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From the President

The annual SEALL meeting and institute last April in Charleston, West Virginia, was extremely successful. Cam Riley and Margie Price, Co-chairs of the Local Arrangements Committee, along with committee members Nancy Young, Karen Orlando, Ann Shetzer, Jackie Burns, Richard Boaz and Magorzata Pawska did an outstanding job. The opening reception was held Thursday evening at the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia. The Court chambers, designed by architect Cass Gilbert, and located on the third floor of the East Wing of the State Capitol, was an impressive location for the meeting's initial event. It was interesting to note that these chambers were used as a model for the United State Supreme Court chambers in Washington, DC. On Friday, the members in attendance were treated to a performance of the Presidential Orchestra of the Russian Federation at West Virginia State College. I am certain the performance will be remembered as perhaps the most outstanding social event of an annual meeting in recent years. Furthermore, the level of sponsorship at the meeting was gratifying. Again, I wish to thank the Local Arrangements Committee for their work.

The Institute, focusing on Computer Networking in Law Libraries, enjoyed a record attendance. Claire Germain, Chair of the Education Committee, along with members Billie Jo Kaufman, Jackie Shieh and Martha Thomas planned and carried out the event. The chapter will miss Claire as she moves on to Ithaca, New York in her new duties as the Edward Cornell Law Librarian at the Cornell University Law Library.

The programs were well attended. Pam Williams, Chair of the Program Committee, and members Carol Billings, Joyce Manno Janto, Richard Leiter, Cam Riley and Carol Roehrenbeck did a solid job of developing the meeting theme, "West Virginia Patchwork: Piecing it Together."

Furthermore, the proximity of the Charleston Town Center provided a strong diversion. I trust that

SEALL members did their best to add to the coffers of local merchants.

The major topic of the Business Meeting was the proposed dues increase. Although increasing dues is never an easy request, I feel comfortable in the tremendous value of SEALL membership. I am particularly interested in increasing the grants and scholarship program.

In Boston, the Business Meeting will be on Monday, July 12, from 5:00-6:00pm. The Reception will immediately follow. The proposed dues increase also included a decision to have a cash bar at the Reception in order to help reduce overall cost of the meeting on the annual budget.

Planning is moving along for next spring's meeting in Asheville, North Carolina. Connie Matzen is the Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee. I look forward to attending another fine SEALL meeting.

Ed Edmonds

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Editor's Note

I received the following letter from Mary Smith Forman subsequent to her being awarded the "Service to SEALL Award," and she has asked me to share this with the members. I am please to be able to include her letter in this issue.

Dear SEALL Members:

Receiving the "Service to SEALL Award" at the recent meeting in Charleston, West Virginia, was one of the highlights in my eleven plus years in law librarianship.

My first contact with law librarianship was through the Southeastern Chapter. I have enjoyed all of the activities that the Chapter has allowed me to participate in, and I have depended on your friendship and assistance, both personally and professionally, throughout my career.

It is important that we all do the best job that we can. It is equally important to enjoy that job. Colleagues such as you have enabled me to do a good job at my firm, have supported me in my work with the Chapter, and most importantly, have made it truly enjoyable.

Thank you for the award.

Sincerely,
Mary Smith Forman

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February 1, 1993 - April 30, 1993

OPENING BALANCE	\$9,157.56
INCOME	
1992 Meeting Receipts	\$18,688.75
Dues	80.00
Interest	10.29
TOTAL INCOME	\$18,779.04
EXPENSES	
Newsletter	\$651.18
1993 Meeting Expenses	2,680.59
1993 Corporate Report	200.00
Scholarships (2)	750.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,281.77
CLOSING BALANCE	
Cash at Bank	\$23,654.83

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Sue Burch, Treasurer

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**BUSINESS MEETING
SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
OF LAW LIBRARIES
SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1993
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA**

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Edmonds at 8:57 a.m.

Welcome: Ed Edmonds noted the three ingredients essential to chapter meetings success - a good program, a good institute and good local arrangements. All are present here in Charleston. Pam Williams and the Program Committee; Claire Germain and the Education Committee; and Cam Riley, Margie Price and the Local Arrangements Committee were commended for their achievements.

Secretary's Report: Donna Bausch, Secretary, reported that the minutes of the last Business Meeting were reprinted in the Fall, 1992 issue of Southeastern Law Librarian. Copies were available for members examination, as well. There were no corrections to the minutes, which were adopted as published.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Burch, Treasurer, reported on the financial status of SEALL. The good news is that this Annual Meeting will break even or make money. However, nearly \$300 was lost in 1991 and nearly \$1500 in 1992 and our expenses are mounting rapidly. Our CD rates have declined and our corporate filing fee has increased dramatically. Since Randall Brown no longer produces our newsletter free of charge, the newsletter has become a significant expense. If the membership wishes to continue giving scholarships, funding the newsletter and providing the reception at the annual meeting, some tough choices will have to be faced. The Treasurer's Report was adopted as presented.

Executive Committee Report: A discussion of a dues increase proposal has been taking place for the past few months. A bylaw amendment to increase dues will be voted upon by the membership in the May ballot mailing. In an effort to reduce the costs of the Chapter reception at AALL in Boston, there will be a cash bar.

The floor opened for discussion on the dues question. Diana Osbaldiston inquired as to our current membership. Sue Burch confirmed that there are around 500 members. Therefore, about \$5-6 of the increase in dues will go directly to increased newsletter costs.

Tim Coggins asked whether the maximum institutional membership amount would go up to \$200 and the consensus was that it should.

Diana Osbaldiston spoke in favor of the dues increases. She argued that SEALL is a great value for the dollar. She asked the members present to support this dues initiative back at their home institutions.

Carol Avery Nicholson suggested that there be a ballot insert with an explanation of the need for the dues increase included. President Edmonds agreed to provide such a statement.

Margarette Dye asked whether there had been any discussion regarding not underwriting the reception at all. President Edmonds responded that the Executive Board's consensus was that the reception is important, but that using a cash bar will save between 25-33 percent of the cost of the reception.

Joyce Janto asked what became of the joint reception. President Edmonds reported that the Executive Board decided, in light of the perceived lack of interest on the part of the Chapters within SEALL's area, this year's would be a SEALL reception only.

Carol Avery Nicholson suggested that we not turn away any chapters which express an interest in contributing.

Based on a show of hands, it was the consensus of the members present that a dues increase to \$20/year would be acceptable to the membership.

Future SEALL Meetings: Connie Matzen reported on the SEALL meeting to be held in Asheville, NC on March 24-26, 1994, at the Grove Park Inn. We will have an outing to the Biltmore House. Our AALL Representative, Jim Hambleton, drew for the prize winner of the North Carolina basket courtesy of the Raleigh Area Law Librarians group. Georgia Chadwick won the lovely basket and its contents.

Joyce Janto reported that the 1995 SEALL meeting will be held in Richmond at the Omni hotel from April 7-9.

Carol Billings reported that the joint SWALL/SEALL meeting is still on for Austin in 1996.

AALL Report: Ed Edmonds expressed his pride that SEALL is the strongest regional chapter in AALL. It is known as a training ground for future AALL Board members and Presidents. Next year is SEALL's 40th year as a chapter - the oldest in AALL.

Jim Hambleton, AALL Executive Board member and Director of the Law Library at Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, provided the AALL Report. He confirmed that SEALL plays a vital role in AALL and that it provides an impressive pool of talent which AALL exploits - such as Dick Danner, Kay Todd and Carol Billings.

He reported that the most important news from headquarters is that Judy Genesen has announced her retirement as Executive Director, effective September 1. A national search is underway for her replacement. This is an opportunity to refocus what the Association needs from headquarters. Headquarter output measures are being reexamined. The recent focus of headquarters has been to represent law librarians to peer organizations such as the ABA, ALA, etc., as well as via a Washington Affairs Representative. Their second major focus has been member services including the educational programming at the Annual Meeting and the Directory, newsletter and the Biographical Directory.

At the next AALL Executive Board meeting, there will be an examination of the long range plan. Jim requested our input regarding the future of AALL.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws: Betty Kern reported that there would be no need to vote on the bylaw provision concerning the voting rights of associate members as that issue had been settled last year.

Education: Claire Germain reported that her report stood as distributed, except that the number of registrants for the Institute was a record 63.

Government Relations: On behalf of the AALL Government Relations Committee, Tim announced that Bruce Kennedy at Georgetown is seeking contact in all 50 states to monitor legislative activity related to information and libraries. If anyone is interested in serving in this function in their home state, contact Tim or Bruce. Also, Tim announced the SCCLL and the GRC are cosponsoring a Lobbying Workshop in Boston.

Local Arrangements: Cam Riley expressed her thanks to the members of the Committee with special mention made of the great fundraising done by Karen Orlando. Cam's Administrative Assistant, Nancy Young, was also given a round of applause for help and hospitality during the meeting.

Membership: Elizabeth Valadie provided a published report.

Newsletter: Jim Gates reported that the next deadline is May 1, 1993. Because advertising is on the decline nationally, we need not be inordinately discouraged. Please note the revised newsletter production schedule.

Nominations: Bill Beintema presented the slate of candidates for office. Betty Kern and Carol Avery Nicholson have been nominated for Vice-President-President-Elect. Kathy Heberer and Steven Thorpe have been nominated for Treasurer.

Placement: Claire Engel provided a published report.

Program: Pam Williams thanked her committee and especially thanked Cam Riley - and gave her a special gift representing the public library in her hometown in Michigan.

Publications: Jack Hurd reported that progress is being made on the state practice bibliographies.

Publicity/Public Relations: See Gail Warren's published report.

Scholarship: Mary Smith Forman reported that there were 12 applicants and \$3000 was awarded to six recipients. More money should be allocated in the future, as applications warrant. Recipients were asked to stand for recognition. Recipients are required to produce a newsletter article about the program they attend as a result of the award.

Mentor program: Sally Wambold arranged this program. New attendees wore blue tags to help members welcome them to the SEALL fold.

Service to SEALL Award: Carol Billings announced that Mary Smith Forman was this year's worthy recipient of the service award.

New Business:

There was a discussion of the proper acronym for our Chapter. It was recalled that we "agreed to disagree".

The Boston Business Meeting and reception will be on Monday, July 12. Check the final program for details.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Bausch, Secretary

Almost Heaven

by Margie Price

The weather was perfect, the buses ran on time, and the food was great. What more could the 1993 Local Arrangements Committee of the Southeastern Association of Law Librarians ask for?

What we received was all that and more.

An elegant Opening Reception at the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals on Thursday evening kicked off the festivities for a three-day extravaganza of Mountaineer hospitality. Conferees were shuttled from the downtown Marriott Hotel to the Capitol Complex by turn-of-the-century look trollies which took them through Charleston's historic East End and alongside the Kanawha River. As they entered the candle-lit Courtroom, they were greeted by the gentle strains of light classical music presented on the harp and oboe by Ted and Avis Heger of Marshall University's music department. Food and beverages were available in abundance as friends relaxed and chatted during the evening.

SEALL members were officially welcomed to West Virginia by Secretary of State Ken Hechler and Chief Justice Margaret Workman. Mr. Hechler regaled the group with tales of his dealings with former President Harry Truman. Chief Justice Workman, the first woman justice in the state's history, brought greetings from the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals and spoke about the importance of law libraries in the daily life of judges and lawyers. Clerk's office assistant Pat Wendell presented an all too brief summary of the architectural history of the Courtroom, including the fact that architect Cass Gilbert modeled his design for the U.S. Supreme Courtroom on his previous design in West Virginia, not the other way around.

On Friday evening following a wonderful dinner provided by the Marriott, the trollies and a methanol-powered bus were used again to transport the group to the West Virginia State College campus at Institute, West Virginia to attend one of the most exciting orchestras that has ever visited the United States. The Partnership for Exchange Foundation, Inc., a non-profit corporation promoting alliances and interchanges focusing on a global commitment to a higher quality of life, sponsored the Presidential Orchestra of the Russian Federation (formerly the Moscow Kremlin Orchestra) to visit six sites in West Virginia and the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. This is the first time the Orchestra has been allowed out of Russia and their excitement easily transferred itself to the audience. The first half of the program was full of favorite classical pieces including Glinka's overture to "Ruslan and

Lyudmila" and Tchaikovsky's suite from "The Nutcracker" conducted by Chief Conductor Victor Elanoff.

The second half of the program was a romp through lighter selections conducted by Pavel Ovsyannikov including his own "Fiesta" and Glenn Miller's "Serenade by the Light of the Moon" (get it?). Soprano Elana Eonova presented a delightful Russian version of "I Could Have Danced All Night" from "My Fair Lady" and who could forget Yuri's English rendition of "My Way"?

The audience was on its feet after almost every song, especially after singing along with the closing number, "Country Roads". We were honored to be able to enjoy this great orchestra and hope that this is not their last visit to West Virginia.

The 1993 Conference officially ended at noon on Saturday but there was one more excursion available. Cabin Creek Quilts at Malden, West Virginia (boyhood home of George Washington Carver) opened its doors to SEALL members for a chance to view and buy their award-winning quilts and to hear a local historian discuss the origins of Malden and tell about the quirks and crimes of the former residents of the house. Her charming tales about river boat rides down to New Orleans and domestic retribution enchanted everyone.

This was the first time that SEALL has ever held its Conference in West Virginia and the Local Arrangements Committee, co-chaired by West Virginia Supreme Court Librarian Margie Price and West Virginia Law School Librarian Cam Riley, was eager to make sure everyone enjoyed themselves and were able to taste a little bit of the variety the Mountain State has to offer. We hope you agree that we succeeded. Y'all come back, hear?

SEALL - 1994

by Louise Stafford

Mark your calendars now. The next annual meeting will be held March 24-26, 1994, in Asheville, North Carolina, home to Thomas Wolfe and playground of the Vanderbilts. The meeting hotel will be the historic Grove Park Inn. Those who have been inspired at Grove Park include Henry Ford, Enrico Caruso, Thomas Edison, Gutzon Borglum and Bella Bartok. Come; be inspired too.

Connie Matzen, from the firm of Smith, Anderson, Blount, Dorsett, Mitchell & Jernigan, will be the Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee. Offers of assistance and other general inquiries should be directed to her attention.

COSELL Corner

by Cam Riley

The spring Cosell meeting was held on April 16, 1993, at the SEALL conference in Charleston, West Virginia. The meeting was well attended and a variety of issues were discussed. Some of the highlights are:

Internet Bulletin Board and Addresses

Carol Roehrenbeck announced that the Cosell Internet bulletin board has been established.

To subscribe:

- 1) SEND TO: listserv@alpha.nova.edu <ENTER>
- 2) In Message Text field, type:

sub cosell-l yourfirstname yourlastname

Example: sub cosell-l carol roehrenbeck

- 3) Send Message.

To send mail to the entire group:

- 1) Type: cosell-l@alpha.acast.nova.edu
- 2) Send message.

Book Jobber Proposal

Tom Steele reported on the proposal to solicit a discount purchasing program from book jobbers for COSELL member libraries. He reviewed the history of the project in which COSELL adapted NELLCO's very successful program's RFP and submitted it to a variety of vendors. Response bids were received for five vendors: Emery-Pratt, William S. Hein Co., Yankee Book Peddler, Baker and Taylor, and Blackwell-North America. The bids were evaluated by a committee composed of Tom, Bardie Wolfe, David Ensign, and Jim Gates.

Tom stated that the bids did not offer a large discount. He cited two reasons:

- 1) vendor experiences with NELLCO in which the contract was deemed too favorable to the schools,
- 2) other consortia submitted RFPs requesting similar arrangements at the same time our RFP was issued.

The best deal was offered by Yankee Book Peddler, which offered a 15% discount for all member

purchases once a threshold of \$200,000 in combined member purchases had been realized during the year.

The recommendation of the committee was that COSELL members should extend to Yankee Book Peddler a non-exclusive three-year agreement that would give Yankee a "primary vendor" status for non-legal publications. The committee further recommended that the committee be kept in existence to review progress under the agreement on an annual basis, and also to explore the possibility of extending a similar arrangement to legal publishers.

After a lengthy discussion of the committee's recommendation, it was moved and seconded. The motion passes, and Tom agreed to try to arrange that the contract term begin July 1, 1993.

Grant Application

As reported earlier, COSELL's grant application for fiche-to-fiche duplicators for selected libraries was denied. Carol Roehrenbeck stated she felt that the duplicators were not "high tech" enough to qualify. She announced that John Doyle has been appointed chair of a committee to study a new grant request for Ariel software and related hardware for COSELL members. Tom Steele and David Ensign agreed to serve on that committee.

John Doyle reported that he had already surveyed member libraries to determine those which had the appropriate internet connection required to use Ariel software and related hardware for COSELL members.

To use Ariel you must have a direct internet connection to your building. This means that you can send and receive TCP/IP packets directly to and from your building. To do this you must have an IP address for your machine, an example of which is 137.113.10.35. Another clue might be the ability to access the internet directly through a LAN in your building. John says he will be happy to help individuals determine this, BUT that you should start by contacting your computer center as only they know the campus computer configuration.

Election Report

Secretary David Ensign submitted a report on COSELL election results. Cam Riley was elected to the office of Chair, Richard Leiter was elected Vice Chair, and Deborah Mayo-Jefferies and Ed Edmonds were elected as At-Large Board Members.

New Facilities at Wake Forest

by Martha E. Thomas

The Wake Forest School of Law has moved into the \$26 million Worrell Professional Center designed by Cesar Pelli, which it shares with the University's Babcock Graduate School of Management. The two schools have combined their libraries to form the Professional Center Library under Thomas M. Steele, Director and Professor of Law. The Library staff is now meeting the unique challenge of serving the faculty and students of both the Law and Management schools.

The schools moved during the Christmas holidays and the library opened in time for the start of the spring semester. The library move was successfully accomplished in six days because of the extensive planning and long hours put in by the library staff.

The finishing touches to the new building were completed in time for the April dedication. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor of the United States Supreme Court was the featured speaker at the Dedication Convocation. Also present was Mr. John Sculley, Chairman and CEO of Apple Computer, Inc., who gave a speech at the Dedication Lecture.

Everyone is invited to come and tour the new facility.

Lucile Elliott Scholarship Reports

Pro Bono Service by Law Librarians
by Barbara James

Thanks to the Lucile Elliott Scholarship, I was able to attend the SEALL Annual Meeting in Charleston, West Virginia. It was an interesting "cultural clash" for me. As a native Kentuckian, I felt at home in the Appalachian terrain. I was reminded of my roots by the bluegrass music, the outing to Cabin Creek Quilts, and particularly by Professor Robert Bastress's discussion of the West Virginia mine wars.

I did not expect and was pleasantly surprised by the international flavor of my stay. Our cab driver, a native New Yorker, gave us a heads-up on the city's best Italian restaurant. I went with a group later that evening and had an excellent dinner. That did not surprise me: I knew that the descendants of Italian immigrants (who came to work in the mines earlier in the century) were still in the area. After dinner,

my group proceeded to Karaoke (Japanese-style sing-along) and some undisclosed librarians exercised their first amendment rights to free song (you know who you are).

The next evening everyone was treated to a performance by the National Symphony of the Russian Federation. Then on Saturday night my intrepid group went out for Japanese food. Emboldened by our previous international forays and being confined to the sushi bar due to a full restaurant, we all opted to try sushi, followed by red-bean ice cream. Delicious.

I also attended meetings between all this international meandering. The last meeting of the conference concerned pro bono ethical and practical considerations.

Kathy Garner, Southern Illinois University Law Library, spoke about the desirability and necessity of requiring dual degree librarians to perform pro bono service. She stressed that this obligation arises from being attorneys and legal educators. There are different models for fulfilling pro bono service, either as part of the library job or as an additional job requirement. Even though she admitted that time constraints and other duties may interfere with providing complete reference service to pro se patrons, she felt strongly that stopping service after showing a patron the sources and describing their use did not constitute full service. Ms. Garner suggested enhanced or more in-depth reference service to pro se patrons as a possibility.

Ms. Garner emphasized the importance of having written guidelines to avoid confusion and misconceptions and to ensure being created. She also recommended a detailed procedure manual, brochures, and appropriate signage. Some of her other suggestions for activities external to the library were volunteer research for clinics or for individual attorneys representing indigent clients, service to local agencies dedicated to certain constituencies such as the homeless, or conducting legal research workshops for the general public. Ms. Garner briefly touched on the issue of malpractice insurance, indicating that ideally it should come from the institution involved or AALL. She discussed several models for pro bono service, preferring a mandatory system to achieve the most accessibility to legal services. In her opinion, the least desirable system would be for each individual institution to have its own written guidelines setting forth levels of service and which staff members may give service.

Catherine Lemann, Law Library of Louisiana, spoke against the idea of requiring lawyer-librarians to

provide pro bono services. She discussed the following problems that could arise with in-library services: 1) If law librarians should have to provide for their own malpractice insurance with their already low salaries, it might deter them from maintaining their licenses. 2) Time constraints and consistent availability of staff. Libraries have received budget cuts, meaning that there are often less staff and money to the same or even more work. 3) When advice is offered, careful record keeping is a must. It is required by malpractice insurers and is necessary to assist later information givers so that no duplication or conflicting advice is given. 4) Government employees may be prohibited from volunteering as attorneys. Currently, 25% of the states have such prohibitions. There may be problems with doing pro bono work on government time or using the library's resources without reimbursement.

Ms. Lemann offered the following alternatives to mandatory pro bono service: 1) Creation of pathfinders and guides to assist patrons with commonly asked questions. 2) Volunteering at a local pro bono project. These groups generally have participation. 3) More library-oriented services to public service agencies, such as collection assessment or serving as a clearinghouse for donations.

Nancy Johnson, Georgia State University, had the distinction of being the last speaker at the last meeting of the conference. Directing her remarks at all librarians, regardless of degree status, she stated that the need to make legal services more accessible is real. It can create a dilemma for librarians, and the solutions are not clear. The ethical considerations will depend on the type of library involved. Firm libraries must be concerned with confidentiality of information. Pro bono work may present a conflict of interest problem. County law libraries have a mission to serve all citizens. Academic law libraries serve faculty, students, and to some extent, as federal depositories, the public.

Ms. Johnson then quickly summarized the ethical obligations directory. Basically, there is no mandate to provide pro bono service. The ethics code exists to sensitize members to ethical constraints on professional conducts.

According to Ms. Johnson, law libraries should have an internal policy on available services and limits on services to the public. It should be clear to all staff. The policy should include information on the purpose of the library, including the level of research the library is willing to support, how service is implemented (in detail), interlibrary loans, amount of phone reference the library will provide, referrals, and Westlaw and LEXIS access.

Librarians are not yet considered a threat to lawyers' livelihood. The stereotypes have worked to our advantage in not getting sued. The enforcement of unauthorized practice of law has been unpredictable, although recently there have been fewer charges brought. The practice of law consists of holding oneself out as being knowledgeable in the law to another, who depends on that knowledge. The lawyer/client relationship is delicate, neither contractual formality nor compensation or expectation of compensation is required. One instance of assistance is enough. Ms. Johnson encouraged local chapters to invite their Bar's Unauthorized Law Practice officer to discuss what librarians can and cannot do in offering legal advice.

Ms. Johnson perceived misinformation to patrons to be a more likely outcome of offering pro bono services. Law library employees are cloaked with knowledge and authority and are readily believed. It is all too easy to give misinformation.

So, what can librarians do? Ms. Johnson suggested that if they choose to do pro bono service, they should work with an already established program under the supervision of an attorney, who will already have malpractice insurance. We could also put teeth in the ethics code, get involved with Legal Aid, or write an internal policy for working with users. It was a meeting full of provocative suggestions. Although pro bono service by law librarians would meet needs for many people, it is a service that should be thought about and proceeded with cautiously.

AALL WINTER INSTITUTE FOREIGN LEGAL SYSTEMS by Margaret Collins

I received a Lucile Elliott scholarship which allowed me to attend the AALL 1993 Winter Institute held at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. The Institute was an introduction to foreign legal systems and featured a variety of speakers including law librarians, legal scholars, and practitioners.

The first day of the Institute featured an introduction to the changing nature of foreign legal research. Kathy Price, the Law Librarian of Congress, spoke on the future of foreign law research; this was followed by a demonstration of the law library's International Legal Database. This innovative project is a database of English-language abstracts of selected foreign legislation. When official gazettes are received at the law library, an abstract record is created and added to the database. The database can then be searched to find relevant legislation on a given topic or in a given country. In addition to the

abstracts database, the law library has just begun a new experimental project which involves electronically scanning the official gazette, which is then sent via the Internet to the Library of Congress where it is received, abstracted, and added to the databases. A researcher can then search abstracts of the legislation and retrieve a full text image of the document. This system will allow greater access to foreign legal materials and speeds the process of getting current legislation to the law library. The law library expects to add more countries to the database in the future.

The second and third days of the Institute were devoted to learning about different types of legal systems, including civil law and the legal systems of Asian, African, and Islamic nations. Specialists in French, German, Mexican, Asian, African, and Islamic law discussed each system's historical foundations and legal institutions, and described the country's legal publications. Two hours each afternoon were devoted to "hands-on" group research problems using the legal materials for the various countries. One common theme running through all the presentations was that most legal systems are not purely one type or another, but blends of various influences. Several of the speakers cautioned us on difficulties associated with foreign legal research, both due to language problems and different approaches to and perspectives on the law and legal institutions.

On the final day of the Institute, we heard from speakers involved in foreign law collection development, acquisitions, and classifications.

The materials prepared by the speakers at the Institute provide an excellent resource for beginning research in foreign law. Included in the Institute materials were copies of relevant articles, outlines of presentations, bibliographies and other finding aids, and sample documents.

The Winter Institute provided me with background information on the major legal systems of the world, and introduction to the primary legal materials of several different countries, and a solid foundation to learn more about foreign legal systems and legal research.

**REPORT TO SEALL
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**
by Kevin Hourihan

The scholarship money received from SEALL was used to defray the registration and some of the travel costs for attending the 1993 AALL Winter Institute - "Introduction to Foreign Legal Systems." The Institute was held February 3-6 in Washington, D.C.

The co-directors of the institute, Richard Danner of Duke and Maire-Louise (Malo) Bernal of the Law Library of Congress, put together a very informative program. Kathleen Martin, the librarian at Davis Polk and Wardwell in Washington, did a superb job of coordinating the local arrangements.

The Institute itself conveyed a wealth of information, not only through the daily lectures and demonstrations, but also in the course materials themselves. The speakers, all experts in their various fields, were extremely informative. The course materials make up some of the most valuable ready reference materials ever gathered in one binder. I know that I will make good use of them many times over the coming years.

I learned more about the materials in those jurisdictions which I use the most often (France and Germany), and also gained insight into materials of jurisdictions of which I receive only occasional inquires (Asia and Africa).

The Institute benefitted me most readily as a reference librarian, but the program was also of invaluable use to catalogers and acquisitions librarians as well. The discussions cover just about everything under the foreign and comparative sun, including databases. Perhaps the most readily available benefit of the Institute was getting to know the colleagues in the profession with whom I will be working over the coming years. This is truly a great group of librarians dedicated to serving the profession, and I am proud to be among them. I would like to thank the Scholarship Committee of SEALL for helping make it possible for me to attend the Institute.

**What I Did at My First
SEALL Annual Meeting**
by Catherine Lemann

Thanks to the SEALL scholarship, I traveled to Charleston, West Virginia to attend the 1993 SEALL Annual Meeting and the preceding Institute on the Internet. I received a warm welcome as a first time attendee and was thoroughly impressed by the consistently excellent programs and the fabulous social activities. The Presidential Orchestra of the Russian Federation was a delight.

The Internet Institute gave me a lot to consider. We have no access to the Internet at this time and were totally ignorant about all the possibilities it offers. I expect that at least for e-mail we will connect in the future.

I enjoyed all the programs that I attended. The "Intellectual Freedom" presentation was terrific and

helpful for my program the next day. "Empowering the End User," "You Want Me to Put What Where?," and "Technostress" presented ways to more than merely live with new technology, but to use it more effectively and efficiently. Computers may not be friends for everyone, but we can make them be useful tools. The "Dialog on Westlaw - Tips from an Expert" program was great. I was not aware of how much information is at our fingertips.

I was on the panel for the "Pro Bono Services by Law Librarians" program - the last program on the last day. I appreciated the opportunity to speak on the panel with Kathy Garner of Southern Illinois University Law School, advocate for pro bono service by lawyer-librarians, and Nancy Johnson of Georgia State University College of Law, with reservations about pro bono services. I enjoyed preparing for the program, considering practical problems with providing pro bono services in the library or on library time.

West Virginia is a beautiful state, with the world's friendliest waiters. I am grateful for the chance to meet SEALL members and to put many faces with their names, as well as to enhance my professional knowledge. Thanks again to SEALL for the scholarship which gave me this opportunity, and for the chance for others on our staff to attend this and other programs. After this introduction to SEALL, I hope that my first conference will not be my last.

SEALL Committee Reports

compiled by Gretchen Wolf

The following committee reports have been submitted in addition to those items appearing in the minutes from the April business meeting:

Local Arrangements Committee 1993

Margie Price

The following individuals won award certificates for specific titles donated by the Michie Company to the 1993 Conference of the Southeastern Association of Law Libraries:

Sally Curtis Askew
University of Georgia Law Library
Athens, Georgia

Mary Smith Forman
Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson, P.A.
Orlando, Florida

Sallie Howard
Kentucky State Law Library
Frankfort, Kentucky

Joyce Manna Janto
University of Richmond Law Library
Richmond, Virginia

John Perkins
Wake Forest University
Professional Center Library
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Martha Thomas
Wake Forest University
Professional Center Library
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Eric Welsh
Regent University Law Library
Virginia Beach, Virginia

The selections were made by a random drawing at the end of the conference.

Nominations Committee

Bill Beintema

Members of the Committee, after several weeks of electronic communication via e-mail, determined a slate of candidates. All were willing to accept the nomination and were announced at the Annual Meeting in Charleston. The candidates are:

Vice-President/President Elect

Betty Kern - Supreme Court of Louisiana
Carol Avery Nicholson - UNC, Chapel Hill

Treasurer

Kathy Heberer - Holland & Knight, Orlando
Steve Thorpe - University of Tennessee

Members of the Committee are Tom Steele of Wake Forest, Dick Danner of Duke, Jim Heller of William & Mary, and Bill Beintema, University of Tennessee.

Scholarship Committee

Mary Smith Forman

The 1992-93 SEALL Scholarship Committee is evaluating the review and award process relating to the Lucile Elliott Scholarships. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact Mary Forman at (407) 843-7861 x2276, or any Scholarship Committee member. Any proposals for change will be presented at the Boston meeting.

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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 1993-94 committees can continue actively working on projects begun by the 1992-93 committees as well as starting on new projects.

COMMITTEE PREFERENCE FORM

If you are interested in serving on a Chapter Committee for 1993-94, please fill out the information requested below and return it to Pam Williams, Legal Information Center, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611.

Please return the form by July 25, 1993.

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_____ Service to SEALL

_____ Nominations

_____ Scholarship

I have previously served on the following committees. Please include years served and note time spent as Chair.

SEALL Briefs

Compiled by
Jack Bissett
Washington and Lee University

Please send news items about members and Southeastern law libraries to Jack, or to: Julia Best, University of North Carolina; Reba Best, University of Tennessee; Richard Boaz, Jackson & Kelly, Charleston, West Virginia; Sue Burch, University of Kentucky; Sherry Young, University of Mississippi; Bea Citron, St. Thomas University; Nancy Deel, Georgia State University; Diana Osbaldiston, University of South Carolina; Nora Everlove, Special Library Service, Saint Petersburg; Ed Craig, Cumberland School of Law; or Elizabeth Valadie, Loyola Law School. Thanks to everyone who contributed!

FLORIDA

University of Miami: Washington, D.C. has claimed another Miami area librarian: Sid Caskey has left the Law Library to become a Reference Librarian for Steptoe and Johnson. Sid organized an Electronic Legal Information Fair in January, before he left Miami. Claire Donnelly, of Morgan Lewis & Bockius, Miami, is now also working as Saturday Reference Librarian at the Law Library.

Virginia C. Thomas is the new Associate Director at the Law Library. A native of Chicago, she was the Government Documents Librarian at Loyola of Chicago before moving to Florida.

Billie Jo Kaufman has been promoted to Assistant Librarian for Public Services at Nova University Law Library, Fort Lauderdale.

St. Thomas University: Lynn Garrett, of Baker & McKenzie, spoke at a lunch meeting of St. Thomas University Law Library staff and library committee. Lynn told them of her trip to Russia and the libraries she visited there.

The Law Library will host the third annual Dade County Library Association all-day workshop on Community Library Resources in South Florida, on April 23. Ruth Parlin and Yolanda Jones, of the University of Miami Law Library, will speak on "Legal Collections and Connections for Florida." St. Thomas will display parts of its Human Rights Collection.

GEORGIA

Patricia Cervenka has been named Director of Mercer Law Library, Macon, effective July 1, 1993. She is currently the Associate Director at Creighton University Law Library, Omaha.

KENTUCKY

The University of Louisville Law Library regretfully reports that Gene W. Teitelbaum passed away in November. Professor Teitelbaum served as director of the Louisville Law Library from 1974-1985. From 1986 until his death, he was a member of the law faculty, teaching a wide variety of courses.

At the University of Kentucky Law Library, construction will begin in March on a new computer lab, to be housed on the first floor of the Law Library. The lab is expected to be operational by the time the Fall semester begins in August.

Sallie Howard, Director of the State Law Library in Frankfort, held an impromptu "Elvis Birthday Celebration" in January. She brought a cake shaped like a guitar and another staff member made the King's favorite snack - fried peanut butter and banana sandwiches. As word spread around the Capitol, the library's attendance rose dramatically!

Sallie also reports that she has been awarded some travel money to visit the poorest judicial districts in Kentucky, specifically those county libraries with funding between zero and \$600 per year. She will be talking with the judges and clerks, hoping to find out what the State Library can do to help in the way of bolstering collections, and to encourage them to call when they need assistance.

MISSISSIPPI

Mitchell Counts, Computer Services Librarian at Indiana University School of Law, has accepted the position of Associate Director for Public Services at Mississippi College Law Library. Mitchell holds a JD from South Texas College of Law and an MLS from Indiana University.

University of Mississippi: Sherry Young has been promoted from Reference/Computer Systems Librarian to Technical Services Librarian. Cathy Swanson, former Technical Services Librarian, has moved with her husband to St. Louis. Sandra Cox-McCarty is the new Reference/Computer Systems Librarian. Sandra's JD is from Mississippi College.

Bernie Scherr, former Public Services Librarian at Mississippi, has moved to Nebraska in order to live and work near his family. Steven Averett is the new Public Services Librarian and will assume his new duties in April. His JD and MLS are from Brigham Young University.

SOUTH CAROLINA

University of South Carolina: Marsha Baum, Director, spoke to the South Carolina Library Association at their annual meeting in Columbia on October 21. Her topic was "Copyright Law: How it Affects Libraries." Karen G. Taylor is the new Catalog Librarian at the Law Library.

VIRGINIA

Nancy Armstrong is the new Head of Public Services at George Mason University Law Library, having started in December. Nancy was Reference Librarian for two years at the University of Pennsylvania Law Library, and before that was at Villanova University. Her JD is from Boston College and her MS is from Drexel.

College of William and Mary: James Heller, Director, College of William and Mary, and Gail Zwirner, Law Librarian for Hunton and Williams, Richmond, promoted Virginia's Administrative Code Project at the regional meeting of the National Association of Secretaries of State, in Richmond on October 8. Haibin Hu has joined the library staff as Reference/Cataloging Librarian. Haibin has a law degree from the University of Beijing, and LL.M. and MLS degrees from the University of Illinois. He came to the U.S. in 1986 as a Fulbright Scholar and is currently working on a PhD at Illinois. A course in Advanced Research Techniques was added to William and Mary's law school curriculum this January. This 3-unit graded course is team taught by the law librarians. Copies of the syllabus may be obtained from Jim Heller.

Steve Hinckley, Director at the University of Richmond; Susan Tulis, Documents Librarian at the University of Virginia; and Terry Long, Assistant Law Librarian, Virginia State Law Library, presented a program on "Legal Research for the Non-Law Librarian" at the Virginia Library Association's annual meeting in Richmond, last November.

Regent University:

"WIN: It's the Natural Way," an extensive review of Westlaw's new "WIN" search engine, by Director Richard A. Leiter, appeared in 11 Legal Information Alert no. 10, November/December 1992. A shorter

review of "WIN" was also published in 10 Leader's Legal Tech Newsletter no. 9, December 1992. The University recently signed a contract with Innovative Interfaces, Inc. Installation of the OPAC, acquisition and circulation modules of Innopac is scheduled to begin in March. Regent had been an LS2 library. Progress on Regent's new law school building is on schedule. Ground was broken last September for the 130,000 square foot building, which is expected to be completed this June; classes will be conducted in it this September.

Robert D. Murphy, Jr., Director, Woods Rogers & Hazlegrove, Roanoke, has written "Lotus for Law Librarians: Paint by Numbers." It was published in 4 Legal Information Management Reports no. 3, Summer 1992. He also wrote "Appraising and Selling the Law Library Collection," published in the same journal, vol. 3, no. 2, 1991. On December 16, Bob sponsored a conference entitled "Developing Trends in Intellectual Property" for the firm's Intellectual Property Practice Group. Guest speaker at the conference was Sarah K. Wiant, Director at Washington and Lee.

Placement

The SEALL Placement Committee is chaired by Claire Engel. Should you wish to place an advertisement in the *Southeastern Law Librarian*, please contact Claire at Kilpatrick and Cody, 100 Peachtree Street, Suite 3100, Atlanta, GA 30303, 404-815-6261 or 404-815-6555 (fax).

In addition, the Placement Committee maintains a resume file of job seekers. If you would like to put a resume on file, or to review those presently in the file, please contact Claire or any member of the Committee.

ACQUISITIONS/SERIALS LIBRARIAN, Loyola University Law Library. Requirements: MLS degree from ALA accredited library school and three years professional experience, including technical services experience. Working knowledge of OCLC and automated serials and acquisitions systems, specifically INNOPAC if possible. Demonstrated supervisory skills. Salary: \$27,500 minimum. Available immediately. Send resume, official transcript of MLS degree and names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three to five references or three letters of reference to Ed Edmonds, Director of the Law Library, Loyola University School of Law, 7214 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118. Loyola is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

Library and Law School Survey

In the summer of 1990, the Publicity and Public Relations Committee published a "Library School Survey" in the *Southeastern Law Librarian*. The results of this survey were used to compile a list of library school alumnae -- furnishing this information to library schools in the Southeast was one of many ways to encourage students to consider careers in law librarianship.

In their 1990-91 annual report, the Committee proposed that the survey be expanded to include law school affiliation. While the original survey prompted a response from approximately 80 SEALL members, we hope to increase participation! Please take the time to complete the form and return it. As SEALL continues to work with library schools and law schools in promoting and attracting students to law librarianship, you will be the models for the "Next Generation" of law librarians.

SEALL Publicity and Public Relations Committee

Library and Law School Survey

Please complete the form below at your earliest convenience and return to:

Gail Warren, SEALL Public Relations
Virginia State Law Library
100 N. 9th Street, 2nd Floor
Richmond, VA 23219.

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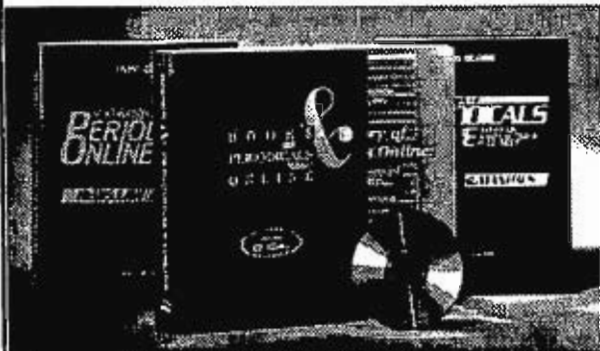
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