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## THE CRUISE!

The 1989 Annual Meeting aboard the cruise ship S.S. Dolphin was a smashing success. A review of the meeting begins on page 9.

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## 1990 MEETING IN MISSISSIPPI

The University of Mississippi Law Library has planned some special events for the 1990 Annual Meeting in Oxford. For any William Faulkner enthusiasts, this is one meeting not to miss. Many of you have already read about William Faulkner and Oxford in the March issue of National Geographic [see Morris, Faulkner's Mississippi, 175 Nat'l Geographic 312-39 (1989)].

Members attending the Chapter meeting will be treated to a picnic lunch at Rowan Oak, William Faulkner's home, and a tour of the house and grounds. Other plans include a Mississippi catfish fry, dessert at Square Books (a bookstore located on the town square--hence the name), a special concert of Mississippi Delta Blues music, and a screening of "Intruder in the Dust".

Watch for more details in future issues of the newsletter. If you can, get a copy of the March issue of National Geographic and look closely at the woman in the right foreground of the photograph on page 322. That woman, the one sitting on the green and blue picnic blanket at Rowan Oak, listening to a reading of "A Rose for Emily" is Laura Cochran, wife of Chapter Vice-

President/President-Elect Wes Cochran. Even though only Laura's back (and backside) appear in the photograph, Wes said that he would recognize her anywhere.

Dr. Ellis Tucker  
Local Arrangements Committee Chair  
1990 SEAALL Annual Meeting

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## SEAALL BREAKFAST AT AALL

This is a reminder about the breakfast meeting in Reno on Monday, June 19, 1989 from 7:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. A registration form was included with your dues invoice. The deadline for registration is June 1, 1989. Any reservations needed after that date should be telephoned to the President, Mary Smith Forman, at 407-843-7860. Late registration fees will be collected at the breakfast.

Mary is hoping to set up a table at the meeting for people to exhibit their cruise photographs. So anyone who has pictures from the Cruise might like to bring them along to share with others.

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## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Invoices for annual membership dues were sent out recently. Annual dues are \$10.00 per member. This is to remind you that the deadline for payment is August 1, 1989. If you never received your notice, or if you have any questions, please contact the Treasurer, Diana Osbaldiston.

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## EDITOR'S CORNER

I would like to share with all of you a little note I got from Babe Russo who is retiring after the Reno Meeting. When I spoke with her on the phone recently, she told me how happy she was to have been included in our recent Annual Meeting aboard the cruise ship Dolphin. Well, enough of me, I will let Babe's words speak for themselves.

ANCHORS AWEIGH!!

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for making a most memorable cruise possible for me. Although it was a first for me, it will be long remembered because of your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Many, many thanks.

Love you,  
Babe

I am certain that I speak for all SEAALL members when I wish you all the best, Babe. You have been a true friend and you will truly be missed.

Michael J. Petit  
Editor

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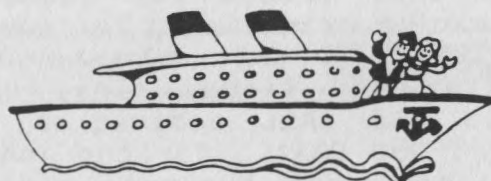
## CRUISE NEWS

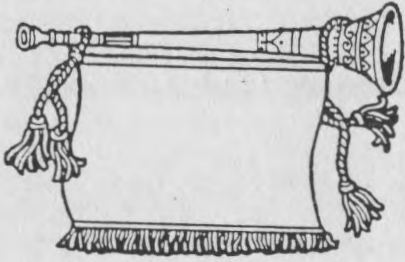
And the memories linger on...

- ...all-night bridge games
- ...trying to keep the ping pong ball from going overboard
- ...brisk early-morning walks on the deck (ten laps to a mile)
- ...ubiquitous photographers
- ...ships passing in the night
- ...food, food, food
- ..."dealer stays, pay 21"
- ...eye-opening programs (7 A.M.)
- ...Dramamine
- ...Babe Russo holding court in the Cafe Miramar
- ...dancing on the boat to Blue Lagoon Island
- ...junior librarians in the video-game room
- ...a distinguished company representative addressing an educational program audience in bare feet
- ...trying to look stylish in a life jacket
- ...Ed Edmonds' well-deserved distinguishing service award
- ...bargaining at the straw market
- ...the special interest certain crew members took in certain librarians
- ...the mysterious disappearing and reappearing luggage
- ...the porter at the Port of Miami asking for a SEALL T-shirt

- ...stretching out in a hammock
- ...trying to find the way to the Disco
- ..."Hi, David!"
- ...late night buffets
- ...Mike and Mary almost winning the Newlywed/Not-So-Newlywed Game
- ...people walking around with funny little patches behind their ears
- ...the Captain's reception
- ...mal de mer
- ...ice carvings
- ...brightly-colored fish at Blue Lagoon Island
- ...crab races
- ...who was that who slept through disembarking?
- ...one-armed bandits
- ...those cool evening breezes
- ...164 smiling librarians, vendors, family members and friends, from Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, Illinois, New York, D.C., Colorado, California, Minnesota, Hawaii and Canada

**Wes Daniels**  
Local Arrangements Chair





## *From The President*

This has been a creative and productive year for the Chapter. My thanks go to Wes Daniels, Wes Cochran and their respective committees for pulling off a spectacular meeting. You proved that we could do it! The meeting was wonderful in many ways, but the most special part of it had to be having Babe Russo with us. I did so enjoy getting to know you, Babe!

My major accomplishment for this year, personally, was seeing the Chapter through incorporation. We are now officially the SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES, INC. We were incorporated under the Laws of the State of Florida and I am currently serving as the registered agent. The next step in the process is to apply for tax-exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service under section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code. Our Articles of Incorporation (formerly known as our Constitution) and Bylaws will be reprinted in full in the next issue of the newsletter.

This is probably the busiest time of year for most law librarians: either law students are leaving or arriving for summer session and law clerks are invading the firms. Also, both SEAALL and AALL activities are gearing up: SEAALL for our annual educational and business meeting

followed by our business meeting at AALL, and AALL for the one week a year we have together for education, business, and fun.

Is it okay to say we have fun? Would our families and employers believe and understand us when we say we got educated and had fun all at the same time?! Our most recent SEAALL annual meeting aboard the S.S. Dolphin surely gives credence to the claim that we do have fun while being educated and tending to our chapter business.

In fact, a statement made during the cruise sums up, in my opinion, what really does make SEAALL (or SEALL!) so special--unique among professional groups of any type. The spouse of one of our members who attended the meeting this year, and who is a member of various professional organizations in his field, made the statement that it appeared to him that we didn't just get together to meet and exchange ideas--it appeared to him that members of SEAALL really care about each other and really are friends. What a nice compliment from an objective observer. And what's so nice about it is that it's the truth.

I've enjoyed my past two years as an officer in SEAALL--first in planning the Lexington meeting and then as President. In fact, I've thoroughly enjoyed my past seven years as a law librarian--in my own firm, in SEAALL, and in AALL. I had done other things before becoming a law librarian, both in and out of librarianship, and this part of the information industry, in my humble opinion (who ever said I was?!), is the place to be.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Reno and next year in Oxford and I look forward to working with Wes Cochran as he leads the Chapter onward!

**Mary Smith Forman**  
President

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S.E.A.A.L.L. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance as of January 11, 1988 \$7,146.30

Receipts

Chapter Dues \$110.00  
Donations for 1989 Chapter Meeting \$1,595.00  
Newsletter Advertising \$150.00  
Bank Interest \$161.82

Total Receipts \$2,016.82

Subtotal \$9,163.12

Expenditures

Scholarships \$1,800.00  
Newsletter Mailing and Labels \$91.18  
AALL Advertisement \$100.00  
Presentations \$174.16  
Dues Notices Printing \$56.70

Total Expenditures \$2,222.04

Balance as of May 1, 1989 \$6,941.08

NOTE:

The Local Arrangements Committee for the 1989 Chapter Meeting has sent a further \$1,595.00 to the treasury, which leaves a balance of \$555.00 owing. The Chair, Wes Daniels, advises that some accounts remain to be settled, but he is confident that the loan will be repaid.

Respectfully Submitted  
Diana Osbaldiston  
SEAALL Treasurer

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## FIGHTING ACID TWO WAYS

by Michael J. Lynch  
Florida State University Law Library

The problem of the deterioration of library collections due to disintegrating paper is familiar to all librarians. Many have taken some comfort from the knowledge that in books appearing in recent years the problem has been somewhat relieved. As we have been told, around 1950 synthetic substitutes for alum sizing made less acidic paper competitive with the quick-deteriorating paper used in most books for the previous hundred years. Many books since that time are printed on more durable papers even though that fact is not noted in the publishing information. More recently the increased availability and use of alkaline or "permanent" paper has been viewed as the solution to the problem.

Alkaline paper is the hope of the future, but there are conflicting reports as to how soon major improvements can be expected. At a recent symposium of the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry it was estimated that free sheet paper mills were being converted to alkaline production at a rate so fast that 25% of production in the United States and Europe is now alkaline, and within five years the proportion will reach 50%.<sup>1</sup>

On the other hand, a recent article<sup>2</sup> on the brittle book problem<sup>2</sup> suggested that, as of 1987, acidic paper had regained a

price advantage, and some publishers had returned to the use of very acidic papers with consequent deterioration assured. Whether or not this regression has continued it is likely that, if the motives for switching to alkaline paper are dependent solely on the relative prices of alkaline and acid paper, any progress can be quickly lost if new developments give acid a significant advantage.

While some books now appear with a notice that they are printed on alkaline paper, the practice is not widespread. It has been claimed that publishers fear such notices will complicate the reprint process if the new edition uses different paper. Perhaps there are other reasons; that one seems dubious.

Recent actions by committees of the American Library Association to encourage the use of durable paper have been in the usual mode of exhortations to virtue, which have little effect when confronted by market forces. A press release dated December 20, 1988, from the Association of Research Libraries notes advances, including a commitment by members of the Association of American University Presses to use permanent paper for most titles, and "a successful beginning...to persuade two major publishers...to switch to alkaline paper for first editions of hardcover trade books."<sup>3</sup> Senator Claiborne Pell is committed to pursuing a "National Policy on Permanent Papers" in Congress.

This writer will now suggest a simple, two-part legislative and regulatory approach which will not of itself solve the problem, but will certainly improve the present situation. Although it will



undoubtedly be disagreeable to the publishing business, this approach will not require extensive government interference with the trade.

(I). Every new book printed in or imported into this country after a given date shall state on its title page "NON-PERMANENT PAPER" if that is its unfortunate nature. The size of the type should be no smaller than that in which the publisher's name is printed.

(II). Any book which has been published for more than five years, without any edition of at least 2,000 copies having been printed on permanent paper, may thereafter be reprinted by anyone using permanent paper, upon payment of a small royalty to the copyright holder. The payment should be a small percentage of the wholesale price of the reprint, and should take into account that the book in question is no longer fresh and that its original publisher found it unworthy of preservation. It should be noted that the purpose of the law is to assure that books with a possibility of lasting value are protected from decay. Royalties should apply only to books actually sold. Reprinters should be permitted to act upon the good faith belief that no acid-free edition exists; some easy standard should be specified by which a would-be reprinter could establish his good faith belief. The right of reprinters should terminate upon the production of an acid-free edition by the copyright holder, with the right preserved to sell copies produced before notice of the holder's new edition.

The first provision, requiring the notice "NON-PERMANENT PAPER", relieves publishers of the alleged problem of keeping later reprints honest (they probably would find it easy to note improved paper in reprints; many already do). It

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seems fair that a serious defect, known to the seller, but not readily apparent, should be revealed to purchasers. Congressional action is not even needed since requiring such notices is one of the normal functions of the Federal Trade Commission. Such a notice should add the author's pride to the factors affecting the choice of paper. The more widespread the use of acid-free becomes, the more necessary such a notice becomes, and the more advantageous to those publishers who have already made the change.

By the second provision, Congress could create a right which (it would seem) would have its effect without being used. If the price differential is small, it ought to tip the balance in favor of durable editions for all books other than the obviously ephemeral. It even gives the publisher years to make up his mind as to the nature of his product. A similar license (for a different problem) was available under the copyright laws of several states in the years prior to the adoption of the Constitution. These laws, in New York, Connecticut, Georgia, and South Carolina, provided that anyone might complain that sufficient editions of a book were not available at a reasonable price, and that if the copyright

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**FIGHTING ACID TWO WAYS**  
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proprietor did not respond, the court could award a license to the complainant to reprint the book in question.<sup>4</sup>

Changes to the copyright laws rarely occur over the opposition of any substantial interest group.<sup>5</sup> It may be unreasonable to expect that this proposal could be taken seriously, yet if we were serious about the threat of acidic paper to our cultural heritage, its usefulness could hardly be denied. It is certainly appropriate for librarians to hold before the legislators a proposal such as this one, even without much hope for its adoption.

Businessmen are not to be blamed for seeking to cheapen their products. Their desire to do so brings mixed blessings. In fact, most book purchasers probably do not care if their books will benefit their grandchildren, and would prefer not to pay the added few cents that better paper might add to the price of a book. (Most books from today's best seller lists, by the way, wouldn't benefit anyone's grandchildren either). Five years after publication, however, it should be easier to form a judgment. Publishers, of course, will not like these proposals, but they should suffer only minimal inconvenience.

Librarians should be tired of wringing their hands over book decay and the return of acid paper. As previously mentioned, exhortations to morality rarely affect the forces of the market. Here is a plan for some limited, but positive, action.

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NOTES

<sup>1</sup>Gary Frost, "1988 TAPPI Paper Preservation Symposium" The New Library Scene, Vol. 7, No. 6,

December 1988 p. 1.

<sup>2</sup>Eric Strange, "Millions of Books Are Turning to Dust--Can They Be Saved?" New York Times Book Review, March 29, 1987, p. 3.

<sup>3</sup>"Successful beginning" suggests an amiable luncheon but no commitment.

<sup>4</sup>E.g., Laws of Georgia, 1787, no. 321; in A Digest of the Laws of the State of Georgia, by Robert and George Watkins (Philadelphia; R. Aitkin: 1800), reprint (Wilmington, Delaware; Michael Glazier, Inc.: 1981) p. 323.

<sup>5</sup>Olson, "The Iron Law of Consensus: Congressional Responses to Proposed Copyright Reforms Since the 1909 Act", 36 J. COPR. SOC'Y 109 (1989).

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## 1989 S.E.A.A.L.L. ANNUAL MEETING

### IMMIGRATION LAW

At 7 A.M. Saturday, April 15, 1989, Professor Irwin Stotsky of the University of Miami Law School presented a program entitled Immigration Law: A Complex Interplay of Real and Imagined Form. The talk embraced the United States government, its immigration laws and policy, and the implementation of those laws and that policy in the case of the Haitian immigrant.

It was a very depressing presentation, for Professor Stotsky believes that only political action can hope to improve the lot of the Haitian refugee in the United States. He described the treatment of the Haitian refugee in comparison with Cuban, Nicaraguan and other refugees from the Americas. While United States law does not discriminate against the Haitian, Professor Stotsky and many of his colleagues who have been involved in litigation over the last ten years, believe that United States policy, through its agent, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) is actively discriminatory. He further asserted that judicial decisions and the INS have uniformly pursued practices and procedures inimical to the physical, emotional and political well-being of the Haitian refugee.

SEAALL was very fortunate to have Professor Stotsky speak to the organization (especially at that hour!!). In his compassionate and cogent presentation, Professor Stotsky reminded us that not all people in the Americas share equally in the benevolence of the United States Constitution.

Felice K. Lowell  
University of Miami Law Library

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### COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

Amber Lee Smith, International Law Librarian at the University of Miami Law Library conducted the afternoon session on International Law. The speaker first drew distinctions among various terms that may be unclear to the uninitiated. International law is that body of law that covers the interaction among nations. Public international law deals with the relationships among nations; private international law refers to the conflicts of laws among nations. Foreign law can be defined as the domestic law of a country other than your own. Comparative law is the comparing of the legal systems of two or more nations.

If a library is going to collect in foreign and international law, there are several things that must be taken into consideration before implementing a collection development policy. The first, and foremost, is in what country, countries, or regions you will collect. The librarian must always be aware that translations of sources will not always be available. Finally, the librarian must decide what types of materials will be collected. For some countries, third-world nations in particular, it is very difficult to obtain primary source materials.

Another prime consideration is the problem that arises from translations. Good translations must be done by people who have extensive knowledge of both languages involved in the translation. Synonyms often cause problems in translation because there are often so many from which

to choose.

Ms. Smith then reviewed an extensive bibliography that was prepared for the session.

An informative question and answer session followed the speaker's presentation.

Mary F. Cross  
Stearns Weaver Miller

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#### DEALING WITH LIBRARY AUTOMATION VENDORS

Patti Fields of FEDLINK spoke at the Sunday morning session on the complex relationship between librarians and library automation vendors. The key points for dealing with vendors as outlined by Ms. Fields were:

-Know where you are going before setting out.

-Know what you want ... and state it clearly in your own words.

-Know the vendors before sending the RFP.

-Know the purpose of the RFP ... and the value of the contract.

-Know where the vendor is coming from.

-Know where the developer is coming from.

-Know where the consultant is coming from.

-Know that time is money.

-Knowing all of this ... Know what you must have, and what you are willing to give up.

In elaborating on these points, the speaker stressed the interdependence between librarian and vendor. Since an automated library system is the most expensive investment a library can make (except for a new building), the vendor must stay in business for the library manager to be successful. On the other hand, the vendor must perform well to stay in business.

It is this interdependence that affects any subsequent

business relationship. The librarian must take careful steps to learn all that he or she can about the vendor. This can be accomplished in several ways: invite vendors in to your library for a preconference, and scan advertisements--what vendors do or do not tell you could be critical.

A written plan is also essential to insure that the library will acquire the type of system best suited to its needs. The three components of any written plan are: a careful measure of the existing system, advantages of the proposed system, and the planning costs.

The final stage is the actual contract. The contract is pivotal: it is the sum total of your initial response. Librarians are interested in establishing standards and tend to pack the contract with performance clauses. The vendor tends to be more interested in a quick resolution of the contract.

Ms. Fields concluded with the following thoughts. After the contract is finalized and the installation has begun, keep in mind: THE UNANTICIPATED WILL ALWAYS HAPPEN. When relations are strained, try to maintain an air of trust with the vendor so that problems can be worked out.

Michael J. Petit  
University of Miami Law Library

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#### PLANNING THE PROGRAM FOR A PROFESSIONAL MEETING

Carol Billings, director of the Law Library of Louisiana, moderated a panel discussion concerning the ins and outs of program planning. The panelists were Professor James S. Heller of the College of William and Mary Law Library, and Hazel Johnson of Long, Aldridge and Norman in Atlanta, Georgia. All three

panelists were particularly qualified to speak on the topic. Carol Billings has planned and spoken at a number of professional meetings on both the national, regional and local levels. Hazel Johnson was heavily involved in planning for the 1988 AALL national convention in Atlanta, and has been involved with the planning of regional meetings as well. Professor Heller conceived the idea for a conference on western legal history and brought it to fruition.

Each panelist contributed his or her views on various aspects of planning a professional meeting. Members of the audience contributed their ideas as well. Some of the major considerations that were discussed were the meeting audience and its expectations, the location of the meeting, the costs involved and publicizing the event.

Two topics in particular warranted interest. The first was the consideration of the audience. Hazel Johnson pointed out that the audience at national, regional and local meetings is always a mixture, if only because AALL members work for a number of different types of organizations. The main categories of employers include academic institutions, private concerns as well as government entities. Each category of attenders has different issues and problems to handle and each category of attenders would like to hear its particular problem or issue addressed. Hazel indicated that for this reason theme programs are difficult to produce successfully. She recommends attempting to include different programs for different groups at a meeting as opposed to theme meetings.

Professor Heller recommends trying to make the program relate to the particular group one is trying to attract. He prefers theme programs and suggests

preconference workshops and institutes could be used to provide sufficient attractions to justify attendance by diverse groups. He feels that many programs do not go into sufficient depth of coverage to satisfy many attenders expectations.

Members of the audience joined in the discussion at this point and suggested that non-law librarian speakers could provide depth to programs and that this is a source of speakers that has not yet been tapped.

A second topic that generated particular attention was the funding of programs and vendor support. Professor Heller began the discussion with a "chicken and the egg" analogy. In order to obtain funding, through registration, vendor support or any other source, one has to have a program to market; but in order to have a program to market, one has to have funds. The discussion evolved into the area of vendor support with Hazel Johnson's comments. She recommended asking for contributions early so that vendors can fit it in their budgets, giving vendors alternative possibilities, and promising and delivering recognition to the vendor. Several vendor representatives spoke at this point agreeing with Hazel, and indicated that recognition and visibility are important to vendors. Suggestions from the floor included presenting a "shopping list of needs" to vendors.

Carol Billings closed the program with a reminder that there are plenty of opportunities for anyone to be involved in program planning on local, regional or national levels.

**Tina McLellan**  
Law Library of Louisiana

## MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

The 1989 Spring business meeting was called to order by President Mary Smith Forman aboard the Dolphin cruise ship on Sunday, April 16 at 5:08 P.M.

Babe Russo, AALL Comptroller, thanked SEAALL for inviting her to join us on the cruise with special thanks to those contributors who made it possible for her to come.

Mary asked each member to introduce himself and name his institution. This informal setting made it possible for members to get to know one another.

Local Arrangements Chair, Wes Daniels, reported that we had 164 registrants for the meeting: 96 librarians, 48 guests and 20 company representatives. In appreciation for the large role she played in the success of this meeting, Lennye Stein Wellins was presented with a caricature drawn by her favorite artist who also designed the bags and tee-shirts for the meeting. Wes Cochran was commended for planning a fine substantive program. Sessions were well attended under the most difficult conditions.

Mary Smith Forman presented the following report from the Executive Board meeting:

The Chapter is now a not-for-profit corporation of the State of Florida with Articles of Incorporation instead of a constitution. Mary's firm, Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson, handled the incorporation. AALL has recommended incorporation for all chapters to gain tax-exempt status and to protect officers from liability. The Articles of Incorporation will be held by the Secretary.

The Board approved the \$50 registration for Mike Petit to attend a special Newsletter Editors Workshop to be held in Reno following the AALL convention.

The Chapter received a letter from AALL President Margaret Leary in which she mentions the Todd Committee recommendations that "a chapter of AALL" be used with each chapter's name. This is not relevant to our chapter because our name already incorporated the phrase. A discussion of the proper acronym for Southeastern was delayed until Reno.

Along with most other chapters, Southeastern contributed \$100 toward publication of an ad promoting the profession which AALL ran in the December 1988 issue of the American Lawyer. While all approved of the ad, the Board objected to the fact that solicitation for funds was hurried and after the fact.

The Chapter will underwrite the Reno breakfast meeting, June 19. The cost will be split \$6 member, \$4.59 chapter for a full breakfast.

Each outgoing Chair is strongly encouraged to submit a budget for the 1989-90 fiscal year beginning October 1, 1990. The budget will be pulled together in Reno.

Mary requested that a "volunteer" from North Carolina, West Virginia or Alabama approach her with a proposal to host the 1991 meeting.

The Board approved and referred to the Articles/Bylaws Committee a proposal to stagger Secretary and Treasurer terms of office. The current Secretary and Treasurer agree that the Treasurer should continue an extra year to accomplish this. Tom Steele, Articles/Bylaws Committee Chair will draft the change.

Ed Edmonds has volunteered to investigate the best way to set up SEAALL archives. AALL has offered to house chapter archives but there may be some restriction on what may be saved. The other alternative is to keep our own materials.

Diana Osbaldiston, Treasurer,

reported approximately \$6600 in the treasury. Dues notices will be going out in the next few weeks and are due June 1st. In order to be included in the new membership directory dues must be received by August 1, 1989.

Each committee chair submitted a written report, copies of which were attached to the proposed agenda for this meeting. Included in these reports was the announcement by Wes Cochran that the 1990 Local Arrangements Chair will be Ellis Tucker, University of Mississippi. Wes distributed an invitation to "head for Faulkner country" on April 5 - 8, 1990, in Oxford, MS.

Membership Chair Lisa Williams announced that we have 23 new members. She will compile the new directory in the fall.

The report from Joan Cannon, Nominating Committee indicated that Tim Coggins, University of North Carolina, for Vice President/President-elect is the sole candidate nominated this year.

1989 Program Chair, Wes Cochran acknowledged speakers and gave his heartfelt thanks to members of his committee and to the local arrangements committee.

Jean Holcomb, Publications Chair, reported progress on the surveys on salaries and on automation. A Chapter Procedures Manual is also being compiled.

Scholarship Chair Donna Bausch announced that 6 scholarships in the amount of \$300 each were given. This, according to a recent survey, is the highest total scholarship budget of all responding chapters.

Special Committee on Service to SEAALL chaired Bruce Johnson, after deliberate consideration, presented the first such award to Ed Edmonds. Selection is based on cumulative, or continuing, service to the Chapter. Current and most recent officers are not eligible for this award.

An Ad Hoc Comedy Committee chaired by the DeMille Sisters, Carol Billings and Betty Kern, has been appointed to plan our chapter entry in the West Talent Search to be held in Reno. A desperate search for ideas and talent are underway.

The door prize, courtesy of our esteemed President, was a tee-shirt with the slogan "when you absolutely have to know, ask your librarian." Given to the member who had attended more SEAALL meetings than any other member present, this was also won by Ed Edmonds, making it a grand sweep for him!

Business being completed, official AALL representative Dick Danner introduced the new AALL Executive Director Judy Genesen. Judy is a librarian herself with strong managerial skills. Judy expressed her pleasure at being on the cruise with us and told us about changes in the national office, primarily the retirement of Babe Russo. The office is being automated but all agreed there is no machine in the world that can take Babe's place.

Dick reported on the March AALL Board meeting at which time a dues increase was proposed. The suggested amount of dues would be \$115. He also mentioned the Todd Committee report which recommended the annual workshop for chapter presidents which Mary attended last October. AALL will also take a more prominent role in library matters of national interest. Chapters may seek assistance from national in obtaining tax-exempt status.

Sue Roach moved the meeting be closed. Mary Cross seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Betty Kern  
SEAALL Secretary**

LAST CHANCE TO LIVE (OR RELIVE) THE SEAALL CRUISE

We have a number of tote bags and a few size medium T-shirts remaining from the 1989 SEAALL Annual Meeting. Both items carry the designs reproduced below.

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THANK YOU!

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the chapter membership and to the Special Committee on Service to SEALL for honoring me with the first SEALL Service Award. The award came as a complete surprise. Chapter members that I have met and worked with the past ten years are many of my closest personal and professional friends. I am certain that my rewards from the involvement in chapter activities is far greater than any service that I have been able to contribute to SEALL. Again I appreciate the recognition and I look forward to continuing to help the chapter as it moves into the 1990's.

Sincerely,  
Ed Edmonds

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As of April 30, eighteen libraries have contributed materials to the Clearinghouse project. Since the last report, two new categories of materials have been added: law firm library handbook and court library collection development policy. The Clearinghouse contains, as well, the following types of in-house publications: computer lab and CALR materials, disaster plan, gift letter, legal bibliography materials, library guides, pathfinders and automated library system proposals.

The article describing the Clearinghouse project which first appeared in the Fall Southeastern Law Librarian was picked up and reprinted in the November 1988, Chapter News column of the AALL Newsletter. As a result of this publicity, requests for copies of materials have come from across the country.

The invitation to contribute the in-house publications of your library remains open. Libraries which have sent materials since the last newsletter are: Smith, Anderson, Blount, Dorsett, Mitchell & Jernigan--Raleigh U.S. Courts Library--Norfolk.

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# S.E.A.A.L.L. BRIEFS

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NOTE: Please send news items about membership and law libraries to Joe at the following address:

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## FLORIDA

**DONALD G. ZIEGENFUSS** of Carlton, Fields, et. al., in Tampa, and **MARY SMITH FORMAN** of Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson in Orlando have been named to the WESTLAW Advisory Board for 1989.

**LINDA GOLIAN** was asked by the North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) to speak at their Fourth Annual Conference in Claremont, California, June 3-6.

Congratulations are also due President **MARY SMITH FORMAN** on her recent marriage. Her husband Mike is a project engineer for Martin-Marietta.

## KENTUCKY

**DAVID J. ENSIGN** has recently been named Law Librarian and Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Louisville. He is a new member. David holds the B.A. from the University of Kansas, the M.L.S. from Emporia State University, and the J.D. from Washburn University. He was previously Associate Director at the Washburn University Law Library.

Another new member from the University of Louisville is **DAVID L. MINTON**. He is a Library Assistant II with duties in Government Documents and Cataloging. David holds the Associate in Arts Degree from Jefferson Community College

(University of Kentucky) and was formerly employed in the library of that institution.

## LOUISIANA

New member, **MARGUERITE REY FLORENT**, joined the Loyola University Law Library as the Catalog Librarian on March 20, 1989. She received her M.S. in Library Science from Catholic University of America and her B.A. in History from Xavier University of Louisiana.

**DEBBIE HENSON** is the new Librarian for Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips in Baton Rouge and a new chapter member. She majored in Business Education and minored in Library Science at Louisiana State University. Debbie is also a member of the New Orleans Association of Law Libraries.

**MARIA A. MANDINA** recently became Librarian at O'Neil, Eichin, Miller & Breckinridge in New Orleans and has joined our chapter. She was formerly an office clerk with the firm. Maria looks forward to graduating from the University of New Orleans next year.

## MISSISSIPPI

Our Vice-President/President-Elect **WES COCHRAN** was one of six AALL members recently selected Outstanding Law Librarians of 1988 by the Legal Information Alert. The six librarians were profiled in Volume 8, #1 of the Legal Information Alert.

## NORTH CAROLINA

The librarian for Poyner and Spruill in Charlotte is now **MARGARET H. THOMASSON**. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and plans to continue her education in law school. Margaret is a new chapter member.

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

At last a member in Charleston! **ELIZABETH R. COOPER** is now Librarian for the Charleston office of Sinkler and Boyd. She holds the M.A. in Library Science from the University of Iowa and the J.D. from Temple University. Elizabeth was formerly Assistant Reference Librarian for the U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, in Philadelphia.

**TENNESSEE**

New member **BARBARA D. BOULTON** is the Law Librarian of Wagner, Myers and Sanger in Knoxville. She has had prior experience at the University of Tennessee Law Library and as an attorney with Valliant, Schwartz & Lusk in Knoxville. Barbara has a B.A. from Western Michigan, an M.L.S. and a J.D. from the University of Tennessee.

**VIRGINIA**

The new librarian for Odin, Feldman, & Pittleman in Fairfax and our new member is **ELAINE L. FINCH**. She holds the M.L.S. degree from the University of Rhode Island and has worked as a librarian previously in several different libraries in other states.

**KATHLEEN LARSON** is Law Librarian for the firm of Hazel, Thomas, Fiske, Beckhorn & Hanes in Fairfax. One of the names was omitted in the Spring issue.

**JACK BISSETT** reports that Washington & Lee University, including the School of Law, is in the first phase of installing a local area network; microcomputers are being placed in all faculty offices this Spring, and library staff are to be similarly equipped over several years. The LAN is to incorporate electronic mail, access to internal and external information sources, and eventual

linkage to an integrated library system.

**WEST VIRGINIA**

**RICHARD EARL BOAZ** became the law librarian for Jackson & Kelly in Charleston on March 6, 1989. He was formerly with the Cardozo School of Law Library in New York City. Richard is a graduate of Washington and Lee University. He earned the J.D. degree from the Vermont Law School and the M.S.L.S. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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**COMMITTEE PREFERENCE FORM**

If you are interested in serving on one of the following Chapter Committees for 1989-90, please complete the information requested below and return this form immediately to: Professor J. Wesley Cochran, Law Librarian, University of Mississippi, University, MS 38677.

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## PLACEMENT

This year the SEAALL Placement Committee is chaired by Phil Berwick, Director of the George Mason University Law Library. Should you wish to place a job ad in the Southeastern Law Librarian please contact Phil at: George Mason University Law Library, 3401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22201, or call him at (703) 841-2648.

The Placement Committee also maintains an active file for applicants. If you wish to have your resume placed in the file just send it to Phil at the above address. If you are a prospective employer and wish to know if there are law librarians in your geographic area searching for positions call Phil so that he can send you any pertinent resumes.

### FLORIDA

Cataloger. Legal materials in Portuguese, Spanish, and English, including serials cataloging. Responsibilities: Cataloging in all formats; supervision of 2 clerical and 4 student assistants in physical processing and bar coding, authority control in a newly-installed online catalog, INNOPAC; documentation of new procedures. Requirements: ALA-accredited MLS; 2 years cataloging experience; suitable language skills; good planning and organizational skills; results-oriented person with "people" skills and ability to write well. Contact Felice K. Lowell, Assistant Librarian for Technical Services, University of Miami Law Library, P.O. Box 248087, Coral Gables, FL 33124. Position available June 1, 1989.

Head of Reference Department. JD and MLS (substantial relevant experience may be substituted for one of the degrees; 2 years

experience in academic law library, or equivalent; strong service orientation, high degree of energy, strong commitment to responding to needs of active faculty, students and attorneys and to initiating programs, doing outreach and contributing to the Law Library's active writing program. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills in individual and group situations. Experience with LEXIS/WESTLAW and other law-related computer applications. Supervises two full-time Reference Librarians and one or two part-time Reference Librarians and Inter-Library Loan Department; responsible for administration of very busy, service-oriented Reference Department. To apply: Please send resume and names of three professional references to: Warren Rosmarin, Associate Librarian and Head of Public Services, University of Miami Law Library, P.O. Box 248087, Coral Gables, FL 33124. Position is available July 24, 1989. The University of Miami is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer.

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Reference Librarian. Duties: Provide reference assistance to law school faculty and students,

members of the North Carolina bar and other library users; act as liaison to individual faculty members; prepare user aids to assist patrons using the law library; supervise the use and organization of the microforms collection; perform on-line searches; oversee circulation services, assume other duties as assigned by the Assistant Director for Public Services or by the Director. Qualifications: MLS from an ALA-accredited library school; JD from an ABA-accredited law school; academic law library experience. Salary: Commensurate with experience. Application Deadline: June 30, 1989, or until suitable candidate is identified. Completed application will consist of resume and the names of three references. Position available: July 1, 1989. Submit application or inquiries to: Thomas M. Steele, Director of Law Library Services, Wake Forest University School of Law Library, Winston-Salem, NC 27109-7206. (919) 761-5440.

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