippi University, MS 38677

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-ONLINE UPDATE-

ONLINE UPDATE - WHAT ABOUT TRAINING?

LEXIS

by
Sally G. Waters
Stetson Law Library

One of the biggest problems facing persons using online systems is training. The online systems become easier to use and the users become more efficient in searching after lengthy training sessions, followed by more hours of in searching. librarians trying to teach others to use the systems, the training can be an exercise frustration and futility.

LEXIS has used several methods to help train users. A few years ago LEXIS provided a simulator, a cassette player which connected to computer, which took the trainee through a set search to search show how a should be conducted it and what would uncover. Although the trainee was supposed to follow everything on the screen and also read through an explanatory text, many found that whole exercise speeded considerably if they just kept any pushing keys to move the program along while ignoring the text. Needless to say, this method proved very useless. The simulator seems to have been abandoned

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Washington Document Service, Inc. 450 Fifth Street, N.W. Washington DC 20001 favor of the CAI and TUTOR files now on LEXIS (you can enter these by pressing the Select Service key). These do give instruction on search techniques and using connectors.

What do you do, however, when you have MASSES of people to train, i.e., a whole first-year class of LEXIS has started law students? setting temporary learning up centers, affectionately TLC's consist of several TLC's. terminals and printers to train more people in one classroom-type This method of training session. is ideal for schools that have the trainers available to sessions, the space to set the center up, and the foresight to schedule in advance.

Some librarians, including myself, have very little foresight or training time. so ...! When I decide this summer to experiment with offering LEXIS training for the first time to second semester law students, I had to devise my own massive-training method. Instead of trying to train all students at the computer, I lectured for approximately two hours, taking the students very slowly through a handout that I had written. The handout explained, in very simple terms, how to do a search - from how to turn the computer on and sign in, to what files are, how to switch from one file to another, to Auto-Cite and Shepardizing, etc. In other words, the handouts provided the basics they would need to do a search on LEXIS. At the same time, I had the students refer to a chart of the keyboard. They could follow this while reading the instructions with This training seemed to work. students, after the sessions, signed up for computer time, completed searches and instructions following on the handout. The time Ι spent handout preparing the was far

outweighed the time which bу ordinarily would have been spent trying to give small group "handson" training throughout a period of few weeks. And this training session worked even better repeated during this fall semester; the students had several after the mass training to decide when they wanted to use the computer on their own and practice with and become 1t efficient in its use.

For those of you with foresight, time and space, go for the TLC's. This is the best innovation in training that anyone has devised. BUT for those of you who have no foresight, no space, and even less time, you still may be able to come up with a better training method than the one you presently use!

WHY BOTHER WITH TRAINING?

Sally Irvin
Wake Forest University

Most law schools are involved in some sort of structured computerized legal research training, generally in the first-Writing year Legal Research and This is the first year Program. that Wake Forest will be involved in both WESTLAW and LEXIS as LEXIS a recent addition to the law school. Our students are required to attend a two-hour general lecture on CALR and 1/2 1 hour sessions in both small group databases as well as completing a problem set 1n each database. Other schools require some form of similar training. The need become proficient in the use of CALR is no longer debatable. fact, there is a growing feeling that lawyers will be subject to negligence charges in the future failure to fully research.

which includes research in online databases.

The question of whether to use one or both databases in tandem is usually answered in real life by cost considerations. Law schools have an obligation to students both in services, possible, so that they may not only utilize CALR throughout their legal education, but may also continue to use it for their client's benefit. Training in both services gives students a background from which to make intelligent choices about the service best able to suit their clients' of needs. Many students at Wake Forest have found themselves in the enviable position of being the WESTLAW expert in the firm during summer clerkships. is due in large part to the This CALR skills they develop at Wake and to the growing recognition among practitioners that CALR is a valuable tool. Many practitioners had no opportunity (or perhaps inadequate opportunity) to use CALR This creates while in law school. opportunity for law student provide clerks to 1mmediate assistance to the firm. It also them noticed. which 18 positive factor in the current legal job market.



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MARGARET MITCHELL MILAM is the Associate Director (Technical Services) of the American University Law Library. She received her J.D. from that university in 1975 after having served as Acting Director of the Law Library from 1972-75. Margaret previously worked at the University of Virginia where she began as a cataloger in 1968 (after receiving B.A. and M.L.S. from University of Maryland) and rose through the ranks to serve both as Head of Cataloging and Head of Acquisitions. Even though she now works in the nation's capital. Margaret still insists that New Orleans is home.

FLORIDA

Several new positions were filled at the University of Miami recently. MICHAEL J. PETIT came from a 10-year stint at the George Mason University Law Library to become the new Acquisitions

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holds Librarian. He B.A. M.S.L.S. degrees from Catholic University (where he was cataloger at the law library). addition to holding the titles of Librarian for Assistant Services and Associate Librarian for Technical Services at GMU. co-written Michael has several articles on microcomputers optical-disk technology for legal and library periodicals.

A new Reference Librarian at University of Miami is BETH GWINN. Her potpourri of degrees includes B.A.'s in English and Psychology from Spalding College, an M.S. in Library Science from Kentucky, and M.B.A. from Cincinnati. She left the Associate Directorship of the Chase College of Law Library (Northern Kentucky University) to assume marketing positions, first with the Miami Herald, then with Knight-Ridder (the newspaper chain, not the T.V. show). Prior to assuming her current position, she consultant was a to corporations in the publishing and information industries.

The third new Miamian Librarian Circulation EMERITA CUESTA. Holder of a B.A. History and Political Science from the University of Illinois Chicago (and a Danforth Fellowship recipient for history study at the University of Virginia), Emerita Circulation and Reserve Supervisor at Florida International University and Corporate Librarian at Amerifirst Federal Savings and She expects to receive her Library Science degree through the Florida State University extension program.

PAMELA WILLIAMS has been named Head of Public Services at the University of Florida's Legal Information Center. Her previous title was Head of Reference. She has worked at the University since receiving her M.L.S. from Florida

State University in 1973. She earned her J.D. there in 1981.

GEORGIA

DOROTHY SHEA, the Librarian for the law firm of Rogers and Hardin in Atlanta, is the current Vice President and the President-Elect the Atlanta Law Libraries Association. Dorothy came Atlanta three years ago from Miami, where she was a librarian for the Miami News. She has a B.A. from James Madison University and an M.L.S. from the University of North Carolina.

Professor of Law and Director of the Library Law at Georgia University School of Law ERWIN C. SURRENCY has recently completed a new book. History of the Federal published рй Oceana Courts, Publications (\$60.00), focuses on the development of the structure of the federal courts, including their jurisdiction, rather procedural than upon the substantive law which the courts apply.

LOUISIANA

New member, ANN T. HOLLIDAY, joined the Loyola University Law Library in New Orleans as the Librarian on October 1. Catalog 1986. She received her M.L.S. degree from Louisiana University and has had 8 years of professional experience.

NORTH CAROLINA

The Law Library at Carolina University ofNorth recently received the installment of special funds to continue its retrospective conversion and reclassification The grant of \$50,000 by project. the University will be used to hire additional student workers for much

of the clerical work of the project, to contract with SOLINET to convert a small portion of the monograph collection, and to fund the necessary supplies and additional labor for the project.

Law Librarian and Professor of North Carolina, LAURA N. Law at GASAWAY received recently Compton Award, given every the Arkansas years bу Library Association for the best published in Arkansas Libraries. Professor Gasaway attended special luncheon where the award of presented was Associate Law Librarian at North Carolina, TIMOTHY L. COGGINS recently published "Book Removals from School Libraries and Students' Amendment Rights" in Summer, 1986 issue of the School Law Bulletin.

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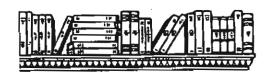
Claire Engel Bowles, McDavid, Graff & Love Charleston, West Virginia NEED A JOB? PLACEMENT COMMITTEE CAN HELP!

The Placement Committee of SEAALL has been operating with a network concept for the several years with committee members representing different types of libraries. This concept has worked well to speed the flow information about jobs people available for jobs. are, however, some people who do not know of this placement service because a placement column was not in the Newsletter.

Even though there is a "lag time" problem between the availability of jobs and the publication of the Newsletter, the Placement Committee feels it is important to list any available positions in our region because some employers do not advertise on the national level.

All available law library positions in SEAALL's geographic area should be sent to any of the Placement Committee members. members and their institutional affiliations are Mary F. Cross, Chair (Stearns Weaver et al), Doris Hinson (Duke University), Sue Lee (U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th. Circuit), Rita Millican (Louisiana State University), Barbara Murphy (University of Virginia), Ebba Jo Sexton (University of Kentucky), and Diane Thompson (Law Library of Louisiana).

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AALL SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR 1987

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

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

Donald J. Dunn, Chair AALL Scholarships & Grants Committee

LUCILE ELLIOTT SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Lucile Elliott Scholarship Committee has announced that least four scholarships of \$300.00 each will be awarded for th 1986/87 fiscal year. The award is to be used for any purpose reasonably designed to improve one's career in law librarianship. In recent years most scholarships were used to attend the Southeastern meeting. Now applicants seeking financial support for endeavors within the scope of the scholarship will be given equal consideration. Anyone working in a library 1n the Southeastern region who has not received Southeastern or AALL scholarship or grant within the past three (3) years is eligible to win a Lucile Elliott Scholarship.

All who may have a need are urged to apply! An application is available in this issue of the Newsletter. Six completed copies must be submitted to Claire Engel, Scholarship Committee Bowles, McDavid, Graff & Love, Post Office Box 1386, 1600 Commerce Square, Charleston, West Virginia 25301. The deadline is January 31, <u>1986</u>. Photocopies may be used or additional copies may be requested

from the Chair.

Claire Engel, Chair Scholarship Committee

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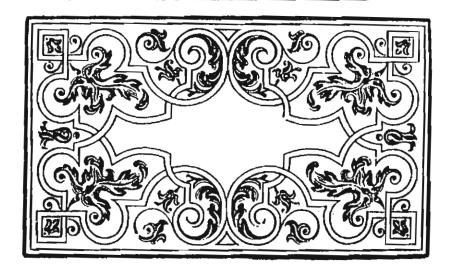
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