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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Happy New Year! I hope that you are keeping all your resolutions and that your library life in the 90s is an enjoyable one.

There is a great deal to tell you. You will note elsewhere in this newsletter materials supplied by Ann Puckett which describe the programs and workshops that are sponsored or co-sponsored by our SIS. I believe she has set an SIS record for the "most," and under her capable planning there should be something for everyone. These are only a part of what is in store for our SIS in Minneapolis. Sunday, June 17 and Monday, June 18 promise to be especially busy. On Sunday, our SIS is sponsoring the second Director's Meeting. It will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and as last year will be limited to academic law library directors. Rita Reusch at the University of Utah is planning the program. This program will be followed by our Annual Business Meeting from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Immediately following the business meeting, our various roundtables will meet until 12:30 p.m. Monday evening, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., will be our annual SIS reception. This year we will be going to William Mitchell College of Law where we will have an opportunity to view their very new facility. Ann Bateson, who is readying for an onslaught of visitors, assures me that construction is ahead of schedule and that hardhats will not be necessary. Mark your calendars now.

I have appointed a Nominations Committee comprised of William Wells, chair (University of Maine), Martha Dragich (Georgia State), and James Murray (Gonzaga). This committee will be submitting the names of two individuals for the position of Vice-Chair/Chair Elect. Since the position of Secretary/Treasurer is a two-year term and since Merle Slyhoff is only in her first year in office, there will not be candidates for this position. The slate will initially appear in the March *AALL Newsletter*. Our SIS membership will receive biographical information on the candidates and a ballot later in the year.

I began this letter with a mention of resolutions. In this regard, I thought you would be interested to know that the Resolution adopted at our business meeting in June in opposition to portions of the proposed revisions to the AALS Executive Committee Regulations and Bylaws was endorsed by the AALL Executive Board, and subsequently by the ABA Law Libraries Committee. The objectionable parts of the proposed revisions did not appear before the AALS House of Delegates this January, having been sent to a committee for further study.

Have a great year. I hope one of your resolutions was to work hard for our SIS.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Dunn
Chair

SUBMISSIONS FOR INCLUSION IN NEWSLETTER

THE DEADLINE FOR THE SPRING 1990 ISSUE OF THE ALL SIS NEWSLETTER WILL BE APRIL 15. PLEASE SEND ARTICLES TO FAYE JONES, UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND LAW LIBRARY, 950 BROADWAY PLAZA, TACOMA, WA. 98402-4470, OR VIA FAX: 206-591-6313.

ALL SIS PLANS FOR MINNEAPOLIS

The SIS is sponsoring or co-sponsoring nine programs and one institute in Minneapolis this summer. The offerings are rich and varied, so mark your calendars as soon as you get the preliminary meeting schedule from AALL. The programs for which the SIS has primary responsibility are:

INSTEAD OF A BAKE SALE: AUXILIARY SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR ACADEMIC, STATE, COUNTY AND COURT LAW LIBRARIES.

(SCCLL/SIS, CO-SPONSOR). MERLE SLYHOFF, COORDINATOR. FOCUS WILL BE ON WHAT METHODS LIBRARIES HAVE TRIED, WHAT WORKS AND WHAT DOESN'T, AND POSSIBLE PITFALLS SUCH AS TAX IMPLICATIONS. PANELISTS WILL BE LIBRARIANS WHO HAVE IMPLEMENTED AUXILIARY FUNDING PLANS.

MOVING UP WITHOUT MOVING: FACING THE CHALLENGES OF A NEW ROLE.

Martha Draglich, Coordinator. Addresses the conflicts that arise when a person advances to a higher position within the same organization. Panelists will be librarians who have moved up within their libraries and a psychologist who will discuss role conflicts in times of transition.

LAW LIBRARIAN'S QUALITY OF LIFE.

(P.L.L. Co-sponsor). Don Dunn, Coordinator. Examines factors that influence our attitudes toward our work, including problem situations within the library (budget cuts, staff turnover); personal factors (salary, status); and stresses inherent in the profession (keeping up with technology, dealing with demanding patrons). Panelists will be from a state law library, a law firm library, a county library and an academic law library.

CHANGING STRUCTURE OF THE PUBLISHING INDUSTRY

(Rare Books and Legal History Co-sponsor). Diana Vincent-Daviss, Coordinator. Program will look at the ways in which sales, mergers and corporate restructuring among information vendors affect law libraries, particularly in terms of pricing, vendor services and publication quality. Panelists will be a journalist who covers the information industry; an attorney who represents information vendors and owners of intellectual property; and a law librarian who writes extensively about the industry's impact on law libraries.

HOW TO GIVE A GOOD INTERVIEW, PART I

(P.L.L. Co-sponsors **PART I** and has primary responsibility for **HOW TO GIVE A GOOD INTERVIEW, PART II**). Arturo Flores, Coordinator. Emphasis is on the ways to obtain and use references, pursue lines of questioning and avoid sensitive areas. Panelists will be an attorney and a personnel consultant.

CD-ROM, PARTS I, II, AND III

(ASD/SIS, Co-sponsor). Dan Freehling, Coordinator. **PART I** is a critical review of the major CD-ROM products now available, including factors such as ease of use, quality of accompanying instructional materials and benefits of using the product in CD-ROM rather than another format. **PART II** addresses administrative issues such as user training, law firm billing and space planning. **PART III** will be product demonstrations.

Three other programs are the primary responsibility of other groups but are co-sponsored by ALL SIS. These programs are:

ROLE OF THE RELIGIOUSLY-AFFILIATED LAW SCHOOL LIBRARY

(Conference of Law Librarians of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities). James M. Murray and Steve Barkan, Coordinators.

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICAN LAW BOOK PUBLISHING

(Rare Book and Legal History SIS).

HOW TO GIVE A GOOD INTERVIEW, PART II
(P.L.L.). Mark Estes, Coordinator.

In addition to the bumper crop of programs listed above, ALL also received approval to offer a one-day workshop, **TEACHING FOR LEARNING -- IMPROVING YOUR TEACHING SKILLS**. Coordinator Albert Brecht offered two very well-received programs on teaching at the 1989 meeting in Reno. His all-day workshop will provide a more in-depth treatment of this important topic. The workshop will be conducted by professional education experts experienced in helping teachers improve their ability to help others learn. Participants will learn about different learning styles and how to vary teaching methods to accommodate those different styles.

Watch your mail for announcements of date and cost. If you teach or aspire to teach, you can't afford to miss this workshop.

Ann Puckett

**PROFESSIONAL READING HABITS
OF LAW LIBRARY DIRECTORS TO
BE SURVEYED**

Judy Gaskell, Director of the DePaul University School of Law Library, is planning a survey of the professional reading habits of law library directors. A report of survey results is planned for the Spring 1990 issue of this newsletter.



NEWS ON MEMBERS

Arturo Torres has left the saguaro clad mountains of Arizona for the bluegrass covered hills of Kentucky. He is now the Associate Librarian and Head of Technical Services at the University of Louisville Law Library.

Carol Elliott, University of Arizona College of Law Library, has been promoted to Head of Reference and Coordinator of Faculty Services.

EXHIBITION FOCUSES ON EARLY MASSACHUSETTS LAW

To commemorate the 350th anniversary of the beginning of printing in what is now the United States, Harvard's Houghton Library and the Department of Special Collections of the Harvard Law School Library recently staged a joint exhibition entitled "First Impressions: Printing in Cambridge, 1639-1989." The first printing press, the property of the wealthy widow, Elizabeth Glover, was set up near the present-day Harvard Yard; its first production, "The Oath of a Freeman" was a legal document (unfortunately, no copy survives).

Hugh Amory, Rare Book Cataloger at the Houghton Library who prepared the display and its accompanying catalog, divides the exhibition into three sections - "English Titles," "Indian Printing," and "Legal Issues" - with a single work serving as the exemplar for each section. In "English Titles," the Bay Psalm Book represents the varied publications of the first press. In "Indian Printing," the Eliot Indian Bible represents what was to become the bulk of printing in Cambridge in those early years. "Legal Issues" focuses on the 1672 Laws and Liberties of Massachusetts, one of the few legal texts actually printed in America and reissued in England during the seventeenth century.

The section on legal issues, occupying twenty pages in the heavily illustrated catalog, discusses the texts that the colonists used to justify taking the land from the heathen; blank forms, including London versions of "The Oath of a Freeman"; law books from Harvard libraries with colonial provenance; manuscript writs, summons and depositions; and early Massachusetts legislation. Important items featured are the 1643 capital laws of New-England; William Pynchon's manuscript notebook detailing the actions of his court in Springfield, 1639-1650; and Joseph Story's own copy of the 1660 Book of the general lawes and libertyes concerning the inhabitants of the Massachusetts. The catalog amply demonstrates the extraordinary depth of original source materials at Harvard for the study of early Massachusetts law.

Copies of the catalog are available for \$14 postpaid (checks payable to Harvard University); address orders to Special Collections; Harvard Law School Library; Cambridge, MA 02138.

OTHER NEW PUBLICATIONS

The Southern Illinois University School of Law Library has announced the availability of the most recent additions to its Publication Series. The new items now available for purchase are:

No. 12 **Publications of the Southern Illinois University School of Law Faculty: A Comprehensive Bibliography.** Compiled by Frank G. Houdek. 1989. 48 p. \$10.00.

No. 13 **Self-Help Law Books: An Annotated Bibliography of Materials in the Southern Illinois University School of Law Library.** Compiled by Frank G. Houdek. 39p. \$10.00. Abstracts nearly 100 books in 30 subject areas which are addressed specifically to the non-lawyer faced with a legal problem. Arranged by topic; a separate index is provided, as well as a list of publishers.

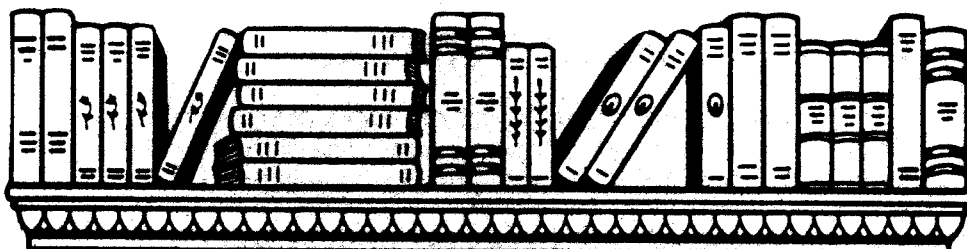
Still available for purchase is No. 11 in the series, **Making "Wren" Work: A Multi-Dimensional Program for Teaching Legal Research** (1989, 84 p., \$10.00). This work describes a first-year legal research course expanded from the "process" approach presented in Wren, **The Legal Research Manual**. It includes a detailed syllabus, extensive lesson plans, and sample exercises and handouts.

Titles in the Publication Series may be ordered from: Lou Polsgrove, Southern Illinois University School of Law Library, Lesar Law Building, Carbondale, IL 62901-6803

Francisco Avalos, Foreign and International Law Librarian, University of Arizona College of Law, and Arturo Torres, Associate Librarian and Head of Reference, University of Louisville Law Library, are joint compilers of **Latin American Legal Abbreviations: A Comprehensive Spanish/Portuguese Dictionary with English Translations.** The book has been published by Greenwood Press.

The University of Arizona College of Law Library announces the publication of the **Disaster Preparedness Manual**, written by the Law Library's Preservation Committee, Robert Genovese, Chair, Irish Taylor, and Edward White. The Manual has been published by William S. Hein & Co.

Robert Genovese has also had an article entitled "A Disaster Preparedness Manual" published in two parts in 2:7, 8 **Trends in Law Library Management and Technology** (Mar.-Apr. 1989).



LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLISHES ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS

On October 16, 1989, the Library of Congress Information Bulletin announced the publication of an illustrated history of the United States Congress entitled *To Make All Laws*. Published in celebration of the bicentennial of the Congress, the new title is "a lively, readable, and handsomely designed account of the first 200 years of the legislative branch of the government."

To Make All Laws is enhanced with 42 color illustrations and 73 other illustrations. The author is James H. Hutson, chief of the Library of Congress Manuscript Division. The purpose of the book is to increase public knowledge about the national legislature through a thematic, not strictly chronological, recounting of the story of the Congress. Election, rules and procedures, prerogatives, rights of the people, the economy, the environment, and foreign policy are among the topics covered.

To Make All Laws is available in softcover from the Superintendent of Documents for \$9.50, postage paid (cite stock number 030-000-00215-6 when ordering). A hardcover edition will be published by Houghton Mifflin in summer 1990.



BOOKS AND THE FOUNDING FATHERS

In a 1987 lecture commemorating the Year of the Reader, historian George H. Nash discussed "some of the ways that the written word—specifically books and libraries—molded the remarkable elite that made and preserved our revolution."

Books and the Founding Fathers, a new publication of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, reproduces Dr. Nash's lecture and makes it available for purchase. It is available for \$3.95 in person from the Library of Congress Sales Shop or may be purchased by mail from the Publishing Office, Box J, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540. Mail orders are \$6.45 and must be prepaid.

REPORT FROM AALL-ALA LIAISON ON INTERLIBRARY LOAN

As the new liaison between AALL and ALA for Interlibrary Loan, I attended my first RASD (Reference and Adult Services Division) ILL committee meetings in Chicago on January 6 and 8, 1990. The main agenda item on January 6th was a new telefacsimile policy written by a fax sub-committee, the purpose of which was to serve as a guideline for Interlibrary Loan departments across the country. The guidelines were fairly straightforward; in fact, some details were struck for being too obvious: ("keep your machine full of paper"). A few concepts were controversial, especially the statement that lending libraries should not charge more for faxes than for photocopies; because of the increased time involved, and the fact that telephone charges can mount up, some of us did not feel that this was feasible. We also discussed the issue of whether or not libraries will accept ILL requests via fax, and agreed that this a totally separate issue which needs to be addressed in the guidelines. After considerable discussion, it was decided that the guidelines would be revised for the June 1990 ALA conference.

On January 8th, a brief report was given on Interlibrary Loan policies involving special collections and archives. The Fall 1988 issue of Rare Books and Manuscripts Librarianship, v. 3 #2, deals in detail with these issues, for anyone who is interested in pursuing the topic.

A heated discussion of "Guidelines for Librarians Interacting with South Africa", a paper presented by the Social Responsibilities Roundtable of ALA, followed next. Two representatives of the group recommended to the ILL committee that we approve the guidelines, and then enforce the U.S. sanctions against South Africa by refusing to lend to South African libraries unless they first declare that they are against apartheid. Since the State Library supports the government, we should specifically decline to fill requests from them. At issue is whether or not this is contributing to censorship. Since ILL is a form of commerce, and commerce was forbidden by U.S. sanctions in 1986, we are acting in "civil disobedience" by filling ILL requests from South Africa; some committee members felt that we should nevertheless fill all requests, since we are disseminators of information, and because many requests come from people who are actively fighting apartheid. We also brought up the fact that we occasionally need to borrow items from South Africa, and are afraid that if we do not lend to them, they will not lend to us. The ILL committee members decided that they were not ready to approve the guidelines without further discussion.

I would appreciate hearing from law librarians who deal with interlibrary loan, both about these topics and your special ILL concerns, so that I can bring your opinions to the ALA meetings. I have spoken with Donald Dunn about forming an ILL roundtable in ALL SIS; are people interested? If you are, please contact me.

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