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EDITOR'S NOTE:

This issue is the last for 1981-82. The editor wishes to thank those of you who contributed information and articles.

PROGRAM OF THE AUTOMATION SIS IN DETROIT SET

James Sprowl Research Attorney for the ABF and author of many works on computers and the law will speak on legal publication storage and retrieval developments. Mr. Sprowl is an Instructor and Associate Professor at Chicago-Kent and Northwestern Law Schools and has developed a programming language for automatic forms generation called ABF.

Layman Allen, a Professor of Law at the University of Michigan Law School, has published widely in legal literature and is currently interested in the epistemology and logic of law. His topic will focus on current needs of attorneys to access law in an interactive mode and the new forms of storage and retrieval for law.

Duncan Webb, Assistant State Law Librarian for Michigan, has designed a full text retrieval system for state agency decisions. It is called the Michigan Legal Database. His topic will focus on the needs of public law library users in the Freedom of Information era. Mr. Webb has taught such subjects as computers and the law, systems security and systems design.

The program is scheduled for Tuesday, June 15, 1982, from 9 am to 11 am. Check your program for the room number. The business meeting is expected to follow.

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LAW LIBRARY AUTOMATION NEWS

BYU's J. Reuben Clark Law School Library has an operational automated circulation system using Viewpoint computers with an Apple II Plus back-up. It is exploring integrated automated circulation system.

Plans are also in progress studying total automation of the law school including the Library, law school publications, faculty and student activities and facilities.

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RECENT BOOKS

Tapper, Colin. Computer Law - 2d ed. London: Langman, 1982. ISBN 0 582 497027

Computer Law 1981: Acquiring Computer Goods and Services. NY: Practising Law Institute 1981. LC 81-83090

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AUTOMATION & SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT
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ANNUAL REPORT

The two major activities this year have been the publication of a newsletter, Automatome, and the planning of a program for the Detroit conference entitled: "Automation Administration: Project Management After the Decision to Automate."

The two major problems facing the SIS at this juncture are: a) identifying the information needs of members in regard to automation, and b) deciding how and where to focus our efforts to satisfy those needs. Part of the difficulty lies in the overlap of automation interests among the special interest sections. More coordination with the Online Bibliographic Services SIS and the Technical Services SIS should be a goal for the future. Joint meetings on automation administration will be a first step toward such coordination. A questionnaire polling law librarians on their automation needs and desires is long overdue. This will be one of the projects for next year when Duncan Webb assumes the chairmanship of the SIS.

This year program planning has been the responsibility of Duncan Webb while the newsletter has been largely the product of Tom Steele's editorial efforts. They are both to be congratulated on jobs well done.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenni Parrish
Chair

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C A L E N D A R

DATE	PLACE	EVENT
June 12-16	Detroit	AALL Annual Meeting - Check program for Business Meeting
June 15	Detroit	AALL Automation SIS Program 9 am to 11 am
June 21-22	Baltimore	EDUCOM Seminar on "Managing Microcomputers on Campus" PHONE: (609) 734-1549
June 21-22	Boston	American Institute for Professional Education: "Software: A Legal Briefing for EDP Professionals" PHONE: (201) 377-7400
June 23	Baltimore	EDUCOM Seminar on "How to Use Videodisc in Higher Education" PHONE: (609) 734-1549
June 23-24	Boston	EDUCOM Seminar on "Managing Microcomputers on Campus" PHONE: (609) 734-1549
June 25	Boston	EDUCOM Seminar on "How to Use Videodisc in Higher Education" PHONE: (609) 734-1549
June 28-29	San Diego	American Institute for Professional Education "Software: A Legal Briefing for EDP Professionals" PHONE: (201) 377-7400
June 28-30	Kansas City	National Educational Computing Conference CONTACT: E. Michael Staman, NECC-82 General Chairman, University of Missouri-Columbia, Computer Services, 305 Jesse Hall, Columbia, Missouri 65211

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