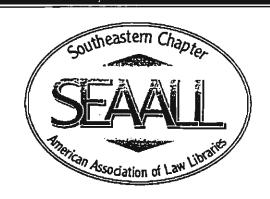
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#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings!

We're only about five months away from our Knoxville Conference! Many of you may not be aware that 1999 is SEAALL's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! For you Chapter Historians, I know that the origins of our Chapter began in 1937, but it wasn't until the 1954 AALL meeting in Miami, Florida that the establishment of the Southeastern Chapter was approved.

In honor of this momentous event, we want you all to be a part of our big celebration at the annual meeting next spring. Vice-President Steve Hinckley and his Program Committee are still fine-tuning the educational programs that will be offered in April. These programs will examine where law librarianship has been, but will also take a peek into the future. Tradition and Transition:

SEAALL at the Dawn of the New Millennium will be held April 14-17, 1999. Local Arrangements Czar, Bill Beintema has promised to make our stay in Knoxville a delightful experience. Check inside the Newsletter for important details about all the ways we'll be entertained in the Volunteer State!

AALL is also gearing up for its annual meeting. This year the Chapter VIP Program
(Valuable Invited Participant) will enable SEAALL and the other AALL Chapters to invite at least two non-AALL members to participate in the educational experiences and networking that take place at our yearly gathering. These individuals will come from the library, academic, court, firm, publishing, and government communities — those with whom we work. I sent a message on the SEAALL-list asking for your in-put in early November. I hope many of you have responded. Jim Heller, AALL President and SEAALL member, is promoting

this program, and I know that all of us want to support this innovative way to collaborate with other members of the legal and information communities, as well as raise our visibility with these folks.

The theme of the AALL's 1999 Annual Mecting is At the Crossroads: Information Management, Technology and Policy. The Washington, D.C. meeting will allow us to show our VIP's our expertise in information management, technology and policy. The SEAALL Board hopes to select our special "VIP's" by mid-December. We'll keep you posted.

What else is going on? We will be electing new officers and our first Member-at-Large in February. Be part of the election process — VOTE! SEAALL needs strong leaders, but we also need a committed, participating membership. And after the new officers are in place, volunteer for a committee! It's a great way to help advance the goals of our Chapter, and it's also a terrific way to make new friends.

As we head into a new year, best wishes for a happy holiday season, and be prepared to celebrate AALL's oldest (and best!) Chapter's birthday in April.

Sue Burch SEAALL President



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#### EDITOR'S NOTE

Our readers may notice that there are no photographs in this issue of Southeastern Law Librarian. Please send us your photographs so that we can share with our members all of the interesting things happening in law libraries around the southeast.

Also, be sure to read Haibin Hu's timely article dealing with impeachment which is included in this issue of the newsletter.

Let us know if you feel there is something we can do to improve the newsletter. We'd love to hear from you.

> Ebba Jo & Amy

#### NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

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#### KNOXVILLE - SPECIAL EVENTS

## by Suzanne Smalley

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Are you wondering how to spend your free time during the convention? Join your fellow SEAALL members and attend the special events planned by the local arrangements committee or take time to step out and enjoy the Dogwood Arts Festival. There will also be opportunities to tour the new College of Law and Law Library Building.

Be prepared at the Opening Reception Thursday night to enjoy good food and good company in an elegant, fun and relaxing atmosphere at the Knoxville Museum of Art. Hot and cold heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served along with a wide variety of beverages. The entire museum will be open for viewing including the special exhibits. Take time to stroll through all five galleries

then walk outside and admire the gardens and sculpture terrace.

The special exhibition for April 1999 will be the Inner Eye. This exhibit features contemporary art spanning the past thirty years from the Marc and Livia Straus Collection. Included are sculptures, paintings and photos. Some of these works have never been exhibited publicly.

The museum was founded in 1961 and moved to its current location in World's Fair Park in 1990. The permanent collection has an emphasis on postmodern artwork and includes a range of styles and imagery. On average there are 12 special exhibitions per year. For more information on the museum and a list of past, present and future exhibitions please visit KMA's website at http://www.knoxart.org/index.html.

The Friday night event will take place in Sevierville, TN at the Lee Greenwood Restaurant

and Theatre. The menu for dinner is a choice of New York Strip Steak or Atlantic Salmon Filet or Grilled Chicken Florentine or a Vegetarian Entree. Transportation will be provided. Most of you are familiar with Lee Greenwood's song God Bless the USA. Now come and see the full range of his talent as he puts on a spectacular show performing with a wide variety of musical styles.

Dancing, singing, and country and rock and roll tunes will keep your hands clapping and your feet tapping. For more information on the theatre and Lee Greenwood please visit his website at http://www.leegreenwood.com/.

April 1999 will mark the 39th anniversary of the Dogwood Arts Festival. The festival's purpose is to highlight and promote the beauty and culture of Knoxville

and East Tennessee. Spring is indeed one of the best times to visit Knoxville. Visitors can pick up maps and drive along more than 60 miles of dogwood trails. Over 100 gardens in Knoxville and Knox county will be open for viewing. If you do not want to drive, simply hop on one of the buses leaving from Market Square. It's free. Every day there will be live entertainment, arts and crafts, and good food. On April 17th there will be two special events: the Dogwood Grandprix and Dancin' in the Streets. For more information visit the Dogwood Arts Festival official website at http://www.korrnet.org/dogwood/index.htm or http://www.knoxvilletennessee.com/dogartsfest.html.

The local arrangements committee hopes you will enjoy your visit to Knoxville.



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#### SEAALL BRIEFS by Sally Wambold

Again, thanks go to all who provided news for their fellow SEAALLs. All SEAALL members are encouraged to send news items to:

wambold@uofrlaw.richmond.edu The next deadline is January 20, 1999.

#### District of Columbia

#### Navy JAG Law Library

Sue Roach happily announces that she is settled into her new library. The library is on the 4th floor, AKA the Attic, of Building 33 at the Washington Navy yard. It is one building over and slightly behind the Navy Historical Museum and not far from the display ship Berry, on the Anacosta River. The Navy Yard is a historical region. If they could get the heating/temperature adjusted they'd feel better. The system is a new one. It has varied from the 50's to the high 90's. There are staff who are practically turning blue from the cold. This is the most space ever in this library! The address, which is also on AALL-NET, is

Navy Judge Advocate General Law Library Washington Navy Yard 1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000 Washington, DC 20374-5066 Phone: (202) 685-5270

#### Georgia

#### **Emory University**

Effective December 1, Rosalie Sanderson has been appointed Associate Director of the Hugh F. MacMillan Law Library, Emory University School of Law. Before coming to Emory in September 1997 as Assistant Law Librarian for Instructional Services, she was for several years on the professional staff at the University of Florida Legal Information Center

#### Georgia State University

The Law Librarians at Georgia State University would like to introduce our newest colleagues Suzanne Mucklow, Public Services Librarian and Terrance Manion, Electronic Services Librarian. Suzanne, who recently completed her JD from Catholic University of America and who also holds a MLS from Catholic was formerly a reference librarian at Covington & Burling in Washington, DC. Terrance joins GSU after recently completing his MLS from the Indiana University at Bloomington. School of Library and Information Science.

#### Mercer Law Library

Mercer Law Library welcomes Sibyl Marshall to the staff as Reference/Electronic Services Librarian. Sibyl is a 1998 graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville library science program. She practiced law at the LA office of Perkins Coie for six years after graduating from Loyola of Los Angeles Law School.

#### Kentucky

University of Kentucky
Sue Burch of the has assumed
the chair of the Academic Section of the Kentucky Library
Association

At the KLA annual meeting
Amy Osborne, Kurt Metzmeier,
Shaun Esposito and Carol Parris
did a presentation entitled,
"Who's on First? What's on
2nd? and I Don't Know's At the
Reference Desk". Also, Herb
Cihak and Sharon Harrod of the
University of Kentucky presented a program on "Coaching
the Non-Librarian: Do We
Know Who Is Pitching and
Catching?"

#### Louisiana

#### Louisiana Supreme Court Lirary

Those of you who had not already heard about Betty Kern's retirement are no doubt gasping in disbelief. Yes, it IS an early retirement. Yes, she IS in excellent health. And yes, she IS doing this so that she will have more time for her exciting new

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(built in the 1840's) home in the
French Quarter and her world
travels with husband Don. Tuesday, Sept. 29 is the date of a big
retirement party for Betty at the
Supreme Court--scads of court
and law library colleagues, patrons, judges, etc. Of course there
were speeches and tributes. In
the next SEAALL Briefs, look
for details of this retirement
party!

#### North Carolina

#### **UNC-Chapel Hill**

Sandra Dyer, Serials/Government Documents Librarian at the UNC-CH Kathrine R. Everett Law Library resigned to accept the position of Acquisitions/Serials Librarian at the Washington State Law Library.

#### South Carolina

#### The Real USC

There was a meet-n-greet on August 21st at which Steve Hinckley was presented to Polite Local Law Librarian Society (PLLLS). It was a bit of a hoot, because the nearby Mexican restaurant didn't really have seating for twenty at a time, and they were going to put the group in the smoking section, but there were people in the smoking section and they were waiting for those people to leave. Fortunately, the coordinator didn't have an aneurysm. The PLLLS ended up pulling some tables together in non-smoking and taking over a couple of booths. But all had a great time. In attendance were Steve Hinckley, Paula Benson, Claire Engel, Melanie Swaby, Janet Meyer,

Sue Husman, Joyce Grimes, Richard Boaz, Steve Huang, Diana Osbaldiston, Pamela Melton, Robert Jacoby, ViVi Simmons, and Rebekah Maxwell, plus lots of significant

others.

#### Virginia

George Mason University
George Mason Law Library is
pleased to announce that Deborah
Mann Keene will begin December 1 as Associate Dean for Research and Technology. Ms.
Keene is currently the Associate
Director of the Hugh F. MacMillan Law Library at Emory University.

University of Richmond
Darla Haney, who had provided
reference service during the
search for a new Reference/Research Services Librarian, has
become the Librarian at the State
Corporation Commission in
Richmond. UR greatly appreciated her help during the transition
period!

The University of Richmond Law Library is very happy to welcome Gail Zwirner as the new Reference/Research Services Librarian. Gail comes to UR from Hunton & Williams in Richmond, where she was the Senior Reference Librarian and where she had worked since 1986.

Brandon Quarles, also Reference/ Research Services Librarian at the University of Richmond Law Library, will be leaving Richmond to become the Reference Librarian and Assistant Professor at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. SEAALL folks hope to see Brandon at joint SEAALL/ SWALL meetings.

Another change at UR Law is the creation of the Virginia Room. No longer do users have to wrestle with compact shelving to find Virginia materials. These materials are all in one room with seating and with conveniently located carrels nearby.

On Saturday, September 26, there was a ceremony and reception acknowledging, dedicating, and presenting the papers of Judge Robert R. Merhige, Jr. to the University of Richmond Law School. Over two hundred colleagues, law clerks, and friends of Judge Merhige's attended this momentous event. The Judge's grandchildren unveiled a portrait of him, and three of the Judge's clerks paid heartfelt tribute to him. Gail Zwirner is currently doing an inventory of the boxes of papers for the Law Library.

UR Law is very pleased to welcome John Barden, who will serve as a temporary, part-time Reference/Research Services Librarian to help during the interim while the Law Library searches for a permanent replacement for Brandon Quarles. John is a third-year law student at the University of Virginia, has the M.S.L.S. degree from UNC-Chapel Hill, a Ph.D. in history from Duke University, a M.A. in American History from William and Mary, and a B.A. in English and History from Augusta College.

## Sex, Lies and Videotape: A Resource on Presidential Investigation by

#### Haibin Hu

#### Wake Forest University, Professional Center Library

#### Websites, Websites

Since release of the Independent Counsel's report on President Clinton on September 10, 1998, hundreds of thousands of people have read this document on the Internet. For example, the U.S. Government Printing Office has a website where the entire report, plus related statutes and legal documents, is available for access (http://www.access.gpo.gov/congress/icreport/). However, if you wish to have extensive or in-depth information on the investigation, follow the development, or explore all facts and issues involved, there are some excellent websites to visit:

- @ Washington Post (http://www.washingtonpost.com) carries the Starr Report in full-text searchable format. In addition, the Post has a whole section entitled, Clinton Accused featuring the current development, relevant legal documents and discussions on impeachment issues concerning the Clinton investigations. Also included is full text of President Clinton's Aug. 17 Grand Jury Testimony plus video clips of the testimony.
- @ On U.S.A. Today(http://www.usatoday.com/) the section on White House in Crisis is devoted to the Starr Report, plus an extensive collection of legal documents, articles and news stories on the Clinton-Lewinsky affair. This section also focuses the recent development of this subject. The transcript of Clinton's Grand Jury Testimony is also available.
- @ National Public Radio (http://www.npr.org/) features a news program, Special Coverage of the Starr Report, which carries the entire Starr Report, along with a collection of relevant legal documents, reports, commentaries and news stories. The transcript of President Clinton's Grand Jury Testimony is included, along with an audio version.
- @ Law Journal Extra (http://www.ljx.com/) includes a column, The House Considers Impeachment, which contains the Start Report in its entirety, President Clinton's rebuttals, the House Resolution 525 authorizing the release of Start Report, and related legal documents and articles on impeachment.

#### Impeachment: A Reading List

As Congress considers the Starr Report and debates the evidence and issues involved, one topic most talked about nowadays is impeachment. What follows is a short list of readings on federal impeachment. The list contains books and book-like material only, and articles and commentary are not included.

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Berger, Raoul. Impeachment: the Constitutional Problems. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1973.

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United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Rules and Administration. Senate Rules and Precedents Applicable to Impeachment Trials: Executive Session Hearings Before the Committee on Rules and Administration and its Subcommittee on Standing Rules of the Senate, United States Senate, Ninety-third Congress, Second Session, Pursuant to S. Res. 370 ... and on S. Res. 371 ... August 5 and 6, 1974. Washington: U.S. Govt. Print. Off., 1975.

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United States. Congress. House. Committee on the Judiciary. Impeachment of Judge Harry E. Claiborne: Report (To Accompany H. Res. 461). [Washington, D.C.: U.S. G.P.O., 1986]

Volcansek, Mary L. Judicial Impeachment: None Called for Justice. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1993.

#### **Information Policy: Today's Decisions May** Limit Tomorrow's Access and You Need to Participate

**Betsy Sandison Baltimore** City Law Library, Annual Meeting Program Selection Committee Hazel Johnson Hunton & Williams, **Annual Meeting Advisory** Task Force

In addition to a myriad of practical programs on issues such as management, technology foreign, comparative and international law and programs on traditional library interests such as technical services and reference issues, the 1999 AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. will feature unprecedented opportunities for attendees to learn about information policy issues and to interact with policy makers. Why is information policy important to you? Suppose you face the following in the year 2000: the Securities and Exchange Commission decides the EDGAR database will no longer be accessible free of charge through the Internet, but will be "pay per view" with all requests supplied by a single vendor.

Think this can't happen? Wrong Similar scenarios are taking place today with other government documents. The documents may not be high profile items like the one above, but publications produced by taxpayer funded government agencies are being outsourced, are available only on the Internet for a fee ("pay per view"), are not available in depository libraries and are disappearing from the web.

interested in the information policy icy. issues (even when we don't know it). Information is critical to our jobs and our users. However, how do we convey the importance of information policies to our supervisor(s) and/or governing bodies so that we can receive support and funding to attend the annual meeting? though some law librarians attend most annual meetings because it is considered a professional and educational necessity, there are many librarians who work for organizations that require extensive justification for attending the annual meeting. Even the most enlightened powers-that-be would rather hear practical grounds for attending the conference than theoretical reasons, like information policy. "what's in it for them" or bottom line approach appears to be the commonly accepted method for determining funding in many organizations today.

inherently theoretical, but there are a number of practical ways to educate supervisors about the importance and relevancy of information policy issues and the annual meeting in general. You can clip and route articles to them and write brief articles or a column about information policy in your library newsletter. Don't assume a high-level of knowledge in this area. Even highpowered D.C. attorneys with offices a few blocks from the Capitol are still being heard proclaiming, "Why are we still buying books when it's all on the Internet for free?!" Bulletin boards are another effective method to convey information. Add an information policy section on your library's bulletin board. An attorney will read anything when taking a break from researching a brief. Be sure to keep the data up-to-date

with legislative and legal happen-As law librarians we naturally are lings in the area of information pol-

After your supervisor or governing board has a general understanding of information policy issues, proceed by giving them specific, practical examples of how information policy issues can and will affect your library and the organization as a whole. Practical examples should emphasize the cost issues associated with information policy. For example, "We get the Federal Register off the Internet for free now but it could end up being offered from a commercial site for a fee," or "If the law reviews we subscribe to are going to be electronically published, our organization will need to invest in software/hardware to archives," or "We frequently need old editions of government publications but X Agency is removing all old editions from their website when a new one is available," or "The proposed changes in the copyright law will mean that we can't get Information policy issues may seem copies of articles from commercial websites without paying for each one, even a the local law library." Stress that these issues will be addressed at the annual meeting and that you will learn about the strategies other libraries are adopting to deal with these matters.

> When the Annual Meeting preliminary program arrives, circulate the program to your supervisor(s) and/ or governing board. Circle programs of interest and provide written justifications for the importance of attending those programs. Ask supervisors if there are additional programs you should attend. With a heightened understanding of information policy issues, supervisors may see additional relevant programs. Sharing the preliminary pro-

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# COSELL CORNER BY ROSALIE SANDERSON

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Most librarians at COSELL libraries have made it through the rush of the start of fall semester, and may be ready to tackle projects set aside to tend to the immediate demands of orientation, training, and new faculty. Since the busy annual meeting in New Orleans last March, there have been several developments for COSELL libraries.

The board met during the AALL annual meeting in Anaheim and took action on ideas suggested in New Orleans. Both the Public Services and Computer Services Roundtables raised the prospect of a COSELL cooperative project to coordinate and maintain state legal information on the internet.. The board decided to appoint a working group of webmasters from COSELL libraries to examine the issue and make recommendations to the board. Anne Klinefelter, a board member, agreed to chair the working group. Other webmasters in the working group are Robert Vreeland of the University of North Carolina, who also serves as the COSELL webmaster, Holliday Osborne of Emory University, Anne Klingen of the University of Memphis, and Michael Dahn of Stetson, who is also the SEAALL webmaster. We look forward to the committee's report.

The Collection Strengths of COSELL member libraries are now on the web. Access the COSELL site at <a href="http://library.law.unc.edu/cosell/">http://library.law.unc.edu/cosell/</a> and click on Collection Strengths of Mem-

ber Libraries. Thanks to Herb Cihak and Ebba Jo Sexton for organizing the information provided by the libraries. If your library's strengths are not included, the director of the library should send the information to Robert Vreeland so that he can add your library's information to the site. Links to COSELL libraries' pathfinders are also posted at the COSELL web site. If you would like to have the pathfinders on your website

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COSELL page, please send an email to Robert Vreeland at vreeland @email.unc.edu. During the early part of the summer all COSELL libraries who participated in the consortium price discount for CIS Congressional Universe were contacted about setting up the web based congressional information site.

All member libraries saved a substantial 25% by taking advantage of the consortium pricing. I look forward to comments of librarians about how students and faculty have been using CIS Congressional Universe. We welcome other ideas for purchasing arrangements which may benefit all of our libraries. Please contact me or any board member with ideas or suggestions. You don't have to wait until the Knoxville meeting to forward your ideas. Help us make the Knoxville meeting as productive as possible by sending your ideas now. Best wishes for an enjoyable holiday season!

#### What SEAALL Placement Does For You

Still not sure what it is that SEAALL Placement does? Well take a couple of moments and find out what services Placement provides.

Places job advertisements in the Southeastern Law Librarian -If you would like to place a job in the Winter Newsletter, contact a Placement member by the last week in January.

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#### Your Help Requested

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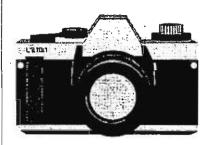
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# NEWS FROM OUR PUERTO RICO FRIENDS

Concerned about the fate of our fellow law librarians in Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Mitch Diana Osbaldiston contacted Mike Whipple to see how everyone is faring. Mike reports that the hurricane passed over the whole island and no part escaped the hurricanes wrath. Water and electricity services have been restored in the municipalities, but not outside. THis means that many people, including a good many of Mike's staff still have no electricity or running water. The good news is that all came through alive and uninjured.

The four law schools

and the supreme Court suffered little damage, so those libraries are working. The University of Puerto Rico still has no internet connection. As far as the University of Puerto Rico Law Library is concerned, Mike said that a window in the fover of the new section of the library blew in and there was much watter on the terrazzo floor. He had about 100.000 volumes stored off site in an old clinic, which was damaged. About 3,800 volumes of those had to be thrown away, but he said that none of that material was ery important.

Mike also reports that some of the hotels "across the bay", are still closed. The Hilton is open again, but about one third of the rooms are closed. There was quite a bit of damage to the gardens and to furniture in the rooms.

We're glad that our colleages in Puerto Rico came through this disaster unharmed and would like to extend our thanks to Diana Osbaldiston for her concern for her fellow professionals.



#### To Err Is Human......

The name of Shirley Lentz was listed incorrectly in the SEAALL Membership Directory. The correct address is:

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