# Official newsletter of the Southeastern Chapter of A.A.L.L.

# PREVIEW FOR ANNUAL MEETING

### LAW LIBRARIANS - LOOKING TOWARDS LEXINGTON

Although the 1988 SEAALL Chapter meeting and program might seem far off, the Program and Local Arrangements Committees have been hard at work since late summer preparing for the April 14-16, 1988 meeting in Lexington, Kentucky.

BILL JAMES and the Local Arrangements Committee (Cheryl Jones, Gary Stottlemyer, Fogle and Ebba Jo Sexton) are planning the final details for an entertaining two and a half days. The Hyatt Regency will be the convention site, but to keep everyone from coming down with cabin fever, Bill is planning some activities at the University of Kentucky Law Library, a short walk from the hotel. Also, how about a day at the races?? The Committee is planning a trip to the world famous KEENLAND RACE TRACK. the committee has not even finished planning yet - so who knows what else awaits us!

Meanwhile, the Program Committee has been devising programs and discussion groups that will appeal to all. This year's Committee members are WES GILMER, ED EDMONDS, CONNIE MATZEN, CAM RILEY and MARY SMITH. While all details are not complete yet, the Program Committee is planning programs or discussion groups on topics like law clerks/law students, what they know and when they should know it (Mary Cross and Warren Ros-

marin); time management (brought back by popular demand, presented by Wes Cochran), costeffective acquisitions; accounting methods for law libraries; legislative histories/materials (southeastern states and federal); automated serials control; procedure manuals; demonstrations/discussion of CD ROM. Additionally, there will be substantive law programs, but the topics and programs have not been finalized yet.

The Program and Local Arrangements Committees realize that many activities are occurring in the southeastern U.S. in 1988, especially the AALL Annual Meeting in Atlanta. Although a great majority of our chapter members are heavily involved in AALL or the various institutes, we really think you need to set aside time (and money!!) relax, be educated, and talk with southeastern your leagues.

You are in store for some wonderful Kentucky hospitality and an array of programs that promises to be educational, inspirational and thought-provoking. Look for your mailing in EARLY 1988.

SEE YOU IN LEXINGTON IN APRIL.

Mary D. Smith, Chair Program Committee



### EDITOR'S CORNER

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Members are encouraged to send information to Joseph Cross of the University of South Carolina Law Library for the SEAALL Briefs section of the Newsletter. Information about individual librarians and libraries makes the newsletter more interesting and also informs others about what is being done in the Chapter libraries. PLEASE - send him your news for the next issue.

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### The President

A recent article in American Libraries addressed itself to the image of librarians, concluding that librarianship is a "wimpy" profession. (Should we be flattered or offended to share the category with the Vice President of the United States?) The author aims most of his criticisms at ALA, but as libra~ rians, I think we all suffer when one of our own throws The author, stones. Charles Curran, is an Associate Professor at the University South Carolina College of brarianship. Among the individuals who score high on "Wimp-o-Meter" are people "fill shopping bags full of exhibit brochures which probably already been received at home, and then mails stuff back to the library;" "think having a non-librarian as Librarian of Congress is an okay idea;" and who "cannot enjoy a meal unless an author speaks."

The article made me wonder how all this image consciousness got started. Is it a carryover of librarian as a traditionally female job and therefore to be held in lower esteem? Or the all too familiar scenario of the library budget being the first to be reduced and the librarian taking this action as a personal insult? Regardless of the historical background of our "wimpiness," every day you can find individual library users providing glowing testimonials on the priceless assistance given them by librarians. Do we take these compliments to heart and yo on doing what we do best, or do we continue gnashing our teeth and wishing everyone thought as well of us? the latter I am afraid.

While I think any overt examlibrarian put-downs of should be corrected if possible, I also think a lot of talented people waste a lot of time and paper chastizing the rest of the world about our image. Lawyers are considered arrogant and egotistical. Doctors are greedy, but you do not read in the ABA Journal or JAMA that these two groups do not like their negative images and really everyone to think better want them. They just keep doing what they do best. Could it be they are more secure and have more confidence in what they doing? Why? Are we not good at what we do? Obviously, our services are needed or our employers would not hire us and our patrons would not seek our services. So let's get on with doing what we do best and stop worrying about image. Along the way, maybe our image will change one patron or one employer at a time and we can cherish those moments when someone says, "Wow, you're not like any librarian I ever met before."

Hazel L. Johnson

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(Editor's Note: Reference is to Curran, "Let's Face It: Librarians are Wimps," 18 AM. LIBR. 687 (1987).



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### AALL SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS PROGRAM

AALL is once again sponsoring its Scholarship and Grants Program. News about these programs and the grant application form will be published in the December, 1987 issue of the AALL NEWSLETTER.

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

AALL annually provides funding for four types of scholarships: Type I (Library Degree for Law School Graduates); Type II (Library School Graduates Attending Law School); Type III (Library Degree for Non-Law School Graduates); and Type IV (Special Course in Law Librarianship). The Executive Board has again approved a \$3,500 Minority Group Stipend to be awarded to a member of a minority group who is a college graduate with library experience, working toward an advanced degree which would further his/her law library career. Application forms are available from AALL Headquarters. The deadline for completed applications is April 1, 1988.

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

Donald J. Dunn, Chair AALL Scholarships and Grants Committee





"Conference on Effective Teaching of CALR"

Sally Irvin
Wake Forest University

The First Annual Conference on Effective Teaching of Legal Research in an online vironment sponsored by Mead Data Central was held October 8-10 at the Graylyn Conference Center of Wake Forest University. Partícipants included persons responsible for the teaching of computerized legal research in law schools across the country. Professor Roy Mersky of the University of Texas served as the Conference Chair; the Southeast was well represented on the planning committee by Richard Danner of Duke University, Lolly Gasaway of UNC, and Tom Steele and Sally Irvin of Wake Forest University.

Representatives from Mead Data Central at the conference included Chris Coyle, Marsha Diamond, Kathryn Downing, Hunter Grant, Bob MacConnell, Miriam Parker and many others. Special appreciation is due to Louise Brust for coordinating the entire conference on behalf of MDC; everything was superb.

Computers are obviously crucial (and here to stay!) in the legal education process and the practice of law. This conference was a direct result of Mead Data's recognition of this fact and the company's desire to bring together people who not conly make the decisions about computerized legal research, but also implement it. The participants represented a wide range of programs - from schools which

only have to teach Legal Research and Writing for three weeks per year to those which teach it as a two semester course with required computerized legal research components. The technology used by the schools also varied from UBIOS and WALTS to dedicated technology lines and X.25 available mini-computer from systems.

One of the most valuable insights gained from the conference was an appreciation of what other schools are doing. The persons in schools where technology is quite advanced may have been the envy of some of the other schools, but everyone came away from the conference with renewed respect for the job each school is doing. participant genuinely about computerized legal research, believed in the concept and had a major commitment to implementing it into their stuents' lives with whatever resources they have available.

Although the conference was sponsored by Mead Data Central, no attempt was made to deal exclusively with LEXIS; both LEXIS and WESTLAW came in for their share of praise and criticism. Mead Data's commitment to the law school market was evident from their sponsorship, but they also seemed to understand our needs and be ready to meet them. This may be seen in the form of new contracts, such as the new NEXIS contract. School representatives were able to spend time talking with Hunter Grant and Bob MacConnell about the technological changes that may be available. These two gentlemen head a staff of top technical support people available for current problems/questions future planning for facilities. Wake Forest has had

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### DUN & BRADSTREET'S BUSINESS INFORMATION REPORT

Linda Jackson
Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy
Atlanta, GA

A useful tool for locating company information is available online from Dun and Bradstreet Credit Services. **DUNSPRINT** is a service which allows access to Dun & Bradstreet's information instantly by using a personal computer and a modem. The database contains information public and 7 million private U.S. companies. If a company is not included in the database, the user can request that a report be prepared. information contained in database is collected through interviews with company owners by D & B field reporters. information is supplemented by publicly available information.

The Business Information Report includes a company summary which lists the D&B rating, company history, sales, worth, and number of employees. The report gives the name and address of the company and its chief executive officer. The Special Events Section of the report informs you of changes in ownership, fires, burglaries, or bankruptcies.

The Payments Section includes payment record, high credit extended, amount owed, amount past due, and selling terms. The Changes Section informs you of events, such as management changes and company moves. The Finance Section lists the company's current assets and liabilities, worth, sales, and net income. The Public Filings Section includes information on lawsuits, tax liens, and UCC Filings. The History Section

gives information on the directors and officers of the company. Date of birth, education, marital status, and employment history are included. The Operation Section includes details such as where the company is located, size of floor space, and number of employees.

The information obtained through Dun & Bradstreet cannot be used in court and is for the sole use of the subscriber. The cost of obtaining a report depends on a number of factors. A subscriber must purchase the service in advance and estimate the number of reports needed during the coming year. Dun & Bradstreet Business Information Reports are an excellent source for company information.

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# NEWSDAY TO BE AVAILABLE ONLINE WITH VU/TEXT

Newsday, ranked as the sixth best newspaper by ADWEEK Magazine, will soon be available for computerized access on VU/TEXT. The full text of Newsday from December, 1985 to the present provides the full spectrum of local news as well as international, national and state coverage. New York Newsday (also included) has three editions (Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Queens) and all three are included in the database.

Newsday can be used to obtain information about aerospace, high technology and retailing companies in the New York area. Grumman, AIL Eaton, Hazeltine, Sperry, Macy's, Abraham & Strauss and Bloomingdales are all major businesses with coverage in the paper. The newspaper claims some of the best known columnists with Sydney

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(Conference, continued)

a lot of experience dealing with this staff. I recommend the staff wholeheartedly for its quality and competence.

Technology and teaching methods which may have appeared futuristic turned out to be in use today in a number of schools and were exciting topics for Computer projectors, everyone. ranging in prices from \$5,000 to \$11,000, and overhead computer projector screens permit teaching and demonstration any computer programs to large groups of people in all kinds of facilities. Imagine the use of these screens to teach LEXIS and WESTLAW to an entire class!

Computer-based training and interactive video exercises were also a hot topic. Mead Data has made a commitment to exploration of these technologies. have a computer-based training exercise available for accountants which can be used in part to teach basic LEXIS skills. There was interest among conference participants in thoring some of these or, least, having input into Interactive video will content. be a further step in providing training for LEXIS and for legal research and writing skills.

This was a great conference. The prevailing feeling by participants was that the conference was well-planned and certainly enjoyable. Our thanks to Mead Data Central for making it possible!

ATLANTA ANNUAL MEETING 1988

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE 1988 ANNUAL MEETING IN ATLANTA, WHERE SOUTHERN TRADITIONS MEET THE NEW SOUTH. JUNE 28-29, 1988. (Newsday, continued)

Schanberg, Denis Hamill, Les Payne and Murray Kempton presently on the staff and with Jimmy Breslin joining the staff in 1988.

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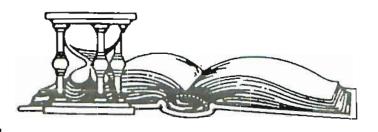
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#### TAX REGULATIONS GOVERNING GIFTS

by
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The time and expense of processing gifts of used law books have made many academic law librarians suspicious of the benefits to be received from unquestioning acceptance of the donations of well-meaning alums. Additional uncertainity when the library becomes volved in the donor's relations with the IRS. There was a time when donors expected librarians to give appraisals, a task which few of us had the time or ex-Fortunately, pertise. since 1984 temporary regulations of IRS have forbidden praisals by donees, letting librarians off the hook in most cases. <u>See</u> 26 C.F.R. sec. 170A-13T; T. D. 8003, effective after 12/26/84; 85-1 Cum. Bull. 64.

Another temporary regulation springing from the treasury decision referred to above, governing non-cash charitable contributions, threatens library donees with a new entanglement. The regulation, 26 C.F.R. sec. 1.6050L-1T, provides that the donee must report any resale or other disposal of donated property which takes place within two years of the donation in circumstances specified in sec. The possibility of 1.170-13T. keeping records for the IRS, in addition to the other headaches of processing gifts, justifiably alarms acquisitions librarians.

Fortunately, this obligation only arises in the case of very large donors (total non-cash contributions over \$5,000 in a single year). For such donors

the donee's reporting obligation only arises in the case individual items or groups similar items having a value over \$500. The example given in the instructions to Form 8283 suggests that a group of ten books by the same author should be considered together to make \$500 up the limit, but other books in the same gift could be considered individually and not require donee reports. It is the donor who must determine what is to be lumped together.

The obligation of the donee later reports make arises when the <u>donee</u> has executed a segment of Form 8283 which must be submitted by the donor in the year of the gift. The donor must file form 8283 in order to deduct the charitable contribution, and must obtain an "authorized signature" on behalf of the donee to Part B (the "Appraisal Summary"). Clearly, a visit from a donor with a Form 8283 to be signed will be a red flag, requiring careful attention to whatever donations are listed in the Appraisal Summary.

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Once a library signs the form an obligation arises to report, within 90 days, any disposal of the listed property; Form 8282 is the appropriate report form. In addition the Appraisal Summary must be retained "for long as it may be relevant in the administration of any ternal revenue law." Penalty for failure to file: (IRC sec.6652(a)(1)(ix)); Penalty for failure to send donor a copy: \$50.00 (IRC sec. for failure to Penalty (1)); identification include taxpayer numbers where required: (IRC sec. 6676). The penalty for misplacing the Appraisal Summary is unclear.

For more detailed information, see IRS Publications No. 526, "Charitable Contributions," and No. 561, "Determining the Value of Donated Property" and the instructions to Forms 8282 and 8283.

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The Law Library at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has a new mailing address. The correct address follows:

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CLAIRE ENGEL, Chair of the SEAALL Scholarship Committee, reports that a separate mailing will be made during the early part of 1988 for the Lucille Elliott Scholarship. The new scholarship guidelines adopted in Chicago will be applied. For a review of those guidelines, see Southeastern Law Librarian, Fall 1987, at 10. Anyone with questions should contact Claire at Jackson, Kelly, Holt & O'Farrell in Charleston, West Virginia or call her at 304-340-1260.

ARLENE L. EIS, a member of the Southeastern Chapter, writes that the 1988 edition of her LEGAL NEWSLETTERS IN PRINT will be available in January, 1988. This is the fourth annual edition of the directory and it lists 50% more titles than the 1985 edition did. Order requests should be sent to INFO-

SOURCES PUBLISHING, 140 Norma Road, Teaneck, New Jersey 07666.

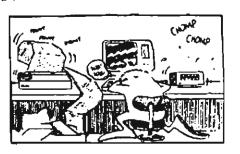
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### Korean Law Study Guide

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### Law Books In Print

The fifth edition of LAW BOOKS IN PRINT has been published by Glanville Publishers, Inc. The six-volume set was edited by Nicholas A. Triffin, Director of the Pace Legal Reource Center. The new edition includes all law books in print in English throughout the world through December 31, 1986. The set can be ordered directly from Glanville Publishers, Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522 for \$700.



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compiled by Mary Cross, Chair Placement Committee

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and 11 full-time staff members, including 6 professional staff. The library has recently benefitted from a substantial crease in its annual budget and the law school anticipates the construction of an entirely new law building in the near future. The library contains LEXIS and WESTLAW, audio-visual equipment and materials, a computer/word processing facility and microform reading equipment. It is a subscriber to the OCLC system and a selective federal depository library. The law library is funded and operated independently of the central University library. Candidates are expected to have both the JD and MLS degrees plus substantial experience in the supervision of a large law library. The successful applicant will also be expected to have the background and credentials necessary for a faculty appointment, preferably at the tenured associate or full professor level. The incoming director will receive a highly competitive salary and fringe benefits. The law school expects to fill the position no later than June 1, Applicants should send a resume and letter of application December 15, 1987 to: Professor William Fox, Chair, Library Committee, School of Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 20064.

### ILLINOIS

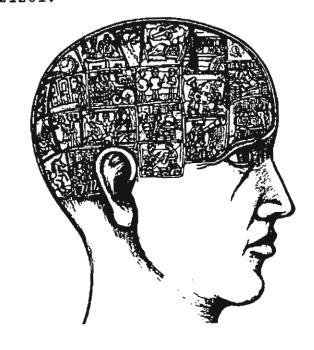
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### 1988 AALL Awards

The AALL Awards Committee seeks nominations for the 1988 awards. Information about each award is listed below. To nominate, please send the requisite information to John Edwards, Chair, Awards Committee; Law Library; Drake University; 27th & Carpenter; Des Moines, Iowa 50311. The deadline for nominations for all three awards is March 1, 1988.

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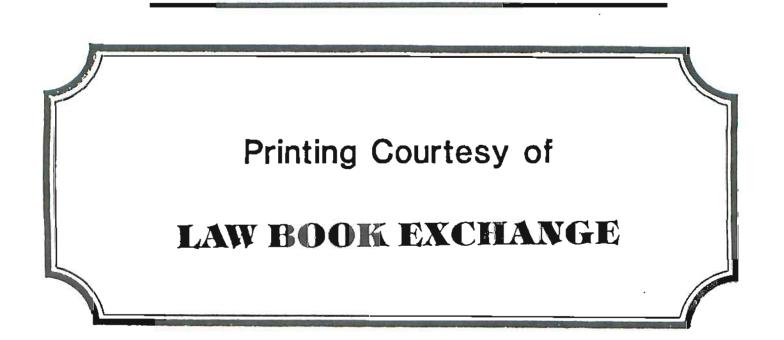
Named in honor of the Reference Librarian for the Association of the Bar of the City of New York from 1930 to 1965, the Andrews Award has been presented since 1967 for "significant contribution to legal literature." "Significant contribution" is measured by the work's creative, evaluative elements and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

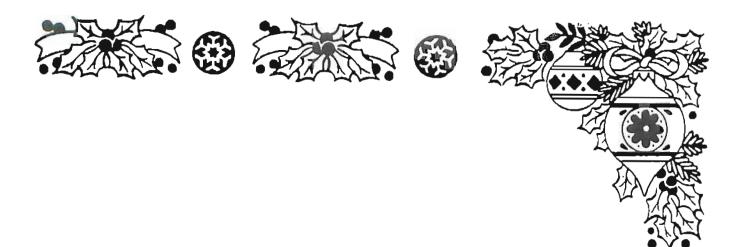
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The Distinguished Service Award is presented for outstanding recognition of extended and sustained distinguished service to law librarianship and to AALL. The award is presented to an individual nearing or following completion of an active professional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

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The Law Library Publication Award is presented to honor achievement in creating in-house user-oriented library materials outstanding in quality and significance. Qualified materials include bibliographies, library aids, guides, pathfinders, maps, newsletters, videotapes, slides and software. Publications which are produced primarily for sale outside the local clientele or which are offered systematically for sale in large numbers are not eligible for this award. Unsuccessful entries may be submitted for consideration each year, and new editions may be submitted for new consideration. To nominate a publication, send three copies to John Edwards.





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