COURSES THEY NEVER OFFERED IN LIBRARY SCHOOL (AND WITH GOOD REASON)

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INTRODUCTION

Many professional librarians have taken required courses for a Masters degree. Yet even with all the training and time spent in the library, librarians frequently face "unusual" situations in their day-to-day work. None of the courses offered in library school directly address these occasions. We offer some suggestions for courses that library schools may want to add to their curricula.

MACHINERY -- OR, THE WIDGET GOES WHERE?

It is essential to know how (and where) to load paper into different models of copy machines, printers, etc. No one else will ever do it, so you need to know. This is especially true of microform reader/printers. But you will also need to know the idiosyncrasies of your particular machines. Can you fix jammed paper paths without burning your hair or losing your jewelry? Do you know how to clean corona wires? Can you thread recalcitrant film cartridges on older machines? Is the machine really jammed or is it just looking for attention? Can you add toner without a trip to the dry cleaners? Care and feeding of machinery assumes major importance. It keeps the equipment running, helps preserve your sanity, and can save money if it helps avoid a service call.

Computer operations is another area where, in the real world, you tend to fly by the seat of your pants. You must acquire such skills as installing interface cards, setting screen colors, setting up macros, etc. If you're lucky, your organization will have computer experts on staff, but they are usually not at their workstations when you need them.

HYSTERIA -- OR, POP PSYCHOLOGY FOR THE STACKS

People under pressure (engineers, law clerks, researchers, etc.) tend to react with volatility when things don't go according to plan, e.g., when the copy machine runs amuck (see above). Dealing with hysterical patrons requires assurance and flexibility. Be it the law clerk at the copy machine (which just ate a deposition) or

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this column at the end of January, the temperature here in Miami is finally in the comfortable range of 60 to 70 degrees. Winter is the best time of year to be in this part of the country. The heat and humidity can be tough during the spring, summer and fall months.

This is a difficult time of year to do Chapter work because the weather is so inviting in Miami. It is difficult to stay indoors and write the SEAALL mid-year goals and objectives for AALL, or to write a letter to the committee chairs, or to work on the annual meeting in April, etc. This is the time of year to be outdoors and go to the beach, go to an art show, do yard work, etc. Yes, the rest of you are probably indoors diligently working on SEAALL activities!

It is during this time of year that those of us in sunny Florida get an annual visit from the publishers' home office sales representatives or database vendor representatives. You can hear the glee in their voices when they call to make an appointment because they know they will be able to escape the cold, and possible snow, for a short period of time. Of course, we never see these representatives when it is 90 degrees with 100% humidity! We are also asked to give weather reports during the winter to the telephone sales representatives. At no other time of the year are we asked the high and low temperatures for the day. What these people do not realize is that in the winter some people in Miami get tired of the heat and crave cold weather with lots of snow for skiing.

We all have our jobs to do and a part of that job should include participation in our professional associations. Even though the SEAALL Chapter covers a large geographic area, the members are always willing to do what is asked of them. Being a contributing member of an association is very rewarding. Over the years many of our members have been asked to serve in leadership positions in AALL. This is a nice compliment to the work that they have done in SEAALL and in their local chapter. As Ed Edmonds starts the preliminary committee membership requests for his term as President, I hope you will volunteer to be a member of a committee. It can be very rewarding.

Mary J. Cross

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DISCOVERING NEW WORLDS - THE STATE OF LAW LIBRARIANSHIP IN 1992

Thursday, April 9, 1992

3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Registration

5:00 p.m.-6:15 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Opening Wine and Cheese Reception at the Sibley Horticultural Center

Friday, April 10, 1992

9:00 a.m.-9:40 a.m. Program A-1: Beyond United States Reports and the Index to Legal Periodicals; Information Needs in the World of 1992

Phil Berwick, Law Librarian, George Mason University Law Library

Kathy Crosslin, Reference Librarian
Kilpatrick & Cody

9:40 a.m.-9:50 a.m. Break

9:50 a.m.-10:40 a.m. Roundtable Discussions

Program B-1: Library Procedure Manuals: Creation, Revision, and Effective Use

Hazel Johnson, Social Sciences, Reference Librarian, North Carolina State University Library

Program B-2: Coping with Collection Development Decisions in the Face of Budget Reductions

Nancy Strohmeyer, Associate Law Librarian for Public Services, Loyola University Law Library

Elizabeth Valadie, Associate Law Librarian for Technical Services, Loyola University Law Library
Friday, April 10, 1992

9:50 a.m.-10:40 a.m.  Roundtable Discussions

**Program B-3: The Hidden Costs of Automation**

Diana Osbaldiston, Catalog Librarian, University of South Carolina Law Library

**Program B-4: Current Trends in Teaching Legal Research within a Non-Traditional Skills Curriculum**

Jim Heller, Director of the Law Library, Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William and Mary

Linda Edwards, Assistant Professor and Director of Legal Research, Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University

Steve Hinckley, Director of the Law Library, University of Richmond School of Law

Warren Rosmarin, Associate Librarian and Head of Public Services, University of Miami Law Library

10:40 a.m.-10:50 a.m.  Break

10:50 a.m.-11:50 a.m.  Program C-1: SEALL's Historical Legacy: Discovering the Past in AALL's Original Chapter

Moderator
Carol Billings, Law Librarian, Law Library of Louisiana

Participants
Frances Hall, Former Librarian, North Carolina Supreme Court Library

Mary Oliver, Former Law Librarian, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Law Library

Ed Schroeder, Director, Florida State University College of Law Library
Friday, April 10, 1992

Betty Taylor, Director, Legal Information Center, University of Florida College of Law.

Larry Wenger, Law Librarian, University of Virginia

12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Luncheon

2:00 p.m.-2:40 p.m. Program D-1: The Changing Face of Europe; The European Economic Community in 1992

Professor Alan C. Swan, University of Miami School of Law

Program D-2: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Creation of the Modern Federal Bureaucracy

Program D-3: Expectations and Realities; Discovering Peace of Mind in the World of Automated Technical Services

Patti Fields, Network Librarian, Fedlink

Anna Belle Leiserson, Acquisitions Librarian, Vanderbilt University

2:40 p.m.-2:50 p.m. Break

2:50 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Program E-1: Managing European Economic Community Information Resources

Edgardo Rotman, International Law Librarian, University of Miami

Program E-2: Coping with Sophisticated Administrative Law Research

Kay Moller Todd, Legal Researcher, Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker

3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Guided Tour of Callaway Gardens

5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. COSELL Directors’ Meeting

COSELL Technical Services Librarians meeting

7:00 p.m. Dinner - Beach Cookout with
Entertainment

Saturday, April 11, 1992

9:00 a.m.-9:50 a.m.  Program F-1: Firm Librarianship in the Changing Climate of the 1990's

Connie Matzen, Director of Library Services, Smith, Anderson, Blount, Dorsett, Mitchell & Jernigan

Program F-2: Current Issues Regarding Access to Government Information

Robert Oakley, Director of the Law Library, Georgetown University Law Center

9:50 a.m.-10:00 a.m.  Break

10:00 a.m.-10:50 a.m.  Program G-1: Administration of LEXIS and WESTLAW costs: The Perspective of Firms, Academia, and the Courts

Joan Cannon, Librarian, Florida Supreme Court Library

Carol Roehrenbeck, Director of the Law Library, Nova University Law Library

Dorothy Shea, Law Librarian, Rogers & Hardin

10:50 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  Break

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  Business Meeting

12:00 p.m.-1:15 p.m.  Lunch

1:20 p.m.-2:00 p.m.  Program H-1: The Changing Landscape of the Legal Publishing Industry

Taylor Pitchett, Director of the Law Library, University of Cincinnati College of Law

2:00 p.m.-2:10 p.m.  Break
Saturday, April 11, 1992

2:10 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Program I-1: The State of Prison Libraries in 1992: The View From Both Sides

Steve Hinckley, Director of the Law Library, University of Richmond

Brend Vogel, Library Coordinator for Maryland Correctional Education Libraries

NOTE: YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED A SEPARATE MAILING ON THE ANNUAL MEETING. IF NOT, PLEASE CALL ROBIN MILLS AT 404-727-6983.

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Respectfully submitted,

Sue Burch, SEAALL Treasurer
the engineer with a request for the most obscure government document, remain calm. (This does not imply being so relaxed that your state of consciousness can be questioned.) Explain the usual limits (time, money, reality), and do the best you can given these constraints. It is not unreasonable to ask for more advance notice in the future.

SHIFTING THE COLLECTION -- OR, JANE FONDA'S EARLY YEARS

Just when you thought it was safe to go back to the stacks, some publisher releases ONE more volume or a new edition or a new set. Everything must be moved to accommodate it. No matter how hard you try to cram the shelves, there is no way to avoid moving massive volumes of material. Resign yourself to this. It is a fact of libraries and it will never change, but you will develop good upper body and leg strength.

CREATIVE SCAVENGING -- OR, CHECK THE CLOSETS

No matter where you work, there is never enough money in the budget for essential supplies, extra equipment, new books or journals, training, travel, etc. Frequently there is a way around this impasse. Know your organization. Can funds be used for books although allocated for equipment? Does the library have a discretionary fund? If not, why not? Ask questions. Talk to people. It's amazing what you can discover. One caveat: be tactful and don't flaunt success.

BASIC ITEMS -- OR, THE CLOSET

HANDYMAN

No library should be without the following:

- WD 40 (or similar product). It not only lubricates squeaky book cart wheels but also removes unsightly adhesives from wooden shelves.

- Screwdrivers -- big, little, regular, and Phillips head. These are necessities; unless you are willing to wait -- and wait and wait -- for official help, keep these items handy.

- Pliers (see screwdrivers).

- Hammer, regular and/or rubber (see pliers).

- Extension cord and multiple sockets (always hard to obtain from supplies and usually needed halfway through equipment installation).

ANTHROPOMORPHISM -- OR, LITTLE FEET AND EAGLE EYES

Some items in every collection grow legs and walk out the door. They are usually never, ever seen again. This symptom is frequently found with material costing more than $100. Coincidentally, this also occurs at the precise moment that the absent item is requested by the president, CEO, or other highly placed person. Ingenious security measures sometimes help, but in most cases, you'll just have to resign yourself to "collection creep."
ALIEN VISITORS -- OR, DO NOT SIGN IN PLEASE

Why is it that vendor reps always want to just stop by and drop something off? They usually don’t call first, but magically appear when you’re in the middle of several crises. They seem oblivious to strong suggestions that they leave. But if you need to contact your reps about something urgent, you can never get in touch with them because they’re out calling on unsuspecting librarians.

ROLODEX BLUES -- OR, SAVE THOSE SOURCES

If, in searching for an elusive piece of information, you find it, always save the source’s name and phone number. This is especially true for any government data. You may need the exact same thing again, or the person may be able to point you in the right direction, which is almost as crucial.

NETWORKING -- OR, THE REAL REASON YOU ATTEND CONFERENCES, ETC.

What you know is important, but who you know will save your skin more often. It’s Friday afternoon, and your patron absolutely must have item X now; but where can you get it? Remember so-and-so, whom you met at an SLA function or at an online training session? Call and beg him/her to fax it to you. Your user is thrilled and impressed, his job is finished on time, and you look great. Everyone is happy. Just remember to reciprocate every chance you get.

DECIPHERING -- OR, IT’S GREEK TO ME

Why is it that the heaviest users of your library seem to have difficulty using the English language? You must hone your translation skills to a sharp point. And do your patrons sign their names legibly on checkout cards? Get real. Meaningless scrawl is more like it. Department secretaries frequently can help untangle the code -- if you can figure out the correct department.

CREATIVE (AND INSTANT) DOCUMENT DELIVERY

Nobody told you in library school that your patrons will need the requested document or information yesterday. A week from now is simply out of the question. So you must learn to retrieve and deliver things very quickly. Get to know the express couriers well and treat them nicely. Know the delivery cutoff time for next-day delivery. Find out who in your organization is travelling and cajole them into acting as impromptu delivery persons. Get really friendly with your operators and mail room personnel -- they’ll save your neck!

JARGON 101 -- OR, PARLEZ VOUS LIBRARESE

As a special librarian employed by a corporation or government organization, you are expected to talk in strange languages. Jargon and acronyms are found in every industry and profession; these must be mastered in
addition to library school language. And when you factor in the computerese that you encounter in the special library, you become truly multi-lingual and sound a lot like a talking bowl of alphabet soup.

EVERYONE IS EQUAL, BUT SOME ARE MORE EQUAL THAN OTHERS

Regardless of the type of organization, there are some people who are more important than others. The chairman of the board carries a bit more weight than the stock boy. Learn the names and faces of the big shots and handle these people with special tact. After all, they are probably involved in approving your budget. If they receive exceptional service, they’re likely to remember it at budget planning time. Be judicious in hounding them with overdue notices; maybe a discreet call to the offender’s secretary would work better. Keep informed of organizational changes and invite new executives for a personal orientation to your library.

TO SUMMARIZE

Formal training is only the beginning of becoming a librarian. You learn the basics, the sources, the "right" way to perform various tasks. Although there is no substitute for on-the-job training, library schools could also offer a course geared to the practical aspects of being out in the cold, cruel world with ornery machines and frantic people. We would all benefit. And we’d bet that there are plenty of SLA members out there who would be happy to spend a day or two at the local library school telling students what it’s really like out there.

(This paper has also been published in Palmetto Information Notes and Informant.)

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Involvement in a SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER committee is one of the most effective ways to influence the direction in which the chapter moves. Our committees are doing some exciting work. Please complete the form below and return it as soon as possible so that the 1992-93 committees can continue actively working on projects begun by the 1991-92 committees as well as starting on new projects.

COMMITTEE PREFERENCE FORM

If you are interested in serving on a Chapter Committee for 1992-93, please fill out the information requested below and return it to Ed Edmonds, Loyola University Law Library, 7214 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70118.

Please return the form by May 1, 1992.

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COSELL COLUMN

by
Carol Roehrenbeck
Nova Law School

The Board of Directors met in San Antonio at the AALS meeting and there are a number of things that I think you will be interested in knowing. Take a look below.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee chaired by Larry Wenger has proposed a slate of officers to fill the positions of secretary and at large member. The committee nominated David Ensign (Louisville) to replace Jim Haller as secretary and Becky Clapp (Cumberland/Samford) to replace Lolly Gasaway as at large board member.

BYLAWS

The Bylaws Committee (Nancy Johnson, Pam Williams) reviewed the bylaws to remove inconsistencies and clarify language. The major changes appear in the sections on membership, term of office, and elections. The proposed amendments will be circulated in February and voted on at the April meeting. Please take a look at the changes below so you can be an informed voter.

Membership is defined to include all law school libraries in the Southeastern Chapter. The old document was silent on this. The old section specified that "each member shall be entitled to one vote." The new section specifies that each library director is entitled to one vote, and includes a provision for designating an alternate to vote for the director if he/she cannot attend.

The term of office language is changed to allow the treasurer to carry over in this office. These duties are complicated and continuity in the office is important to ensure that finances remain sound and grant money does not have to be moved. (That is part of the problem we had with the fax grant). Other board members, including officers (there are two at large members who are not officers), cannot serve consecutive terms "in the same position." The addition of the phrase "in the same position" would allow you to elect someone to the board for an additional term as long as they are not elected to the same position. This means that you could elect Jane Doe vice president and when her term expired you could elect her president but you could not elect her to the position of vice president for a second term. The founders of Cosell wanted to make sure that all schools would have an opportunity to participate. This modifies that concept by allowing for the possibility of some continuity.

The other change has to do with the time frame for elections. Currently the nominating committee must devise a slate by November 15. Since the annual meeting is held in the Spring, generally April, the Board felt that this date could be relaxed. The amendment does this and rephrases the language to read "no later than 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting."

FAX MACHINES

Where are they now? Bill Beintema tells us that the government has still not transferred the money to our account. We don’t know why or when, but I can tell you that everybody in that office knows Bill on a first name basis.
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS
by
Jean Holcomb
Norfolk Law Library

This year 18 chapter members applied for scholarship assistance asking for a total of $43,339.00. As a consequence of the large pool of qualified applicants and the fact that the committee had only $3,000.00 at its disposal, none of the 10 awards given matched the amount the individual applicants requested.

In spite of the fact that all the awards offered provided only partial funding, all winners accepted their awards and agreed to provide the committee with a report on how their scholarship money was used. Each recipient also agreed to submit a written summary of the activity and the benefits derived from their participation to the editors of the Southeastern Law Librarian for possible publication in the newsletter. Because one of the primary purposes of the award is to encourage the participation of newer chapter members in chapter activities, the scholarships were awarded on a 70:30, newer members to older members ratio.

1991-92 Winners

Newer Members:
Nancy Deel, Georgia State University, SEAALL Annual Meeting
Kenneth J. Hirsh, Duke University School of Law Library, SEAALL Annual Meeting
Billie Jo Kaufman, Nova University Law Library, SEAALL Annual Meeting

Robert J. Munro, Legal Information Center of the University of Florida, SEAALL Annual Meeting
Jackie Shieh, Georgia State University, AALL Cataloging Institute
Barbara J. Sutherland, Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy Library, SEAALL Annual Meeting
Gail Zvirner, Hunton & Williams Richmond Office, Library School

Older Members:
Paul M. Pruitt, Jr., University of Alabama School of Law Library, Prison Reform Research Project
Karen S. Schubart, AALL Annual Meeting
Deborah K. Webster, UNC at Chapel Hill Law Library, AALL Winter Institute

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FICHE-TO-FICHE GRANT

Thanks to Bruce Johnson and Jim Heller we submitted a grant proposal to install twenty duplicators in the COSELL libraries with the largest fiche collections and nine units in the COSELL libraries with the next largest collections. No action is expected until Fall 1992.

BULLETIN BOARDS AND VIDEOCASSETTES--WHAT'S NEW

The Board is investigating the possibility of establishing a COSELL bulletin board on Internet for reference questions and communications; obtaining discounts for block purchases from single book vendors; loaning videocassette at no charge to other COSELL members; and doing "RLG Conspicetus type" collection development evaluations.
SEAALL BRIEFS
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University of Alabama, or
Elizabeth Valadie, Loyola Law
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contributed!

ALABAMA

Cumberland School of Law, Samford
University:
The Cordell Hull Law Library
began implementation in mid-
November of the VTLS (Virginia
Tech Library System). The first
subsystems online were the public
catalog and cataloging, authority
control, and reserve room.
Circulation was added in January,
with acquisitions to follow in
June and serials in September.
Samford is the first installation
for new VTLS software designed
for IBM's VM operating system,
and is also the first location
implementing the latest VTLS
software release. The public
catalog will display holdings for
the Samford Main and Law
Libraries. Seven personal
computers are available for
public use; staff access the
system through their individual
desk computers.

Edward L. Craig, Jr., Reference

Librarian at the Cordell Hull Law
Library, has published "Usage of
Nonlegal Databases in Law Firm
and Academic Law Libraries" in
the Fall 1991 Law Library
Journal.

Paul M. Pruitt, Jr., Acquisitions
Librarian at the University of
Alabama School of Law Library,
has published "Julia S.
Tutwiler," parts I and II, in
volumes 22 and 23 of Alabama
Heritage.

FLORIDA

Special Library Service, Inc. has
a new address, reports Rebecca
Forman: 412 65th Street North,
St. Petersburg, FL 33710. The
phone number has not changed.

The St. Thomas Law Library
participated in the second annual
Dade County Library Association
Workshop, held at St. Thomas Law
School on Tuesday, March 3, 1992.
Richard Watson, a graduate of the
Law School, has been added to the
Law Library staff as an Evening
Librarian.

Virginia Templeton has joined the
staff of the University of Miami
Law Library as a Reference
Librarian. She has worked at the
Underwood Library of Southern
Methodist University as
Circulation Librarian and
Reference Librarian. From 1985 to
the present, she was Librarian
with Worsham Forsythe Sampels &
Woodridge, Dallas. Her
publications include World
Environment Law Bibliography
(with Howard Taubenfeld, 1987),
and Lender Liability Law and

Robert B. Wallace, Dade County
Law Librarian, is retiring after 28
years of service with the Law
Library in Miami. he has been a
member of SEAALL for many years.
Kathy Heberer is now the Orlando librarian for Holland & Knight.

Linda Fowlie, formerly of Steptoe & Johnson/D.C., is the new librarian at Rumpler, Kirk.

GEORGIA


Frank J. Heintz has joined the staff of Emory University Law School Library as Director of Research Services. Previously Frank was Public Services Librarian with the University of Toledo College of Law Library. He earned his JD and MLS from the University of Michigan.

Carroll T. Parker has retired as of December 31, 1991 from her position as State Law Librarian, after 19 years of service to the state. Martha M. Lappe was appointed by the Attorney General to the position, effective January 1, 1992. Martha has been with the State Law Library for eleven years.

KENTUCKY

In response to statewide budget cutbacks, David Ensign, Director of the University of Louisville Law Library, cancelled LEXIS in mid-December. He believes his is the only law library in the country which has cancelled the service.

Mark Linneman, Director of the University of Kentucky Law Library, reports that his library has suffered budget cuts just under $50,000. Cutbacks will be made in the loose-leaf collection and in Canadian and Commonwealth materials. UK's implementation of the NOTIS circulation module, however, continues to be scheduled for March. The online public catalog has been in operation since August 1991. The LS2000 Circulation subsystem was retired in February 1991, and manual circulation (McBee's) is being used until NOTIS is ready.

MARYLAND

New member Patricia Babe has been Reference Librarian at Venable Baetjer & Howard, (Baltimore) since May 1990. She received a JD from Dickinson School of Law in 1984, and an MS in 1986 from the Drexel College of Information Studies. She was previously a reference librarian at the University of Virginia Law Library and more recently at the Georgetown University Law Center Library.

MISSISSIPPI

University of Mississippi Law Library: Bernard J. Scherr is now Public Services Librarian at the University of Mississippi Law School Library. Previously he was at the University of Florida College of Law Legal Information Center.

An article by Sherry Young, Reference/Computer Systems Librarian at the Ole Miss Law Library, entitled "Louisiana's Court of Errors and Appeals, 1843-1846" appeared in the Winter issue of Louisiana History.

NEW YORK

New member Kathryn Greco, of Rivkin Radler Bayh Hart & Kremer, Uniondale, has been Technical Services Librarian for three
She has just completed an MLS at Long Island University. Before joining Rivkin, she was Acquisitions Assistant at the Golden Library, Portales, New Mexico, and then Library Assistant at Hennepin County Law Library, Minneapolis.

NORTH CAROLINA

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill:

New member Marguerite Most is Reference/Instructional Services Librarian, part-time, at UNC Law Library. She has a JD from UNC and an MLL from the University of Washington. She was Associate Law Librarian at the University of San Diego Law Library, and then part-time Reference Librarian at Duke Law Library, before coming to UNC last summer.


Another new member is Michelle Tsol, at Wake Forest School of Law Library.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Bruce Johnson, Director of the Coleman Karesh Law Library at the University of South Carolina, was recently appointed Director of the Library and Professor of Law at the Ohio State University Law Library. He will assume the new position June 15, 1992.

Janet Meyer at the Supreme Court is happy to report that the Library has moved back into the Supreme Court Building, following a major renovation which increased their space. The extra space will be used for Westlaw facilities and for storage.

Kathie Price, Law Librarian of Congress and former SEAALL member, visited the meeting, March 27, of the South Carolina Chapter of the Special Libraries Association.

Several staff members at the University of South Carolina Law Library, have entered the field of journalism: Mary McCormick edits Rave NOTISes, newsletter of the University of South Carolina Access Network (USCAN), and writes the legislative portions of "Keeping Current" for the journal Probate & Property. With Joseph Cross, Mary also writes "What's New?", a column summarizing recent developments in the law and appearing in South Carolina Lawyer. Diana Osbaldiston edits Law Library News, a newsletter of the NOTIS law users group. Diana would be delighted to receive any news or comments from NOTIS users in the Southeastern Chapter.

TENNESSEE

Igor I. Kavass, Director of the Law Library at Vanderbilt University, authored Gorbachev's Law: A Bibliographic Survey of English Writings on Soviet Legal Developments 1987-1990, William

A new member, at the Tennessee State Law Library, Nashville, is Donna C. Wair.

VIRGINIA

The Fairfax Law Library is planning some ambitious improvements for the first half of 1992. The retrospective conversion project beginning soon is expected to be completed by June of 1993. A security system will be installed in the library this June. The floor plan will be modified to accommodate it, as well as to improve access for wheelchair patrons. There will be additional library seating and shelving, made possible by a recent addition to the building. The Library recently issued its First Annual Report, which reflects activities from Fiscal Year 1990-91. Anyone interested in seeing a copy is invited to contact the Law Librarian, Jerilyn Polson, (703) 246-2170.

The Navy Judge Advocate General Library in Alexandria has returned to full staff for the first time in over a year. Delena Kaige became a new Technical Information Specialist in January, and Mary Carver has been promoted to Head of Acquisitions.

Washington and Lee University Libraries are online with INNOPAC. Two years of planning resulted in the August installation, shared by the University and Law Libraries. The public catalog was introduced last Fall, circulation is due. this Spring, and acquisitions and serials control are expected to follow this Summer. The combined database holds approximately 400,000 bibliographic records. Thirty-plus terminals and pc's serve the public (nine in the Law Library), and faculty and staff have access through the campus network. The system as a whole is named "Annie," honoring Annie Jo White, W&L University Librarian from 1895-1922, and one-time landlady to law student Lewis F. Powell. "Miss Annie Jo" was an active advocate for modern, quality library service, and a friend to the students. In 1907 she initiated the annual "Fancy Dress" costume ball. "Annie" may be reached through: Internet - TELNET to "iii.library.wlu.edu" or 137.117.20.11; at prompt "login:" enter "lawlib".

dial access - dial 703 463-8409 (1200, odd, 7, 1) or 703 463-8965 (2400, odd, 7, 1); at "OK" enter "login anonymous guest"; at "<login menu>" enter 1; at "<W&L Law Library>" choose "T" then "O" which will place you at the INNOPAC search menu.

The W&L Law School's new addition, the "Powell Wing," is complete, providing expanded reading room area, offices for the Justice and a visiting researcher, eight new faculty offices, new offices for clinical programs, and the Lewis F. Powell archives.


WEST VIRGINIA

Beth Butcher, formerly a librarian at Bowles Rice McDavid Graff & Love, Charleston, has
left West Virginia to return to Ohio.

Elizabeth Clarke has retired from Robinson & McElwee, also in Charleston. Her plan is to travel.

The "Belle of Amherst", based on the life of Emily Dickinson, has been performed as a one-woman play by Ann Shetzer, of the U.S. Courts Library in Charleston. Ann had a two-night engagement last Fall in a Charleston dinner theater, and has been asked to return for several more shows.

PLACEMENT
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The SEAALL Placement Committee is chaired by Donna Bausch. Should you wish to place an ad in the SEAALL Newsletter, please contact Donna at Regent University Law Library, 1000 Centerville Turnpike, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23464, (804) 523-7463.

FLORIDA

Acquisitions Librarian: Purchases, receives and claims in an academic law collection; some collection development duties. Supervises two clerks and 2+ work-study students. Library has INNOPAC. Required: M.L.S. from ALA-accredited institution. Familiarity with literature, courses, and publishing patterns of legal materials in domestic and foreign markets. Commitment to quality and team effort. Desired: Experience with spreadsheets, financial reporting, Spanish or Portuguese. Position available: ASAP. Salary: $27,000+ commensurate with experience. Contact: P.K. Lowell, Asst. Librarian/Technical Ser-

VICES & Automation, University of Miami Law Library, P.O. Box 248087, Coral Gables, FL 33124.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Director of Law Library:

THANK YOU

To the members of SEAALL: Please accept my thanks for the resolution of thanks I received at your business meeting in New Orleans. The South Eastern chapter has always had a special place in my heart. It was with this group that I first made contact with U.S. Law Librarians.

The manner in which you received me as a vendor was truly gracious. I will always remember my years as your representative with fond memories.

I intend to keep my membership active so I can observe your progress and achievements in the years that lie ahead.

Respectfully,

Ken Barnett, Scarborough, Ontario
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