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From the Chair

I am pleased to report that the Academic Law Libraries SIS has been very busy. Here's the news:

CONVENTION PLANS: Arturo Torres, Vice-Chair of ALL/SIS has been involved in the program planning for the Boston Annual Meeting. There were many excellent program proposals and workshops submitted to AALL for its consideration, however, not all of them were chosen for the Boston meeting. The programs that were accepted look very interesting. Now is the time to start thinking about the programs for the AALL 1994 Seattle Annual Meeting. Come to Boston with your ideas for Seattle! Our SIS business meeting will be held Sunday, July 11 at 10:45 a.m. At this meeting, we will hear from the various groups that have made this an exciting year for the members of ALL/SIS.

ALL/SIS RECEPTION: Mark your calendars for Tuesday, July 13 at 5:30 p.m. for the ALL/SIS reception. It will be held at the Harvard Law School Library. As usual, the reception will offer the opportunity to mingle with each other and to visit a great law library. You will receive details about the reception at the ALL/SIS Business Meeting.

ALL/SIS MIDDLE MANAGERS MEETING: Due to popular demand, the Middle Managers will meet again in Boston on Sunday, July 11 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. This year the group will enjoy conversation and a continental breakfast. Ajaye Bloomstone, with help from other managers, are planning the program. Look for a registration form in this year's Annual Meeting Registration Packet.

ROUNDTABLE FOR NEWER ACADEMIC LAW LIBRARIANS: Under the leadership of Rhea A-L Ballard, all newer academic law librarians will meet in an informal setting on Sunday at 1:30. There will be time for speakers to share some of their thoughts and casual discussion among our newer members. This meeting is open to academic librarians who have been members of AALL for five years or less.

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ALL/SIS NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Lynn Foster, Director of the University of Arkansas Law Library and Chair of the Nominating Committee, along with her committee of Penny Hazelton and Lou Lindsey, have put together a slate of candidates for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer. Please see the notice in this newsletter for information on the candidates.

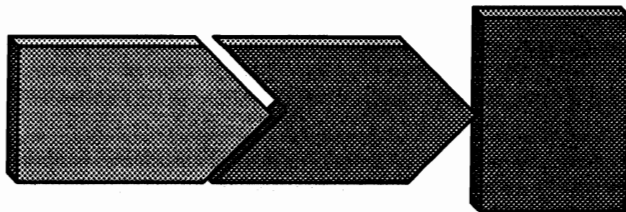
SALARY SURVEY: During spring, 1993, AALL will conduct a salary survey of all members of the Association. The Mead Data Corporation is funding this survey. The survey instrument will include general questions, along with specific questions for academic law librarians, and an equal number of questions for private law librarians and government and court librarians. **PLEASE FILL OUT THE QUESTIONNAIRE!!** We must have data from every law librarian to improve salaries.

AALL OPERATING PLAN AND STRATEGIC PLAN: Committees and Special Interest Sections within AALL operate by the annual Operating Plan (1992/93) and the broader Strategic Plan (1990-94). Both documents keep the Special Interest Sections on track. The specific goals for the Academic Law Libraries SIS include such strategies as to encourage ABA and AALS to recognize consortia activities and to provide incentives to encourage them; to develop statements in support of improvements in stature, job security, sabbaticals, staff exchanges and other conditions of employment; and to support the expansion of introductory and advanced legal research courses to be taught by law librarians as part of law school curricula.

FINANCIAL PICTURE: Unfortunately, the financial picture of this SIS is bleak. Although we have over 450 members, we are not able to build a reserve of funds. The executive board for 1993-94 should explore ways to raise additional funds.

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON WESTLAW/LEXIS POLICIES: During the AALS Meeting in January 1993, Cam Riley, Chair of the Committee and I met with representatives from WESTLAW and LEXIS to discuss our concerns. Please see Cam's summary of the work of this important committee.

Nancy Johnson, Chair



***ALL/SIS NOMINATING COMMITTEE SLATE
OF CANDIDATES FOR 1993/94***

The ALL/SIS Nominating Committee, consisting of Lynn Foster, Chair, with members Penny Hazelton and Lou Lindsey, announces the following slate for 1993/94:

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect:

Barbara Bintliff, University of Colorado
Sara Robbins, Brooklyn Law School

Secretary/Treasurer: (two year term)

Faye Jones, University of Puget Sound
Bonnie Koneski-White, Western New England College

Ballots and vitas of the candidates will be mailed in mid-April.

Lynn Foster

***THIRD MIDDLE MANAGERS MEETING
SCHEDULED***

The third Middle Managers Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 11, 1993, during the Boston meeting. The Meeting will precede the Academic Law Libraries SIS Business Meeting.

This year's speaker is Betsy McKenzie, Reader Services Librarian at Saint Louis University. Betsy's talk is entitled, "Damage Control: Containing the Nuclear Employee," and will focus on the problem employee and the effects on other staff members.

A light breakfast will be served during the meeting. Watch for the registration materials in the Annual Meeting mailing.

Jacqueline Orlando

DIRECTORY: LAW LIBRARIES OFFERING SERVICE TO PRISONERS TO BE UPDATED

Every five years the Standing Committee on Law Library Services to Institution Residents, Contemporary Social Problems SIS updates its publication, *Directory: Law Libraries Offering Services to Prisoners*. This is the year!

The Standing Committee is concerned that the *Directory* include and reflect those law libraries which offer any services to any prisoner population. If you are not listed in the *Directory* and wish to be, or if you would like further information concerning the *Directory* or other activities of the Standing Committee, please contact this year's Chair, Judith Flader, E.B.W. Library, Georgetown University Law Center, 111 G St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001-2022; voice 202/662-9198; fax 202/662-9420; (Internet) jflade01@gumedlib.dml.georgetown.edu. (Note: the deadline for receiving new listings is April 30, 1993.)

Judith Flader

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK COMMITTEE ADOPTS "BLUE RIBBON" TRADITION

The National Library Week Committee of ALA urges friends and supporters of libraries to wear blue ribbons to show their support for library funding during the 1993 observance of National Library Week, April 18-24.

Donna Dufault, chair of the committee, expressed appreciation to an unnamed librarian who suggested the idea, calling it a simple and inexpensive way to call attention to the library support issue.

The ribbon, inspired by the AIDS red ribbon, is "library blue" --- the same color as the universal library logo. Dufault said the committee hopes the wearing of the blue ribbon will become part of the National Library Week tradition.

The theme for National Library Week 1993 (and 1994) is "Libraries Change Lives." Members of the public are being asked to "Write for America's Libraries" to register their support and share how the library made a difference in their lives. The campaign continues the "Rally for America's Libraries" campaign launched in 1991 to focus public attention on library funding problems. A free poster and tip sheet, underwritten by the Grolier Educational Corporation, is available from the ALA Public Information Office, 800-545-2433, ext. 5044/5041.

ROUNDTABLE FOR NEWER ACADEMIC LAW LIBRARIANS TO MEET IN BOSTON

The first Roundtable for Newer Academic Law Librarians will be held at the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston. Scheduled for Sunday, 1:30-3:30 p.m., the program will consist of a panel of three speakers, Nancy Johnson (Georgia State), Don Dunn (Western New England), and Rhea Ballard (Georgia State).

The panel will be moderated by Pam Deemer (Emory) and will be followed by small group discussions led by Glen-Peter Ahlers (Arkansas), Grace Mills (CUNY), and Jane Underwood (Capital). The format was chosen to foster participation by attendees; we ain't letting the *old timers* in!

All academic law librarians with less than five years experience are encouraged to attend. Tell your friends, tell your colleagues (but don't tell your boss).

Glen-Peter Ahlers

AALL LIAISON TO THE ALA INTERLIBRARY LOAN COMMITTEE REPORT

Document delivery and the revision of the National Interlibrary Loan Code (NILC) were among the topics discussed at the Midwinter Meeting of ALA in Denver, Colorado. The Subcommittee on the Code finalized the draft of the NILC which was renamed, National Interlibrary Loan Code for the United States, 199x. The draft will be published this spring and hearings will be held at the ALA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana in June.

Reports from IFLA, RLIN, Library of Congress, Center for Research Libraries, UMI, British Library Document Supply Centre, CISTI and OCLC were presented at the ILL Discussion Group. BLDSOC announced they are working on an online system to standardize requests so that they can pass requests on to British universities. RLIN announced 500 Ariel stations were sold and enhancements such as increased scanner capabilities are in process.

Mary Williamson of Wisconsin Interlibrary Services in Madison chaired the ILL Committee meetings. The Committee discussed a revision of the FAX guidelines which will be revised to include document delivery, a final version will be presented at the ALA Annual Meeting.

Interlibrary loan report continued

Also on the agenda was a report on the program sponsored by the Interlibrary Loan Committee and RASD CODES to be held at ALA, Sunday June 27, 1993. The program was described as "document development or collection development ILL meet." Speakers will outline the delivery models they use, e.g., Scholars Express, CARL, etc., and discuss how the service was set up, cost recovery, implementation and user satisfaction.

The last item of business was to endorse the new Guidelines for the Loan of Rare and Unique Materials. The Guidelines will be published as a separate document and not as an appendix to the National Interlibrary Loan Code for the United States as was discussed at earlier meetings.

I enjoyed participating in the meeting and am willing to send more information to anyone who asks. Also, I am interested in hearing from anyone who has something they would like me to pass on to ALA or any questions for the ALA Interlibrary Loan Committee. Please contact me at South Texas College of Law at 713/646-1721; FAX 713/659-2217; Email JOMP70700.1347.

Monica Ortale

The American Association of Law Libraries

Call for Papers

**Submission Deadline:
Friday, April 30, 1993**

See December, 1992,
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for details

WORTH READING

Directory of Law-Related CD-ROMs 1993. Compiled and edited by Arlene Eis, published by Infosources Publishing, this is the only guide of its type available. It sells for \$44.00, plus \$5.00 shipping. A newsletter, **LAW-RELATED CD-ROM UPDATE**, is published three times a year at a charter subscription rate of \$39.00 per year. The **Directory** consists of these main sections: 1. CD-ROM Product List, 2. Publisher/Distributor List, 3. Search Software Index, and 4. Subject Index. Over 240 products are described, including CD-ROM sources of state cases and regulatory material. Infosources Publishing can be reached at (201) 836-7062.

1992 Annual Meeting Handout Materials. Microfiche packets are still available from Ronda Bedgood at AALL Headquarters for \$5.00. Audiotapes of Annual Meeting Programs and Workshops may also be ordered directly from MOBILTAPE, INC. For example, if you want to publish (and build your resume!), an excellent program was offered at the 1991 New Orleans AALL meeting. Just order #91AALL-D4, **Designing, Conducting, Writing and Publishing Research Projects in Law Librarianship** and you're on your way to becoming an accomplished, successful professional author.

○ SECOND MIDWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF LAW LIBRARIES

A number of excellent programs were offered at the Second Midwest Regional Conference of Law Libraries held in Columbus, Ohio on November 1-3, 1992. The fourteen conference programs covered a wide variety of topics including copyright, ADR, public access to law libraries, INTERNET access, environmental law, legislative history research, ethics for law librarians, and understanding the KF tables. Brief descriptions of some of the programs are provided below. Persons interested in receiving the pathfinders and research aids provided at the conference may contact individual program moderators and speakers to determine availability of the material.

The copyright program, moderated by Janice Selberg of Wayne State University Law Library, featured attorney Charles Burpee, Robert Weiner of the Copyright Clearance Center, and William Lindbergh of West Publishing Company. The speakers discussed recent developments in copyright law and ramifications for law libraries.

The program provided a general introduction to copyright law. Mr. Burpee focused first on the "exclusive rights" granted to an owner of a copyright: the right to reproduce the copyrighted work, to prepare derivative works based upon it, and the rights to publicly distribute, perform, and display the copyrighted work. He then examined two exceptions to "exclusive rights" that are applicable to law libraries. The "fair use" exception is a common law doctrine now codified in the Copyright Act of 1976. Whether a particular use of a copyrighted work constitutes "fair use" is determined by analyzing a nonexhaustive list of factors. Four important factors to consider are 1) whether the use is for commercial purposes or for nonprofit educational purposes; 2) whether the nature of the copyrighted work involves creativity and originality; 3) whether the portion used is quantitatively and qualitatively a substantial part of the entire copyrighted work, and 4) whether the use results in a substantially adverse impact on the value of the copyrighted work or on the potential market for the work.

The second exception to "exclusive rights" concerns reproduction of copyrighted works by libraries and archives. To qualify for the exemption a library must be open to the public or to persons who research in areas represented in the library's collection. The library cannot profit from copying the work, may make only one copy, and must place a copyright notice on the copies made from the original. Libraries may use this exemption to duplicate, for reasons of preservation or security, an unpublished work held in the collection. Libraries may also entirely copy a published work held in the collection if the original work is damaged or lost and a replacement cannot be found for a fair price.

The copyright discussion produced a number of questions from the audience. In most instances the questioners sought guidance in applying copyright requirements to daily library activity. The interest generated by the program indicated that law librarians are increasingly concerned with copyright law and the way in which it can and does affect library operations.

A dialogue on Alternative Dispute Resolution offered program participants information on new developments in mediation and a good discussion of important issues in this area of law. Professor Nancy Rogers of Ohio State University College of Law, and Robert W. Rack, Jr., senior conference attorney for the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, discussed new ADR developments including extensive allocation of public resources to encourage the use of mediation, the use of public coercion, including court orders, to encourage participation in mediation programs, and the enormous scholarly interest in mediation and its coercive elements.

Professor Rogers and Mr. Rack debated several issues related to the use of mediation to pressure disputants to settle. For example, if settlement rates can be raised 30% by providing judges with mediator recommendations on resolving disputes, is this an appropriate use of mediation? If a party rejects a mediator's recommendation and at trial fails to improve upon the mediator's recommendation by 10%, is it appropriate to impose attorney's fees on the rejecting party? Is it good public policy to take these approaches? Will the quality of justice be affected? In what ways will mediation be changed? Although the debate raised more questions than it answered, it provided thoughtful discussion of new issues in mediation.

The program, "Public Access: Challenge or Opportunity?", offered many suggestions for dealing with day-to-day public service issues. Panelists Heather Braithwaite Simmons, Sheryl Summers, Frances Black, and moderator Lorraine Lorne addressed questions on fee-based services, repetitive reference questions, use of academic law libraries by outside groups, and demands for services not provided by the library. The panelists suggested that librarians develop a matrix to clearly point out services available free of charge

and services for which a fee is assessed. To deal with repetitive reference questions, the panel recommended developing research guides and pathfinders. Outside groups using academic law libraries should be contacted ahead of time to obtain the class syllabus and research topics. Patrons who request services not provided by the library should be informed of the library's mission, primary patron group, and relevant financial constraints.

Tips and rules of thumb for researching legislative history were offered by moderator Sally Holterhoff of Valparaiso University Law Library, and panelists Virginia Thomas of Loyola University Law Library, and Christopher Noble and Melanie Putnam of Ohio State University Law Library. The panelists supplied information and pathfinders on compiling federal legislative history and compiling state legislative history in Arkansas, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

During the INTERNET program, Carl Christenson of Marquette University Law Library provided information on INTERNET access for nonacademic law librarians. Mr. Christenson introduced the audience to the wonderful world of ARCHIE, WAIS, GOPHER, and ftp. The audience received lists of network providers organized by geographic region, lists of free and fee-based catalogs and databases accessible on the INTERNET, and lists of available BITNET and INTERNET conferences. Mr. Christenson also provided information on the twenty most commonly asked questions about the INTERNET including, "what it is?", "who runs it?", "do I have access?", "how do I get to it?", and, most importantly, "what will it cost?". The program was well attended by law firm and academic librarians interested in access to the wealth of information available on the networks.

Cory Skurdal

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APRIL 15-17 SWALL ANNUAL MEETING, ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. CONTACT: KAY SCHLUETER, STATE LAW LIBRARY, AUSTIN, TX., 512/463-1722; FAX: 512/463-1728.

APRIL 15-17 SEALL ANNUAL MEETING, CHARLESTON, W.V. THE SEALL INSTITUTE ON THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1993, WILL FOCUS ON COMPUTER NETWORKING IN LAW LIBRARIES, INCLUDING USE OF THE INTERNET. THE THEME OF THE CONFERENCE, "WEST VIRGINIA PATCHWORK PIECING IT ALL TOGETHER" REFLECTS THE INTERESTING AND TIMELY TOPICS THAT ARE FEATURED ON THE PROGRAM. KEYNOTE ADDRESSES WILL BE BY AALL BOARD MEMBER JIM HAMBLETON, AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY COMMISSION. CONTACT: CAMILLE RILEY, 304/293-5309.

APRIL 18-24 NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK. THEME IS "LIBRARIES CHANGE LIVES."

APRIL 20 LEGISLATIVE DAY. SPONSORED BY ALA, SLA, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE ALA WASHINGTON OFFICE, BOX 54, 110 MARYLAND AVE NE, WASHINGTON, DC 20002.

MAY 17-19 "MAKING WAVES," CALL '93! HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA. SPONSORED BY THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES. PROGRAM INCLUDES SESSIONS ON THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, CROWN COPYRIGHT AND HEALTH LAW. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: MARGARET MURPHY, CALL 1993 CPC CHAIR, C/O LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY OF NOVA SCOTIA, P.O. BOX 396, HALIFAX, N.S. B3J 2P8. TELEPHONE: 902/424-5932; FAX: 902/424-4700.

JUNE 5-10 SLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, CINCINNATI, OHIO.

JUNE 26-JULY 1 ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, NEW ORLEANS, LA

JULY 5-9 "LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT SKILLS", AALL SUMMER INSTITUTE, WESTERN NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE SCHOOL OF LAW, SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS. INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO MEMBERS IN EARLY MARCH, 1993.

JULY 6-9 "INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS", AALL SUMMER INSTITUTE, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS. INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO MEMBERS IN EARLY MARCH, 1993.

JULY 10-15 AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES ANNUAL MEETING. "LAW LIBRARIES: THE NEXT GENERATION," HYNES CONVENTION CENTER, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

AUGUST 17-21 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES 12TH COURSE, "SPAIN, EUROPE & LATIN AMERICA: REGIONAL LEGAL SYSTEMS & THEIR LITERATURE", BARCELONA, SPAIN. CONTACT: ROBERTA SHAFFER, IALL SECRETARY @ 202/662-6152 OR WRITE TO: IALL, P.O. BOX 5709, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016-1309.

AUGUST 22-26 IFLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, BARCELONA, SPAIN.

SEPTEMBER 25-OCTOBER 2 BANNED BOOKS WEEK.

OCTOBER 14-16 MAALL ANNUAL MEETING, LITTLE ROCK, AR. CONTACT: LORI WEISS, 816/474-6550; FAX: 816/421-5547; EMAIL: ABA15877, MCI: SHOOK.

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JUNE 11-16 SLA ANNUAL MEETING, ATLANTA, GA.

JUNE 21-30 ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, MIAMI, FL.

JULY 9-14 AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES ANNUAL MEETING, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON!!!

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APRIL 9-15 THE NATIONAL LEGAL RESEARCH TEACH-IN, SPONSORED BY THE RESEARCH INSTRUCTION CAUCUS OF THE AALL

JUNE 10-15 SLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, MONTREAL, CANADA.

JUNE 24-29 ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

JULY 15-20 AALL ANNUAL MEETING, PITTSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA.

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APRIL 14-21 NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

JUNE 8-13 SLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

JUNE 20-27 ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, ORLANDO, FLORIDA.

JULY 6-11 AALL ANNUAL MEETING, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

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APRIL 13-19 NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

JUNE 26-JULY 3 ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

JULY 19-24 AALL ANNUAL MEETING, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

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