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#### THE FIRST ISSUE

When the section membership met at the AALL convention in St. Louis in late June, the major point of agreement was that a newsletter should be produced. Here is our first effort. We hope to shape future issues according to the expressed desires of the membership.

Let us know what you wish to see.

Bob, Jenni, Byron

#### AUTOMATOME'S MASTHEAD

*Many thanks to Marilyn Nicely, Acquisitions Librarian at the O.U. Law Library and Jan Obermiller, Administrative Secretary at O.U., for their help in creating the masthead. Jan's assistance in the production of this first issue of AUTOMATOME was invaluable and deeply appreciated.*

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 22-24

FEDERAL COMPUTER CONFERENCE  
Washington, D.C. - Sheraton Washington Hotel  
Contact: Federal Computer Conference  
P. O. Box 368  
Wayland, MA 01778  
(617) 358-5181

CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
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- October 5-10 AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR INFORMATION SCIENCE (ASIS)  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
Anaheim, CA--Disneyland Hotel  
Contact: American Society for Information  
Science  
1010 Sixteenth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006
- October 6-9 INFO '80  
New York City--New York Coliseum  
Contact: Clapp & Poliak, Inc.  
245 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10017  
(212) 661-8410
- October 14-16 MINI/MICRO '80  
San Francisco  
Contact: Robert D. Rankin, Managing Director  
Mini/Micro '80  
32302 Camino Capistrano, Suite 202  
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675
- November 10-11 UPDATE '80  
San Francisco  
Contact: Lockheed Dialog  
3251 Hanover Street  
Palo Alto, CA 94304
- November 12-14 ONLINE '80  
San Francisco - San Francisco Hilton Hotel  
Contact: Online '80  
11 Tannery Lane  
Weston, CT 06883  
(203) 227-8466

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CURRENT READINGS

JOURNALS AND NEWSLETTERS SCANNED:

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY LIBRARIES  
DATA CHANNELS  
DATA MANAGEMENT  
INFORMATION HOTLINE  
INFORMATION MANAGER  
INFORMATION WORLD  
INFOSYSTEMS  
JOURNAL OF LIBRARY AUTOMATION  
ONLINE  
ONLINE REVIEW  
RUTGERS JOURNAL: COMPUTERS, TECHNOLOGY AND LAW

TO BE CHECKED FOR FUTURE ISSUES:

COMPUTER/LAW JOURNAL  
COMPUTERWORLD  
DATABASE  
DATAMATION  
JURIMETRICS JOURNAL

CURRENT READINGS - ARTICLES OF INTEREST

"1985: New Technology for Libraries," Library Journal, July 1980, pp. 1473-1478.

*LJ's editors wrote to 20 top executives in information companies asking them to describe the library of 1985. This article includes some of those responses.*

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"The Social Repercussions of an 'Information Society,'" by Jack Magarell. The Chronicle of Higher Education, June 30, 1980, pp. 1 and 10.

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"Automated Legal Research and Litigation Support: Comparisons and Contrasts," by Ronald A. Rust (of Balcom & Rust, Inc., a consulting firm in Washington, D.C.), Online, July 1980, pp. 12-15.

*Concise overview of the commercial legal research data bases currently available (LEXIS and WESTLAW) and a brief description of what litigation support systems are all about. This is followed by a succinct listing of similarities and differences between the two types of systems.*

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"WESTLAW: A Database Review and Searching Primer" by Eric L. Welsh, Head of Reference Services, Dade County Law Library, Online, July 1980, p. 16-23.

*A description of WESTLAW's content with some searching samples provided.*

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"U.S. Government Publications: Their Value, Online Accessibility and Availability for International Information Needs," by Bernice S. Usdane, Online Services Manager, Congressional Information Services, Inc., Online Review, June 1980, pp. 143-151.

*Describes six commercial databases and six government databases which access U.S. government publications with a special emphasis on databases exclusively devoted to such documents.*

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"Information Washington: White House Info Expands with Center," by Amelia Manning, Information World, July 1980, pp. 6-7.

*Discusses the new information center in the Executive Office of the President (EOP) and its connection with the OMB library facility in the New Executive Office Building. Of special interest is the discussion of information retrieval services provided by the EOP Information Center.*

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"Everything You Always Wanted to Know May Soon Be On-Line," by  
Walter Kiechel III, Fortune, May 5, 1980, p. 226 et seq.

*An interesting exposition of how on-line databases are changing  
the business person's (and lawyer's) world.*

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FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN MICROCOMPUTERS.

"The Microcomputer Revolution," by Howard Fosdick. Library Journal,  
July 1980, pp. 1467-1472.

"The Use of Microcomputers in Libraries," by Allan D. Pratt. Journal  
of Library Automation, March 1980, pp. 7-17.

*Both articles give basic descriptions of microcomputers and their  
uses in library setting and both articles list the major microcomputer  
journals. Fosdick's article also includes a bibliography of recent  
books and articles on microcomputers.*

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#### SUBSCRIPTIONS WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED FREE:

##### CLSI Newsletter of Library Automation

Contact: Editor  
CLSI Newsletter of Library Automation  
81 Norwood Avenue  
Newtonville, MA 02160  
Published quarterly.

##### The Information Manager

Contact: The Information Manager  
250 Fulton Avenue  
Hempstead, NY 11550  
Published quarterly and is available free to qualified infor-  
mation managers (for others it is \$12/yr.)

##### Disclosure Online News

Contact: Disclosure, Inc.  
5161 River Road  
Washington, D.C. 20016  
(800) 638-8076

#### COMING IN A FUTURE ISSUE.....

BOB GRUNDY IS CURRENTLY COMPILING A SURVEY ON THE USE OF COM-  
PUTERS. IT WILL BE MAILED TO MEMBERS OF THIS SPECIAL INTEREST  
SECTION AND OTHER LAW LIBRARIANS LATER IN THE FALL. IF THERE ARE  
PARTICULAR QUESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE INCLUDED IN THE SURVEY  
PLEASE ADDRESS YOUR SUGGESTIONS TO BOB AT CONOCO IN HOUSTON. THE  
RESULTS OF THE SURVEY WILL BE PUBLISHED IN A FUTURE ISSUE OF THIS  
NEWSLETTER.