National scholars in the field of Law and Literature and renowned law librarians highlight the program for the 1990 Annual Meeting in Oxford, Mississippi. The program, "An Anthology of Issues Facing Law Librarians," includes some familiar faces to members of the Southeastern Chapters, but some newcomers as well. Concurrent programs in most time periods offer interesting and diverse alternatives for attendees. The dates for the Annual Meeting are Friday, April 6 (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) and Saturday, April 7, 1990 (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon).

The first program, "Law and Literature: An Overview", presents Professor John O. Cole of Mercer University School of Law. Professor Cole has written in the field of law and literature, most notably in 39 Mercer Law Review 907 (1988), "Thoughts from the Land Of And." He will be joined in the second program by Professor Teresa Phelps of Notre Dame University and Professor Sally Wiant of Washington and Lee University. The panel discussion will further explore topics raised by Professor Cole in his keynote presentation. Professor Phelps' article in the same issue of the Mercer Law Review examines "The Story of the Law in Huckleberry Finn." Professor Wiant will present a law librarian's point of view and discuss the implications of collecting in other disciplines, such as literature, on the law library budget.

Susan Pinckard, Cataloger at Alston and Bird, and Mary E. Johns, Head of Cataloging at LSU Law Library, offer an interesting examination of "Legal Literature: A Class in LC Classification" as an alternative to the panel discussion. The program presents classification instruction and advice for both experienced catalogers and newcomers to the LC classification. Break-out sessions provide the best avenue for instruction with Ms. Pinckard and Ms. Johns leading discussions and providing instructions for librarians with different needs. Stephen Dennis, Executive Director of the National Center for Preservation Law, will entertain attendees after lunch with his presentation about William Faulkner. Mr. Dennis holds a Ph.D. in American Literature (with a focus on William Faulkner) in addition to his J.D. degree. He will discuss Faulkner’s life with some emphasis on Faulkner’s homeplace.

After lunch on Friday, April 6, librarians may choose between two programs. The first choice (we promise) is "Abortion Law Rhetoric." Locating a presenter for the program has been a problem. Three different speakers have had to cancel due to pressing needs at their respective positions. The Committee is still searching for an informative and interesting speaker. The focus of the program will be an update on abortion law in the United States and a discussion of the direction of the courts is this very important area. J.J. Hayden of SOLINET is the speaker of the concurrent program, "PC Basics: Part One."
Mr. Hayden will cover some of the basics of microcomputer operations in Part One of his presentation and will return for a second session in the afternoon with more detailed information about making use of microcomputers in the library environment. The other choice in the afternoon is Stephen Dennis and his presentation about "Historic Preservation Law: Buildings Not Books." Mr. Dennis, the Executive Director of the National Center for Preservation Law (and, yes, the luncheon speaker) is a leading authority in the field of historic preservation. Additionally, he has spent time in the Oxford, Mississippi area and might be able to offer some comments about the efforts made in Oxford to preserve its buildings.

Saturday programs focus on several interesting issues facing law librarians. The first choice for librarians will be "Cataloging and Control of Non-Print/Alternative Media Formats". John P. Bissett, Cataloging Librarian at Washington and Lee University, and Catherine Swanson, Technical Services Librarian at the University of Mississippi, serve as the presenters. Both have substantial experience cataloging legal materials. The other choice during this program period is University of Pittsburgh Law Library Director Jenni Parrish and her presentation on "Southern Legal History: Background and Resources." Professor Parrish is well-known as an authority in the legal history area. She is currently working on projects about early judicial history in the southern states.

The second time period on Saturday morning offers Rosalie M. Sanderson, Reference Librarian at the University of Florida, and Anne Caputor, Manager of DIALOG Classroom Instructions Program, discussing the DIALOG pilot project at the Law Library of University of Florida. Ms. Sanderson is supervisor of the special program which provides law students access to the many databases in the DIALOG service. She will discuss the use of the service and its value to legal researchers. Ms. Caputor will discuss the program and the options for other law school libraries. The final program focuses on "Building a Basic Foreign/International Law Collection (law firms and small academic). The presenter for this program is Claire Germain, Associate Director of the Duke Law Library and a well-known authority and author in the international law field. Ms. Germain will offer advice to law firm librarians and law librarians in smaller law libraries regarding library collections, valuable resources, and the use of these resources.

The 1989-90 Program Committee consists of Donna Bennett (Northern Kentucky University), Rick Buchanan (College of William and Mary), Herb C. Cihak (University of Mississippi), Timothy Coggins (University of North Carolina), Claire Engel (Kilpatrick and Cody), Robert Munro (University of Florida), Alva Stone (Florida State University), and Anne Washburn (Smith, Helms, Mullis & Moore). Contact members of the Committee for more information about the program.
MARK your calendar now for these programs and plan to be in Oxford, Mississippi.