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A Message from the President

The rain and drizzle persisted for days during my beach vacation. I had been looking forward to being outside as much as possible to make up for the sweltering heat at home. I had to revise my plans.

I took the opportunity to do some of those touristy things that I've been meaning to do for years. I went to the town history museum. I had forgotten that the guano industry had been important to the town in the 1800's. I was reminded about the scientific community and the contributions that they made over the years. I took the ferry to Martha's Vineyard. It's only 45 minutes away but I hadn't been there for years. On a merely overcast day I took a bike ride to places I'd never been before. I ventured along the sea shore and circled around to return inland. It was interesting to visit other areas.

I have been in a vacation rut - doing the same things every year. There's a lot more out there to discover. Sometimes it's not pleasant - I did bike past a dead skunk. But, I ended up having an enjoyable, if different, experience. So, you're wondering, what does this have to do with SEAALL? Our annual meeting this year won't be the same. You probably already know that it's a joint SEAALL/SWALL meeting so it there will be a more geographically diverse group. SEAALL is making a special effort to encourage law firm librarians to attend the meeting. While we can expect most of them to come from the Atlanta area, please consider encouraging law firm librarians from your area to attend also. It should be a great opportunity to meet and put faces on your colleagues.

The SEAALL Board wants to meeting. Our libraries could not sure to the association may encourage ways think that camaraderie is a big sion and we will definitely show them



encourage paraprofessionals to attend our function without them! We hope that expose some of them to become librarians. I also selling point for law librarianship as a profession a good time.

The Scholarship Committee, chaired by Nancy Johnson, wants to encourage these groups to attend the meeting. The scholarship application form is available within the Newsletter (page 10) as well as on the SEAALL website: <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/seaall/appl.htm> The deadline is November 16, 2000. Of course, we should all welcome these individuals when we meet them in Atlanta.

We want to recognize the efforts of retired members of our professions. SEAALL would not be the fine organization that it is today without them. Terry Long and the Membership Committee has developed guidelines for life members and a new life member nomination form. You can obtain a copy of the form and guidelines from Terry.

Begin planning now to attend the annual meeting, "East meets West -- Librarian's Odyssey," April 18 - 21, 2001. It will be an exciting opportunity to participate in an annual meeting that should be a bit different, while continuing the SEAALL traditions of excellent programs to attend, wonderful people to meet, and great entertainment. See you there!

— Cathy Lemann

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FUTURE SEAALL MEETINGS!

Mark your calendars —

April 18—21, 2001

Atlanta, Georgia

**"Atlanta 2001: East Meets West —
Librarians' Odyssey"**

April 10—14, 2002

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

April 9—12, 2003

Lexington, Kentucky

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Editor's Note —

With Ebba's retirement, I'll handle the next few issues by myself. However, it may be time for some enterprising and ambitious SEAALL member to consider taking over the Editorship — perhaps next June or July in time for the Summer 2001 issue. Let Cathy Lemann or me know if you're interested. I do want to thank Amy Osborne for her invaluable tips on the vagaries of Microsoft Publishing and Ebba Jo who came out of retirement for one day and helped me with this issue.

The Newsletter Committee and I look forward to hearing from you — articles, comments, news items, pictures!! Thanks for your contributions and your help. Sue Burch

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Winter	January 30, 2001
Spring	April 30, 2001
Summer	July 30, 2000
Fall	October 30, 2000

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Atlanta 2001: East Meets West – Librarians' Odyssey

On April 18 - 21, 2001, the second joint meeting of the Southeastern Chapter and the Southwestern Chapter of AALL will be held in Atlanta. The first joint meeting of the two chapters was held in Austin, Texas in 1996. That meeting was such a success, that the Chapters agreed to meet again in the future. Well, the future is now!

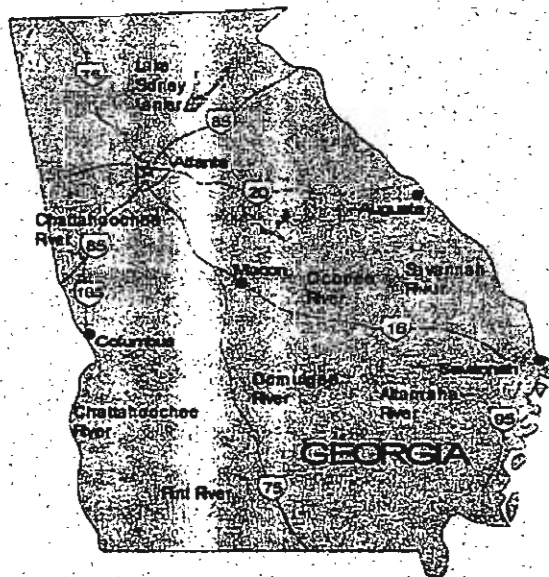
The SEAALL/SWALL 2001 Joint Meeting will be held at the Sheraton (Buckhead). A Pre-Conference Institute (with a focus on law firm librarianship) will be held on April 19. Kay Todd (Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker) and Kathy Crosslin (Kilpatrick Stockton) are the Institute Coordinators. The rest of the day is reserved for committee meetings and roundtable discussion groups.

The Joint Meeting will officially start with the Opening Reception on Thursday evening. The reception will be held at the Carlos Museum (on the campus of Emory University). Law librarians will be wined and dined as they view the newest exhibit – *Mysteries of the Mummies: the Art and Archeology of Death in Ancient Egypt*.

Friday, April 20, begins with the Chapter breakfast and business meetings, followed by the Plenary Session. The speaker for the Plenary Session will be AALL President Robert L. Oakley. After a full day of programs, attendees will be asked to put on their thinking caps, as they try to be tops in the trivia challenge game. The meeting will end on April 21, with the SEAALL/SWALL Breakfast and a half-day of programs.

Arrangements are well underway. For more information, point your web browser to either the SEAALL (or SWALL) web sites. Mark your calendars now and be sure to attend the SEAALL/SWALL 2001 Joint Meeting in April.

Rhea Ballard-Thrower, Chair
Local Arrangements Committee



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SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Monday, July 17, 2000

The President, Catherine Lemann, called the meeting to order in the Philadelphia Convention Center, Room 106 at 5:00 p.m. She began by asking for the reports of officers which are as follows:

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Secretary, Georgiana Wellford:

The minutes of the SEAALL Business Meeting held in San Juan, Puerto Rico last March were printed in *Southeastern Law Librarian*, vol.25, Number 2, Spring, 2000. Copies of the minutes were also available in the room. The Secretary asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. Hearing none, she asked the president to move that the minutes be approved as printed. It was so moved, seconded and approved.

Treasurer, Sally Wambold:

The Treasurer presented the financial statement. The balance in the checking account was \$30,734.38.

Vice-President/President, Elect Herb Cihak and Catherine Lemann announced that the 2003 SEAALL Annual Meeting would be held in Lexington, Kentucky.

REPORT OF PUERTO RICO LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS CHAIRS:

Mike Whipple reported that even though exhibit fees were excellent and several donations were made in money and in kind, there was a \$1200 deficit. Mike believed that this was due to a low registration of 20 people for the Institute, and that

the audio-visual expense was underestimated.

The President thanked Mike Whipple and Pedro Padilla for their exceptional work on the San Juan meeting.

REPORT OF 2001 MEETING TO BE HELD IN ATLANTA:

Nancy Johnson reported for Rhea Bailard-Thrower. The 2001 meeting, to be held jointly with SWALL, will be held at the Sheraton Buckhead Hotel from April 19th - April 21st. The pre-conference Institute will focus on topics for private law firm librarians. The opening reception will be held at the Michael C. Carlos Museum at Emory University. The Joint Meeting will end with a trivia challenge game, so have your thinking caps ready. All information about the meeting is available on the SEAALL website.

REPORT OF 2002 MEETING TO BE HELD IN FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

Billie Jo Kaufman reported that the local arrangements committee is working on the meeting. The Meeting will be held on April 10-14, 2002.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Articles and Bylaws - Steve Hinckley reported that this committee needed to revisit the revenue sharing of joint meetings in the by-laws.

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Education and Public Relations -

Charles Oates reported that this committee was working on a number of projects. Pam Deemer is updating and annotating the Practice Materials Bibliographies that have previously appeared in the *Southeastern Librarian*. Anne Walsh Long is developing a Resource Guide for Legislative Expertise with a Contact List for southeastern states. Steve Melamut, the SEAALL webmaster, is updating and maintaining the SEAALL website. Margaret Christiansen is producing a clearinghouse of library documents, especially those concerning policy and procedure and making these available on the SEAALL website. Belkis Reynoso-Lawrence is coordinating the development of program proposals for next year's AALL meeting.

Government Relations - This committee is looking for volunteers from each state to monitor UCITA. Cathy Lehman encouraged all to assist with this project.

Membership - Terry Long announced that her committee had developed a form with requirements to nominate lifetime members pursuant to SEAALL bylaws.

Newsletter & Public Relations - Sue Burch announced that the newsletter deadline for the next issue is July 31, 2000.

Nominations - Gretchen Wolf's committee is seeking nominations for three offices to serve during 2001-2003, that of Vice-President/President Elect, Treasurer, and Member-At-Large. Informational sheets were distributed listing the members of the Nominations Committee and their addresses. Members were urged to contact committee members.

Placement - Scott Child had nothing to new to report

Program - Herb Cihak reported that programs for the 2001 SEAALL Annual Meeting had been assigned

to SWALL, SEAALL, and Atlanta Librarians. He met with SWALL members to receive constructive criticism.

Scholarship - Nancy Johnson encouraged member to apply for a SEAALL scholarship. Preference is given to newer members. The scholarship forms are published in the *Southeastern Law Librarian* and posted on the SEAALL website.

Special Committee on Law Firm Librarian Membership - Kay Todd stated that there is less participation of law firms in the regional chapters of AALL. If anyone could help solicit law firm librarians to join SEAALL or could help with this committee, please contact Kay Todd.

Service to SEAALL Award - Sue Burch made the presentation to this year's recipient, Connie Matzen.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dean Thomas L. Galligan, of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, was the SEAALL VIP Program guest. Each chapter may have two VIP's attend the annual meeting. AALL pays for their registration. Suggestions for future VIP guests were discussed.

The President thanked Hazel Johnson for maintaining the SEALL Chapter Handbook and requested that revisions be sent to Hazel.

The President announced that the Chapter Reception was to be held at the Philadelphia Marriott, Ball Room L. President Catherine Lemann adjourned the meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Georgiana G. Wellford, Secretary

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LIBRARIES**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JULY 2000**

OPENING BALANCE		\$ 26,140.74
RECEIPTS	Membership Dues	\$ 5,860.00
	Income from SEAALL 2000	\$ 5,828.00
	Total Receipts	\$11,688.00
		\$37,828.74
EXPENSES	Supplies for SEAALL 2000	\$ 1,125.94
	Reimbursement to SEAALL 2000 speaker	\$ 1,048.30
	Reimbursement to Terry Long for SEAALL table at AALL in Philly	\$ 20.00
	Reimbursement to Ebba Jo Sexton for newsletter expenses	\$ 7.05
	Bank of America for SEAALL certificate of deposit	\$ 3,000.00
	Liability insurance (AALL)	\$ 637.50
	Lynn Blue Print (newsletter)	\$ 1,255.57
	Total Expenses	\$ 7,094.36
CLOSING BALANCE		\$ 30,734.38

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Wambold
SEAALL Treasurer

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LUCILE ELLIOT SCHOLARSHIP

The Lucile Elliot Scholarship program grants individual awards based on need and the actual cost of the activity for which the applicant is seeking assistance. The application form can be printed online — <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/seaall/scholarshipform.htm>. You may include additional information on a separate sheet, if you feel it is relevant to your application. Printed on the next page are the "Lucile Elliot Scholarship Guidelines." These guidelines are the criteria the Committee will use in evaluating your application.

Award recipients will be required either to report on how their scholarship money was used by writing a brief article describing their experience for the Chapter Newsletter, the *South-eastern Law Librarian*, or to volunteer for and serve on a SEAALL committee. Recipients who decide to write an article and use their grants to attend the SEAALL Annual Meeting and other meetings with choices of sessions will be contacted to choose specific sessions to report on in order to avoid duplication of information in the Newsletter.

For the 2000/2001 Lucile Elliot Scholarships, the SEAALL Executive Board is encouraging law firm librarians AND paraprofessional members to apply. Please apply by:
NOVEMBER 16, 2000.

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LUCILE ELLIOTT SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The Lucile Elliot Scholarship fund was established to provide financial aid for any purpose reasonably designed to improve one's career in law librarianship. Part of the purpose of these awards is to encourage recipients to remain in the profession.

Applicants must be paid members of the Southeastern Chapter of AALL at the time the application is completed. Scholarship Committee members are ineligible to receive scholarships during their tenure on the Committee. Applicants who have received a Lucile Elliot Scholarship within the previous three years are ineligible to receive a scholarship. Five points will be deducted for each previous SEAALL scholarship received by an applicant.

In selecting the scholarship recipients, the Committee will consider the following factors:

1. Length of membership in SEAALL. The Chapter wishes to encourage the participation of newer members (3 years or less). Therefore, when the applicant pool permits, scholarships will be awarded on a 70:30 newer members to continuing members ratio.
2. Participation and service to the library profession. This is demonstrated by participation on committees, sections, programs, projects, etc. of professional associations.
3. Intended use of scholarship. Scholarships may be used to provide financial aid for any purpose reasonably designed to improve one's career in law librarianship. Preference shall be given for attending any activity sponsored by the Southeastern Chapter.
4. Lack of financial assistance from employer.
5. Letters of recommendation.

DEADLINE: November 16, 2000

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SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW
LIBRARIES, INC.**

Lucile Elliot Scholarship Application Form

1. Name _____
2. Address _____

3. Are you a member of the Southeastern Chapter (SEAALL)? _____ How long? _____
4. For what purpose do you wish to use this scholarship? Please be as specific as possible, including the type of activity (SEAALL, AALL, other meeting, institute, course work or other activity) and where and when it will take place. (See scholarship guidelines for a statement of the purposes for which scholarships are granted.)

5. Please estimate the cost of registration/tuition _____; travel _____; housing _____; food _____; other _____
6. Please state your employer's policy regarding reimbursement for professional activities. Please specify the extent to which your participation in the activity described above will depend on receipt of a SEAALL scholarship.

7. How much financial support do you anticipate receiving from your employer for this activity?

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8. Have you previously applied for a Lucile Elliot Scholarship? Yes _____ No _____ If the answer is yes, please give dates and indicate whether or not you received a scholarship.

9. Please describe how this scholarship would help you in your career as a law librarian.

10. By enclosing a resume or on a separate sheet, please provide:

- a) Present place of employment, job title and starting date.
- b) Last two positions, employer and length of service.
- c) Educational background (schools attended, dates, and degrees).
- d) Description of your participation in and service to the profession (for example, service as an officer or committee member in a professional library organization; active participation in workshops, seminars or other educational programs).

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM AT LEAST TWO INDIVIDUALS (WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE SEAALL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE) MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.

One letter must be from another member of the Southeastern Chapter, and one letter must be from your supervisor, if applicable. If not applicable, then one letter should be from a major client. The letters should comment on your record of and/or potential for service to the profession, and should describe how receipt of a SEAALL scholarship would improve your career in law librarianship.

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PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING:

If the correct answers to any of the above questions change materially after submission of this application, I shall immediately notify the Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

If I receive a SEAALL scholarship and for any reason I cannot participate in the activity listed in question #4, I shall immediately return the money to the SEAALL Treasurer, who will notify the Scholarship Committee.

In the event funds are received for the same activity from AALL or an AALL-affiliated source, I shall accept only one such grant.

Date: _____

Signed _____

Please mail (**faxes or e-mails are not acceptable**) **six** copies of the completed application and letters of recommendation postmarked by **NOVEMBER 16, 2000** to:

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Law Librarian and Professor of Law
Georgia State University College of Law Library
P.O. Box 4008
Atlanta, GA 30302-4008

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2000 SERVICE TO SEAALL Award — as read at the Business Meeting in Philadelphia

This year's recipient has been active in SEAALL since 1978 when she served as the Teller (she counted ballots in the elections), a position she held until 1980. Since then she has quietly and efficiently contributed significantly to our Chapter through her involvement and service to SEAALL every year since 1985.

She has chaired the Membership Committee, Scholarship Committee and in 1994, the Local Arrangements Committee — on record as the best attended meeting in SEAALL's history. She has also served over the years on the Publicity and Public Relations Committee, Program Committee, and currently on the Newsletter Committee as the Editor of the SEAALL Briefs column.

Our recipient has received a Lucile Elliot Scholarship and been a member of the SEAALL Executive Board when she served as Secretary from 1997 - 1999.

Her service to SEAALL doesn't end there. She has enhanced our programs by making presentations at the 1998, 1995, 1994 and 1992 SEAALL annual meetings.

This year's recipient has also shown leadership in other library associations serving as Board Member-at-Large of the Capital Area Library Association, Director of the North Carolina SLA Chapter, and President (3 times) of the Raleigh Area Law Librarians Association.

She has been a mentor and friend to many SEAALL members, and a colleague writes of her: "She is meticulous in her planning. We worked very closely in planning the SEAALL meeting in Asheville several years ago. [Our recipient] covered every single detail. It was her attention and drive that made the meeting in Asheville a wonderful, successful experience for everyone."

Our recipient seems to do many things well. We have also found out that she is a serious gardener, cook, supporter of the arts, church worker and fund raiser. Her real passion is interior decorating and according to a friend, "her house looks like it should be featured in Southern Living."

The criteria for recipients of the SERVICE TO SEAALL Award are:

- *Candidate must have given special service to the Chapter
- * Candidate must have a sustained record of service to the Chapter
- * Candidate must have been a Chapter member for at least 5 years.
- * Current and immediate past officers are not eligible

Our recipient meets and obviously exceeds these criteria. She has continuously, for almost the last 20 years, contributed both behind the scenes and in leadership roles. She is very deserving of the millennium year SERVICE TO SEAALL Award ----- **CONNIE MATZEN**

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"When the Service to SEAALL Award was presented to me in Philadelphia, I was overwhelmed. If not rendered speechless, I would have thanked everyone with whom I have worked over the years on SEAALL committees and as a Board member. And I must acknowledge a great debt to the Office Manager at Smith, Anderson who sees that the resources are there for my participation in professional activities. Thank you, SEAALL, for this honor." — Connie

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SEAALL MEETING 2000 IN SAN JUAN: A NEWCOMER'S VIEW

Duncan E. Alford
Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A.
Rock Hill, South Carolina

I wanted to write on my experiences as a new member of SEAALL at the annual meeting held in San Juan, Puerto Rico in late March 2000.* The setting at the Caribe Hilton was delightful. I think all attendees would agree that the host committee particularly Pedro Padillo and Michael Whipple, did an outstanding job in making all the SEAALL members and guests feel welcome.

I learned a great deal at the seminars during the meeting and from other members at social events. As a library school student, speaking to law librarians on an informal basis about their work gave me valuable insight into work as a law librarian and in the profession generally. I appreciate the frank advice on entering the profession.

The strains of "WEED-O" by the Heller, Sanford and Deemer Calypso trio ran through my head as I was working on my weeding project in the collection development course I took in June. The program on international exchanges with other law libraries gave inspiration for the possibilities of career development with an academic law library abroad. Personal accounts about exchanges in Ireland, Argentina and Eritrea (and how the exchanges were organized) included good information on how to obtain international experience as a law librarian. The seminar on Puerto Rican legal research on Saturday was particularly useful and identified many sources of Puerto Rican law. Having noted authorities on Puerto Rican law present the materials greatly enhanced the program. When I practiced law in Atlanta, I actually worked on a transaction in Puerto Rico. Now that I am in South Carolina, you never know when this information may be useful.

I also wanted to let other SEAALL members know that the South Carolina Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education approved the seminar on Puerto Rican legal research for 1.5 hours of CLE credit. I submitted an application for CLE credit prior to the annual meeting and included the written materials prepared by the presenters. Maybe other seminars at future SEAALL meetings can also be approved for CLE credit for those who keep their bar license active.

Thanks for a great meeting and a warm welcome in San Juan.

* Also, as a condition of receiving a SEAALL grant to attend the annual meeting, I agreed to write an article for the newsletter on my experience at SEAALL in San Juan.

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NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE SEEKS NOMINEES

The SEAALL Nominations Committee seeks member input in the process of filling three offices to serve during 2001-2003, those of **Vice-President/President Elect, Treasurer, and Member-At-Large.**

SEAALL members can nominate themselves or someone else; it is not necessary to contact the person(s) you nominate. (Indeed, it's probably more fun to surprise them, and if you don't contact them in advance they can't say "no" to you). The Committee will consider all suggested nominees. Let us hear from you!

Submit your suggestions to any Committee member.

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PLACEMENT NEWS

Assistant Law Librarian for Public Services
North Carolina Central University School of Law Library
Durham, N.C.

Position Description: Oversees circulation, reference, media and electronic services and interlibrary loan. Participates in collection development and assists with the teaching of legal bibliography and law library management classes. Early evening and Sunday work required.

Requirements: MLS and 3 - 5 years experience, preferably in an academic law library environment. JD preferred or 3 - 5 years of legal reference experience.

Position Available: July 1, 2000

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**SEAALL's reception in Philadelphia**



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### **The Library System of Brazil As Observed in Brasilia, Brazil**

My wife and I visited Brazil in December and January this past year, spending the Christmas and New Year's holidays there. Since my wife is Brazilian, I have taken an interest in exploring Brazilian culture and history. This interest, and the fact that we were in Brazil for a month, prompted me to take a couple of days to visit various libraries and see how things are done there. I visited three basic types of libraries in the capital district of Brasilia. The Universidade de Brasilia, Biblioteca Central (the University of Brasilia Central Library), two different types of public libraries, and the government libraries of the Senado Federal (Senate) and the Camara dos Deputados (House of Deputies). I could not visit the National Library of Brazil, because it remained in Rio de Janeiro when the new capital was built in the 1960s. There has been some discussion of moving it to Brasilia, but to this day, that has not happened. I would still like to visit there anyway, but Rio was covered on our previous trip, and I don't know when I will get there again. My main objective was to visit each of these places, talk with the librarians, and discover what things are the same and what things are different from what we do here in the States. What I discovered is that, although there are many differences, there are also many things that seem very familiar or are just virtually the same as here. While talking with the librarians, through my wife who graciously translated, I asked several questions both out of general interest and in the areas I am most familiar. Of the three types of libraries, those in the government and academic libraries were the most willing to talk with me; whereas, those in the public libraries seemed more interested in getting rid of me. More on that later.

#### **Library education**

In Brazil, getting your library degree is not much different than here. However, it is a four-year BA program, not a graduate degree. You can continue on to get a master's degree, but it is not necessary. If you do continue on, you will focus in one of two areas, Library Planning or Library Resources. Those who focus on library planning are basically getting a degree in managing and running a library. Those who focus on library resources narrow things down even further and are basically getting a master's in either technical services or public services. There is also a PHD program, but I got the idea that this is not pursued very often.

The people who provide accreditation to the various programs nationwide are not an independent, national organization like ALA, but it is a government organization. In order to receive recognition in Brazil, a university must apply to the MEC (Ministry of Education), which is a government agency designed to maintain standards for the various universities and programs. They make the decision nationally about what goes on in the education system, including accreditation, but also including which professions are officially recognized within the country. This system is radically different from what we are used to, but in Brazil, receiving accreditation from someone other than the government would be unusual. There is one final thing worth mentioning about the system of educating librarians in Brazil from which I think we might learn. The library science programs in Brazil are usually located in the science and technology schools.

#### **Library organizations and cooperation**

Another major difference in Brazil was the national lack of professional organization. There are local library associations, ABDF (Associacao de bibliotecaria do Distrito Federal) is the local association in Brasilia. Most of the associations interact at the individual state level. Apparently, there are some regional organizations as well, but nobody was able to give me the name of any of them. Even without national organizations there is still cooperation between libraries. There is a prominent inter-library loan program run by IBICT (Brazilian Institute of Science and Technology). However, their ILL system only lends periodicals, not monographs. IBICT also maintains a periodical database for Brazil accessible through the Internet, they create an index for all the periodicals in library science, they assign ISSN numbers and they publish a national catalog of periodicals. The Nacional Biblioteca (National Library) in Rio assigns ISBNs. There is also a cooperative cataloging system called CALCO, but it is almost a complete failure because it sits almost completely unused due to libraries unwillingness to pay for its services. Apparently, they do mostly original cataloging and they find this service to be too expensive on their limited budgets.

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### **Brazil's libraries in three worlds**

When viewing the world from an economic perspective, we see three distinct worlds. The industrialized and post industrialized nations being the first world, the nations on the brink of joining them, but with severe hindrances to their progress being the second world, and countries with little more than rampant poverty and little hope of changing their status comprising the third world. When viewing Brazil from this same perspective you discover that all of these exist side by side within the country. It is a nation of extremes; from stunning oceans, beautiful landscapes and abundant natural resources to extreme poverty and virtually unchecked political corruption. If you spend any time there, you will quickly realize that it is more than your typical third world nation. Those who live in the cities, work in the government or have life long careers in the military, and those who own their own businesses find themselves in the middle and upper classes in Brazil. If you go to Brazil and spend time among these people, you might never know that the majority (80%) of the country is poor, many of whom are living in third world conditions. However, while visiting and viewing their libraries, I experienced this contrast of worlds first hand.

### **The First World — The libraries of the Senado and the Camara**

Like the U.S. Congress, Brazil's congress has established their own library designed primarily to service them. This system is different from LC in that there are two separate libraries, one for the Senate and one for the House. The two libraries receive their budgets directly from the Congress and due to their mission, have little trouble getting the funds they need to stay current in practices, services, and technology.

The Biblioteca Academico Luiz Viana Filho, or the Senate library is smaller than the House library. Their collection policy focuses on current events within the country, focusing mostly on the interests of the Senate. They have a collection of 150,000 volumes in open stacks. Anyone can come in and use the materials, but only Senators can check out of the library. They have an online integrated library system called ALPH. They catalog using MARC and classify using Dewey. The library is organized into very familiar sections to all of us. The colecao de livros (book collection), the colecao de periodicos (periodicals collection) alphabetized by title on the shelves, the obras de referencia (reference), the recortes de jornais (journal records), the colecao de deposito legal (government documents collection), the multimeios: biblioteca digital, microfimes e outros suportes (multimedia collection: digital library, microfilms and other formats) this includes a familiar online subscription to many of us, ProQuest, the colecao do Senador Luiz Viana Filho (the collection of Senator Luiz Viana Filho) the man for whom the library is named, and finally the colecao de obras raras (the rare books collection) which consists of 4,000 volumes dating as far back as 1633. One of the major services provided by this library to the country is their periodicals indexing system. They currently analyze most articles from all the important periodicals. Of course, I would assume they mean what they consider to be the important periodicals, but I didn't want to push that. Also, they remove from newspapers, including all Brazilian and many international ones, current events articles which are kept in a vertical file format.

The intent for this collection is that it will be digitized to more easily facilitate its use. The Biblioteca da Camara dos Deputados (House library) is much larger in size, scope, volumes, and employees than is the Senate library. This is because it has to service 500 Congressmen as opposed to 56 Senators. It also is open to the public, but again, only the Congressmen can check out of the library. They are primarily a legislative library, with particular concentrations in law, political science, and public administration. They also use the ALPH online catalog system, which is kept up to date, but it is only available for staff use. There are no public ports at the library. Patrons are required to use a set of bound volumes separated by author, subject, and title to find their materials, but these are only updated every six months. The House library also maintains a newspaper clipping vertical file, which dates from 1967 to the present. They also maintain a collection in Brazilian legislation as well as an international special documents collection including materials from UNESCO, the UN, UNICEF, the World Bank and the WTO. Finally, they have a rare books library of over 2,000 volumes which dates back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century. The House library differs even more from the Senate because their stacks are closed and they classify using the Universal Decimal system. The impressive part of this library was its preservation facility. They have a very elaborate, fully equipped preservation laboratory where they do all of their binding, restoration, and conservation work.

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### The Second World

Brazil can easily be defined as a country with abundant resources and endless potential, always coming up short of breaking through to join the first world. It is at this level that the second of the three library types I visited can be found. The Biblioteca Central of the Universidade de Brasilia is a large academic library. All the different schools within the university have to use the same library, including the medical school library. I understand that the large academic library in the city of Sao Paulo uses a separate library system with the medical, law, and other libraries separate from the main university library, so this is not necessarily standard practice nationwide. The Biblioteca Central has four floors, the first floor housing the Dewey numbers 100-300, the reserves section, the maps collection, and the Carlos Lacerda Archives. The second floor is where you will find the main reading room, the reference collection, and the 500-900 Dewey numbers. The third floor houses the periodicals collection and the rare books collection. The fourth floor is actually a basement floor. This library has a rather unique reason for needing more space due to the basement floor having been closed down because an underground river invaded and flooded the entire floor. They do plan to restore and reclaim the basement level at some point in the future, but that story is extremely common in the nation's history. When it will get done depends entirely on when or if they ever get the funds. Even then, something else in the library would have to suffer. The library uses mostly Dewey, but has some things classified in the universal decimal system. They have a large card catalog, but only a few computers, which are reserved for staff use only. There is a public access computer, which is in a testing phase. Interestingly enough, the library uses AACR2 as their primary source for cataloging. They did not use MARC though, until only just recently. Switching over to MARC has been a problem for them due to difficulties in field mapping from their old computer system. They have an open stack policy throughout most of the library and even serve the needs of the surrounding community, being all things to all people. Government officials and students of the university can use the library and have check out privileges. However, the library serves as a public library as well, with the exception that public patrons can only use materials in the building, they can't check anything out. The library is organized into two main sections. There is the reference department, which contains the rare books, periodicals, special collections, reference, and ILL sections. Then there is the Service of Collections Development Department, which contains the acquisitions, cataloging, and registers sections.

The archival material kept by the library is separated into an archives section and special collections. The archives contains only professor correspondence and newspaper clippings about the university. The special collections department contains a plethora of material including anything written by professors, all thesis, entire collections about the city of Brasilia itself, an international publications collection, books on art, and an entire section on the Serrado, which is the forest region in which Brasilia was built. They have a media collection, which contains videos, microforms, and CD-ROMS. There are no electronic resources kept in the media section. The CDs found there are audio books only, not databases. For CD-ROM databases and electronic resources, you can find some in the research room. There are some, though not many and the students have the choice of using their own floppy discs or buying a disc from the library. If they use their own, then it must be run through an antivirus program before it is used. To use any electronic resource, they must make an appointment ahead of time. They can get up to 2 hours on a CD-ROM and 1 hour on the Internet. One of the major electronic resources that they have, for use mainly by their medical students, is MEDLINE, which they can search in Portuguese. Another medical database called LILACS coordinates all health publications in the Caribbean and Latin America.

The only place in the library that uses a closed stack system is the rare books collection. This, of course, makes sense. The collection criteria requires that they collect 1<sup>st</sup> editions, manuscripts, private collections and correspondence. However, due to having virtually all their funding taken away, they no longer buy anything new. All the funds they have go to attempting to preserve the collection they already have. They have a controlled environment to keep the materials, but most of the extremely valuable material is kept in a safe that is not located in this controlled facility. None of these materials are currently having anything done to preserve them because there is no money to do the work. Included in this material are things dating from the 14<sup>th</sup> century. The oldest book in the collection is from 1535 and talks about Hypocrites. You will also find a beautiful book of birds dating from the 14<sup>th</sup> century, a book of lullabies from 1849, a book owned by Princess Isabel of Brazil who freed the slaves. There is also a collection of Ex Libris, the America Meridional, and a South American map dated in 1775. The bibliotecaria

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(librarian) who showed me these works obviously loved her collection and was obviously disappointed that there was no way to take steps to preserve these materials beyond locking them away in a safe. They also recently received a gift from Xerox of Brazil, which included 12,500 volumes containing 14,000 theses written in the United States about Brazil or Latin America. This entire collection was also microfilmed and is available at LC or from UMI.

### The Third World

Finally we come to the third world, where poverty runs rampant and there seems to be little hope of changing that condition. The public library system in Brasilia is separated into two basic libraries. There is the national public library and the city public library. The city library is smaller than the national one, but that is mostly due to its having been built in 1989. The larger public library is actually a branch library for the national library of Brazil in Rio. There were no computers, except one behind the reference desk and they were obviously using their own system of cataloging even though they seemed to be relying on Dewey for classification. This is all the information I could get about this library because the librarian would not speak to me. Apparently it was lunchtime and she couldn't be bothered. The city library truly represented the problems often associated with the third world. When it opened in 1989, they had no cataloging staff whatsoever. Finally, they got a cataloger and an advanced computer system to do their cataloging and provide a catalog to their patrons. All the cataloging was placed into the computer. There never was a card catalog. A year and a half ago, this computer system crashed. No money was provided to replace it and without a card catalog to fall back on, the library now has no catalog. Over the past year, there has been no effort to catalog and many of the books are on the shelf with no classification numbers. They have now organized all the books by subject very much like a modern bookstore, so the books that do have classification numbers no longer necessarily sit next to each other, but in whatever subject section the person who shelves it thinks it belongs. Both of these libraries have an open stack policy and they rely on donations from patrons to add to their collection. My wife, who has used these libraries on many occasions when she lived there said that in the eight years since she had been there, it looked like little if anything had changed, meaning very few new books, no modernization, and little attempt to change.

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**SEAALL BRIEFS**  
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While we say goodbye to chapter members who are moving or retiring, in this issue's column we welcome several new members.

**FLORIDA**

**University of Miami**

**Helen Wohl** recently joined the Reference Staff of the University of Miami Law Library. She received both her B.A. and her J.D. from the University of Miami, and her M.L.S. from Pratt Institute, New York. She was a Reference Librarian at both Cravath, Swaine & Moore and Simpson, Thacher & Barlett in New York City before coming back to Miami.

**GEORGIA**

**Georgia State University**

**Nan Adams** returns to Georgia State University College of Law Library as the new Reference/Documents Librarian. From 1990-1998 Nan worked in public services here and for the past few years she was a law firm librarian.

**University of Georgia**

**Anne Burnett, Maureen Cahill, Jim Sherwood and Carol Watson**, reference librarians from the University of Georgia Law Library, presented a Continuing Legal Education seminar on "Internet Legal Research" at the Georgia State Bar meeting in Savannah, Georgia on June 16.

**KENTUCKY**

**University of Kentucky**

**Nancy Fritz**, a 1996 University of Kentucky College of Law graduate, returns to her alma mater as the Collections and Acquisitions Librarian. Nancy has previously been employed in public libraries in Texas and most recently served as a Research Specialist with Greenebaum Doll & McDonald in Louisville.

**LOUISIANA**

**Loyola University, New Orleans**

**Ed Edmonds** will be leaving Loyola New Orleans at the end of the calendar year. He will become the first law library director at the University of St. Thomas School of Law to be located in downtown Minneapolis, MN. The University, founded in 1885, is located in St. Paul.



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SEAALL Briefs, continued.

Ed has been a member of the Chapter since 1978 when he started at William & Mary. He writes that he considers his association with SEAALL to be the highlight of his professional career. He has the distinction of attending every SEAALL annual meeting since 1979 in Gatlinburg, and he hopes that he can still continue to come to meetings "at least until I get to twenty-five in a row!"

### NORTH CAROLINA

#### North Carolina Supreme Court Library

**Sally Selmer** retired as Assistant Librarian on June 30. Sally received her M.S.L.S. in 1983 from the University of Kentucky, and from 1984-1989 served as Assistant Professor at the University of Louisville School of Law Library, before joining the staff of the North Carolina Supreme Court Library.

The staff welcomes **Jennifer McLean**, who was Library Director at the Saint Mary's School in Raleigh. Her responsibilities include acquisitions and maintenance of the CD-ROM network. Jennifer graduated from North Carolina Central University with an M.L.S. in 1992.

Raleigh law firms are pleased to have **Elyse Fox** and **Jeanine Cali** on board. Elyse has moved to the Triangle Area from Boston. She is an independent law librarian and is the principal in Legal Information Services. She also publishes reference materials for librarians. **Jeanine Cali** received her M.S.L.S. in May from the University of North Carolina School of Information and Library Science, and is the new librarian in Hunton & Williams' Raleigh office. Her background includes experience as a library assistant and paralegal.

#### University of North Carolina

**Ann-Marie Berti** has joined the staff of the Kathrine R. Everett Law Library where she is now a reference librarian. Ann-Marie received her J.D. at Brigham Young University and her M.L.S. at Pratt and has experience as a law librarian in law firms in New York City.

**Tom French**, associate director of the law library and clinical associate professor of law, recently won the Canadian Association of Law Libraries award for the year's best article in the association journal. Tom has announced that he is leaving UNC to take the directorship at the law library at Syracuse.

**Anne Klinefelter** will be moving into the associate director position, and a search is underway for a new assistant director for research and user services at the law library.



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### **"Yikes! I have to give a speech!" The Diary of a Program Presenter at SEAALL**

**When:            What:**

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| Late September     | Boss forwards a request from Carol Nicholson who is looking for a speaker for program at SEAALL on subject of Space Planning in Technical Services. Boss asks, "Why don't you volunteer?" Does this mean I'll be fired if I don't volunteer? |
| Later in September | What on earth do I know about space planning? I cringe when I look at my office cubby. How could I possibly talk about this?                                                                                                                 |
| September 30       | Puerto Rico would be so nice in March....hmmmmm.                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| October 1          | "Carol? I hear you're looking for a speaker? I'm just the person--I know absolutely everything there is to know about the subject. Uh, what exactly did you want me to speak about?"                                                         |
| October 15, a.m.   | Should I buy a new bathing suit for Puerto Rico? While I'm shopping online, I'll just run a quick search for space planning in libraries--I'm sure I'll find tons of stuff and this topic will be a breeze.                                  |
| October 15, p.m.   | My eyes hurt from looking at Netscape all morning and finding virtually nothing. I'm sure I'll find plenty at the public library next door...                                                                                                |
| October 16         | "Marie, would you order these ILL's for me?" An OCLC subject search is my last resort and I really hope these books are useful.                                                                                                              |
| November 1         | Okay, I've gleaned some useful tidbits here and there but nothing very substantive. Is space planning in technical services something we just do without actually knowing anything about it?                                                 |
| November 5         | Aha! A survey will give me the information I need for this talk.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| December 1         | A survey is not as easy as I thought it would be (but still not a bad idea). My questions must be too confusing or maybe the topic is just too hard to summarize in short answers                                                            |
| January 1          | New Year's Resolution #1: work on space planning talk TOMORROW!                                                                                                                                                                              |
| January 4          | Take camera to work and shoot pictures of all the (very crowded) offices. Make co-workers mad that I didn't give advance notice, but I aim for realism here.                                                                                 |
| January 5          | Make appointments to visit libraries at a law firm and at another court.                                                                                                                                                                     |

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- January 6 Organize the reading material I've gathered, start to actually read it. Now I am getting some ideas. I acknowledge inwardly that I do know quite a bit about the subject because I have always been the Keeper of the Yardstick in my library.
- January 14 Carol and I trade outlines and divide up topics. She will adapt a Power Point program that she prepared for a workshop and sends copies of her slides. Wonder if I can be that creative?
- January 17 Camera shop can develop my snapshots on a CD so I decide to plunge into the world of digital presentations.
- January 21 Spend the morning at Jones, Walker law firm. Take about a dozen pictures and ask a lot of questions. This is beginning to take shape in my mind.
- January 28 Brave the elements--wind and pouring rain--to visit the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Library. Didn't figure on court security confiscating my camera! Kay and Anne retrieve it for me and I finish the roll of film, besides getting the "complete tour" and lots of ideas and information. On-site visits are the answer!
- January 31 Talk with our clerk of court about our building renovation plans. Learn some very useful stuff about facilities planning in general and the process of planning for our work space.
- February 1 Pick up pictures on CD and try them out in my word processor. It looks so easy in the instructions... "Hey, Gary, I need help! Where is Power Point loaded on the network? We don't have Power Point? What is Corel Presentations? Help!"
- February 4 My staff looks askance at the heaps of uncataloged books around me, but I've been glued to this Corel Presentations all week. At least the pictures are in, I've made headers for them, and I have a rough draft of my talk.
- March 1 I check a few web sites for ideas on creating presentations and get some helpful tips to make the slides flow with the text. Still editing, polishing, and working on my bibliography.
- March 10 I email my presentation to Carol to load in the UNC laptop. And then the technology monster rears its ugly head. We have assumed that the Corel format can be converted to Power Point, but it doesn't work. I consider various ways to access a version of Power Point when a technology savior at UNC graciously loads Corel on their laptop to simplify things.

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- March 15**      The architect for our building renovation calls the boss and tells her that Public Facilities Planning is demanding that we justify the space allotment for technical services. Perfect timing! A chance to apply some of my knowledge. We measure every square inch of space currently devoted to tech services tasks and discover we aren't gaining any space at all in the new building. My yardstick is put to the test.
- March 28**      Leave for Puerto Rico in two days. My handouts are copied, my backup disk is packed with my speech, and I'm ready to go. The architect calls again and barks at me to fax some information about our technical services area and staffing. I'm glad I've done my homework and I know some of the right questions to ask.
- April 1**        The day arrives to give my talk and I don't even feel like a fool. I thought I would be nervous, but after the initial hesitation in front of the strange laptop I relax and warm up to my topic. The computer interface works well to get my message across. People in the audience say nice things to me afterwards and I get that "success buzz" that makes it all worthwhile. Is it possible that I have become an expert?

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