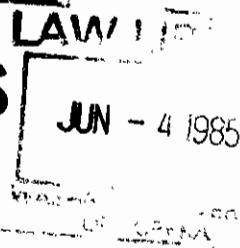


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Dear Academic SIS Members:

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this year's SIS program at the New York annual meeting entitled "Legal Education for the Practice of Law: Today's Challenges and Tomorrow's Needs" on Monday, July 8th. Sandra Coleman, our Vice President/President Elect, has put together an outstanding roster of speakers. Also plan to attend the reception at Fordham Law School immediately following the program, (and bring your friends; this will be open to all academic law librarians.) It promises to be an exciting evening!

The business meeting for the Academic SIS has been tentatively scheduled for Sunday July 7 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. This SIS is still relatively

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new, but has a healthy membership size which continues to increase. While we have a few ongoing projects such as sharing of information on legal bibliography instruction, the SIS could benefit from a healthy discussion of mission and future goals. This is precisely what we would like to talk about in New York and participation will be most welcome. This SIS has relatively few active members and it would be an excellent choice for those who would like to become involved in activities of the Association. So please come to the business meeting and bring your ideas!

Last but not least, I would like to thank our Newsletter editor Jan Goldsmith, who has made a significant contribution to the SIS this year.

Barbara Gontrum

#### ACADEMIC LAW LIBRARY NEWS

##### Columbia University Law Library, New York, New York

The three major RLIN law libraries in New York City, Columbia University Law Library, New York University Law Library, and the Library of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, have started working towards creating a shared online bibliographic utility. The network, known as LINNY, (Legal Information Network of New York), is still in the planning and fund raising stage, but some steps have been taken to acclimatize the institutions to a sense of mutual reliance.

The ultimate ambition for LINNY is to have a single sophisticated micro-computer driven bibliographic database and processor, which would be shared by the three libraries. This computer will be designed to support a variety of functions, including acquisitions, serials control, cataloging, circulation, and an online catalog. It is also hoped that a menu driven processor/modem device will be used to provide a seamless access to a variety of outside suppliers, such as the main RLIN database or the wide range of online indices.

In the interim, certain steps have been taken to facilitate informational exchange among the member libraries. These range from simple informal agreements on acquisitions to substantial investments in standardized equipment. The first steps were rough attempts to streamline collection development, such as an understanding between NYU and Columbia that most Commonwealth multiple edition treatises would be bought by each institution in alternate editions, Columbia buying the even numbered editions and NYU the odd. In August of 1982, Columbia and NYU bought Telefacsimile machines, which have been used to speed up the Interlibrary Loan process. The telefax machines have become indispensable to both parties.

The most recent step has been the co-ordinated purchase by all three of the institutions of INNOVACQ support systems for serials control and acquisitions. Each library has an independent system, but the LINNY members have arranged with Innovative Interfaces Inc. to develop a telephone based communication system, so the libraries will be able to look at each other's serials and acquisitions records directly. This should lead to a more sophisticated collection development interdependence and a much faster and more reliable Interlibrary Loan process.

These preliminary steps are important in discovering how far libraries are willing to go in evolving a balance between the immediate needs of the institution and the perceived benefits of resource sharing. Many libraries have expressed a need for some sort of mutual reliance, but few are willing or are really able to gamble on the success of a program of this sort. The programs of the consortium which have been created have been financed from within. The next major steps will take substantial capital, and it is this fund-raising process which is going on now.

Kent McKeever

Lewis and Clark Law School, Portland, Oregon

Lewis and Clark Law Library has purchased two IBM PC's this year. The initial PC was placed in the Faculty Library and has received extensive use. The second replaced one of the Library's LEXIS terminals, and is being used for database searching, as well as for internal record keeping and report generation. Both Lotus and D-Base III software are being used. Several staff members have joined the electronic discussion groups LAW FORUM and LAW LIBRARY.

Legal Information Access Systems, the Library's subscription program for the legal community, is in its fifth year of operation. Currently providing services for 37 subscribers and handling an average of 35 ad hoc requests monthly, LIAS offers check-out of library materials, photocopies, access to online databases and research services. Monthly averages for 1983/84 showed the following activity: 136 requests for photocopying, 56 searches, and 21 requests for research. Sam Simpson, Systems Librarian and former Manager of Legal Information Access Systems, will discuss the program at the New York AALL convention during a panel on fee-based information services.

Lauri Flynn

University of California  
Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, CA

Hastings College of the Law Library is one of several test sites in the country for Innovative Interfaces Public Access

Catalog. Four terminals have been added for public use. These will complement the five already in use for acquisitions and serials check-in. During March, 1985, the Hastings Law Library was the first to have the new enhancements of the Innovacq software installed on their system. The new software makes Innovacq truly an integrated online library system. Order and check-in records will now be attached to a full bibliographic record in MARC format.

Linda Weir

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

The UCLA Law Library is hosting a one-day convocation of the Law Library Council of the University of California, which includes Hastings College of the Law, UC Davis School of Law, The School of Law at UC Berkeley, (Boalt Hall), and UCLA School of Law. This is the third convocation of the Council since 1980. The morning session will consist of departmental meetings, which give those in similar positions at each library an opportunity to share ideas and problems. The late morning and afternoon sessions will include demonstrations of ORION, UCLA's on-line information system, UCLA Law library tours, library automation, and "the public services obligation." The UCLA Law Library staff is looking forward to welcoming our colleagues from the other campuses.

Jan Goldsmith

University of Utah Law Library, Salt Lake City, Utah

The University of Utah Law Library is hooked into the Law School's Novelle Network of IBM-compatible PC's. This local area network has allowed us to experiment with WESTLAW downloading, word processing, electronic mail and some data base applications for indexing audio-visual materials. Using this exposure, we have decided to seek funding for a microcomputer laboratory to be housed in the law library. Another Novelle network will be installed with a 60 megabyte hard disk drive, which will allow shared access to a word-processing program, WESTLAW training, and other data base searching for law students. This classroom will be used for the CCALI exercises and for any other law class applications as the faculty become more adventuresome. Law students, when the lab-classroom is not in use for official purposes, will be able to use the PC's for individual projects. At this point, a system-wide modem hook-up for WESTLAW access is still being developed but it is expected to be finished by late summer so that each PC will be interactive with WESTLAW in a classroom setting. Between the 16 PC's will be 8 monitors so that students will see what the instructor is demonstrating and then try it on their own.

Martha C. Byrnes

Villanova University, Arthur Pulling Law Library, Villanova, PA

The Arthur Pulling Law Library has received approval of plans to significantly renovate several major areas of the library.

Students will have more study spaces and more types of environments in which to study. By storing a portion of the infrequently used book collection in St. Mary's Hall and by making other modifications to the shelving facilities, 70-80 additional study spaces will be created. In addition, 8 glass-enclosed group study rooms holding 4-6 students each will be constructed in the periodicals area. These rooms will offer students a study environment not previously available in the law library.

Growth of the library's book collections will be accommodated by the addition of the St. Mary's facility, by the addition of new shelving in the Reading Room, and by the installation of movable (compact) shelving in a portion of the lower stacks level of the library.

A Computerized Research and Study Center will be created to accommodate the growing number of computer terminals and related hardware now in the library. A modern and attractive Microform Collection Facility will be created by conversion of an existing room. This facility will allow the library's microform collection to be assembled in one location rather than four, and joined with the necessary reading and printing equipment.

Four offices will be reconfigured or created to accommodate staff and to house services more efficiently.

It is expected that these renovations will have a great impact on students' use of the library, offering them a greater variety of study environments and providing them with improved library research services.

Alan Holoch

Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA

Washington and Lee's retrospective conversion project of approximately 18,000 titles will be 97% completed by June. The 97% represents the percentage of titles found in OCLC. The other 3% will be searched a second time before being input. The project took one half-time person working evenings about 16 months to complete.

LEXIS and WESTLAW teaching at Washington and Lee has been a cooperative effort. All five professional librarians participated in teaching one-hour sessions to groups of three law students for both LEXIS and WESTLAW. One half of the 120 students were taught in each service each semester. Librarians were given special training and review sessions by representatives of both companies before beginning training each semester.

Lee Warthen

**AALL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE SEEKS CANDIDATES FOR 1986/87 AALL ELECTIONS**

Please suggest candidates for:

- V/P - President Elect
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Executive Board (4 candidates for 2 slots)

Consider past AALL Chapter, Committee and SIS work in your selection of a nominee.

Review accomplishments of members in your own organizations, and recommend someone you think is ready for leadership challenge of an AALL office.

Complete the form below and send to 1986/87 AALL Nominations Committee Chairman, Anita K. Shew, 141 Court Street, Hamilton, Ohio 45011.

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**CANDIDATES FOR THE 1986/87 ELECTION**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution/Firm of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Suggested: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you advised the person that you are submitting his/her name:

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Association Activities and Service of Individual:

Professional Experience and Accomplishments of Individual:

If you have additional suggestions, please provide the same information on another copy of this form or on another sheet.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK --



Invite your friends and colleagues  
to join you at the

**ACADEMIC SIS PROGRAM AND RECEPTION**

**MONDAY, JULY 8**

**"Legal Education and the Practice of Law:  
Today's Challenges and Tomorrow's Needs"**

**3 - 5 p.m. Program**

Consider the impact of changes in the practice of law and  
legal education on library resources and services with:

- Robert McKay, Professor, NYU School of Law and  
President, Association of the Bar of the City of  
New York
- Charles Halpern, Dean, CUNY Law School at Queens  
College
- Kathleen Imholz, Partner, Conboy, Hewitt, O'Brien  
& Boardman, New York City
- Leona Vogt, Director, Program on the Legal  
Profession, Harvard Law School

**5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Reception**

Then take a short stroll (yes! fresh air and sunshine!) to the  
Fordham Law School for a glass of wine, some fruit and cheese.

The F.W. FAXON COMPANY is helping the Academic SIS start  
a new tradition by sponsoring a post-program reception for SIS  
members and friends.

Catch up on the news, put together a dinner group, see the  
Fordham Law School or just take a break before an evening  
program - whatever your reason - come and enjoy! and bring  
your friends.