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## *Greetings from the President*

The fallout from the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 will continue to be measured for months to come. Our nation will survive, but some beliefs, principles, and practices will forever be altered. While we do not know of any SEAALL members injured in New York, Pennsylvania, or Washington, D.C., our hearts and prayers have been with those who were victims. SEAALL is considering ways in which we might join in the effort to honor our law library colleagues killed at their World Trade Center offices. By the time this newsletter is distributed, we hope to be able to announce an initiative.

The September 11<sup>th</sup> tragedies highlight the changeable nature of the world in which we reside. Constant change is a daily guest in all of our libraries, and a constant companion to all librarians. While law librarians may understand much about what drives change, we often fail to appreciate the break-neck pace at which change marches forward. Like interest on a debt, change never rests or sleeps. Library personnel would do well to develop an understanding of how to cope with change. I would recommend that SEAALL members purchase a copy of Spencer Johnson's book, "Who Moved My Cheese?," so that we can be prepared to quickly change again and again.

One of the easiest ways for law librarians to learn about the latest changes in technology, library practices, management, and customer satisfaction is to attend professional development meetings. SEAALL has a well deserved reputation for creating and presenting excellent conference programs. Throughout the years, SEAALL education, program, and local arrangement committees have worked hard to provide our members with the professional development support and encouragement they need.

Fall 2001 finds SEAALL education, program, and local arrangement committee members again hard at work. These folks, along with countless other library personnel, are doing everything possible to insure that the Ft. Lauderdale Annual Meeting will be a rousing success. I urge our SEAALL members to respond to the challenge of confronting change head-on by coming to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, April 11-14, 2001. Let's also be prepared to extend the Spirit of SEAALL into the Ft. Lauderdale community. You can view our SEAALL Website at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/seaall/> for the latest annual meeting developments.

*Herb Cihak*

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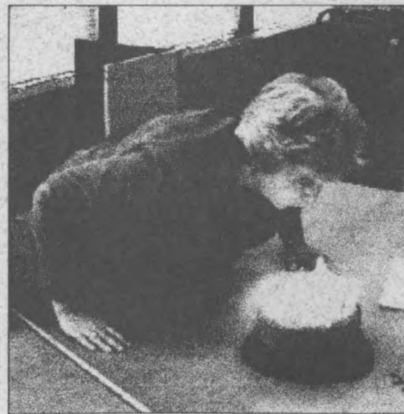
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Taylor Fitchett's (UVA)  
birthday sets off fire  
alarm

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### **Editor's Note —**

*We hope you enjoy our second issue. As you notice, we've started to include more pictures and hope to continue the trend of identifying members at work and play. Please help us and send in any pictures you have of you and your fellow staff members. Also, please pass along any suggestions to us for improvement. We look forward to hearing from you.*

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### CALLING ALL FORMER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

By now, the applications for the Lucile Elliot Scholarship should all be turned in and the recipients will be announced in the next newsletter. However, this does not mean that you can rest easy. True, it MAY be too early to start encouraging you to apply for next year's scholarship, but there are other things I can ask of you.

Do you remember when your teachers used to make you write those "What I Did This Summer" papers? Well, this is an adult version, called "What I Did With My SEAALL Scholarship." I am asking past scholarship recipients to share in writing the benefits of being a Lucile Elliot Scholarship recipient. It is not as hard as it seems. I'm not asking for a detailed account of programs; rather, just a paragraph or so to tell us what you really remember about the meeting that you attended or the degree that you were working on. Did you meet someone at school or at a meeting who has become a friend and/or colleague in later years? Did you get a job offer or join a committee due to a conference meeting? Do you now know THE best place to get gumbo in New Orleans? If so, SHARE! It can be funny or serious, a paragraph or a page. Just let others know how great this scholarship is!

Before I resort to threats (I have the committee notebook and if you have received a scholarship I have a record of it and am not afraid to contact you!) I have decided to set a good example. I personally have benefited greatly from receiving a Lucile Elliot scholarship, so I'll go first.

I received my scholarship while I was working full time as an evening reference librarian and attending library school part time. I had never been to a SEAALL meeting before because of class conflicts and since because all of my money was going to paying for law school loans and library school tuition. However, I was going to graduate in December and wanted to start my job search. My library director was the one who told me about the scholarship, and so in my "spare time," I applied. I was later delighted to learn out that I would receive enough money to pay for my entire trip to the annual meeting in Tallahassee, Florida.

During my few days in Florida I revisited the scene of my law school traumas (Go 'Noles) and met with as many potential employers as I could. Due to the manageable size of the conference, I was able to find and have leisurely talks with people from five of the six law libraries that I was interested in. One of these was a person from Wake Forest, a place that I did not know much about but that sounded as if it could be interesting. Well, to sum up, it did prove interesting. People were serious about their work but were pleasantly eccentric while doing it. I fit right in, so I took the job as reference librarian. Both the Director and the Head of Public Services had been at Wake for years. I was excited about the chance to work with the same Director for more than two years (I had had three different ones at my previous job), but considered that my chances for advancement within the library were minimal. Well, within three years my Director left to take a faculty position and the Head of Public Services left for a promotion at a library in her home town. I am now the Head of Public Services, working with a new, but wonderful Director, and a new, but equally hardworking and slightly warped staff. I still fit right in. I have a great job in a beautiful city, and I am now the Chair of the Scholarship Committee. This all started with that first contact I made in Tallahassee and I want to see others benefit from the Lucile Elliot scholarship as well. So send me you "scholarship tales," congratulate this years winners when they are announced, and DO NOT forget to fill out those scholarship applications next year!

*Maureen Eggert*

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### ***SEAALL Chapter VIP Program***

SEAALL makes an effort each year to participate in the AALL Chapter VIP Program by sponsoring someone from our legal or information communities, who is not an AALL member, to attend the AALL Annual Meeting. Your help identifying potential candidates for the 2002 meeting will be greatly appreciated. If you are not familiar with the details of the program see the excerpts below from AALLNET that give some description (or see the complete information at:

<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/vipman.asp>.

Please send the name(s) of someone you recommend to Pedro Padilla-Rosa at: [ppadilla@upracd.upr.clu.edu](mailto:ppadilla@upracd.upr.clu.edu), or to Hope Breeze at: [breeze@law.duke.edu](mailto:breeze@law.duke.edu).

#### FROM AALLNET:

#### What is the AALL Chapter VIP\* Program?

\* [Valuable Invited Participant]

Visibility in your community (city, state, or region)...connections with your colleagues in related fields...if these are things your chapter has been seeking or could use, then the new AALL Chapter VIP program can help move you in the right direction.

The AALL Chapter VIP Program presents an opportunity for your chapter to invite special guests from your area's legal, governmental or information communities to participate in AALL's premier event, the annual meeting. You are encouraged to select non-AALL members to participate in the educational experiences and networking that take place at our yearly gathering and who might be pleased to be asked to participate. AALL is supporting chapters in this effort by offering full complimentary registration (that includes the Opening Reception, Association Luncheon and the Closing Banquet) for up to two guests for each of AALL's 31 chapters. VIPs will be encouraged to participate in the full range of annual meeting activities and may also be invited to speak at an educational program while in attendance.

#### How can we identify potential candidates?

The VIP Program allows your chapter to establish new relationships or augment existing ones with members of your local legal and information communities. The individual(s) chosen should be influential within your area's legal, governmental or information community. You should consider persons with whom a relationship would provide long-term benefits, either in the form of cooperative projects or even press coverage. Among the individuals that your chapter might consider as potential VIP candidates are: on

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*Chapter VIP continued:*

- President of your local or state bar association or the chair of bar's technology committee
- Chief administrators for your local or state courts
- President of local, state or regional chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators
- Dean or faculty members from your local or regional library school
- Dean or faculty members from your local or regional law school
- Judges of any local, state or federal courts within your region
- Presidents/Chairs or members of local law library boards of trustees
- Individual who has responsibility for local or state government website development
- Editor or reporter for a local, state or regional legal newspaper
- Your State Librarian
- A state representative, senator, or other official who has been active in library or technology issues

If there is no apparent candidate, or in the case of regional chapters where it might be difficult to identify someone from a specific state, AALL's Official Representatives and SIS's can assist you with your selection. AALL maintains active relationships with a number of related organizations including three sections of the American Bar Association, several committees of the American Library Association, the Association for Library and Information Science Education, and the Association of American Law Schools. The AALL Representative to the groups can recommend a member of the related organization who is located in your city, state or region. Names of the representatives can be found in the AALL Directory & Handbook. The "big three" SIS's - PLL, Academic, and State, Court County - are also excellent sources of movers and shakers within their clientele.

Should your funding allow two invitations, it might be a good idea to invite an individual with whom your chapter already has a relationship (perhaps someone who has been a speaker at a chapter meeting) along with an individual with whom you would like to establish a relationship.

It is a good idea to develop a list of potential VIPs ranked in order of preference. If an invitation is declined, you will then be prepared to invite the second or third individual on your list. Save the list of names you don't use as a good starting point for future years, since the AALL Board plans to continue the VIP program for subsequent annual meetings.



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### SEAALL Briefs

Compiled by Connie Matzen

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#### FLORIDA

##### Barry University

**Michael Schau**, reference librarian at the Barry University School of Law in Orlando, Florida has had a paper accepted for publication in the Journal of Educational Media and Library Science, an international library science journal. "*Law Librarianship: A Unique Vocation*" will be published this winter.

##### Florida Coastal School of Law

**Colleen Manning** joins the staff at Florida Coastal School of Law beginning November 1. She comes to Florida from Ohio Northern University, where she was Associate Professor and Law Reference Librarian.

##### Stetson Law Library

Stetson Law Library's newest electronic services/reference librarian is **Alyssa Rosen**. She received her J.D. from NYU School of Law and her M.L.S. from Rutgers University. She practiced law in the New York area for several years, and worked as an information researcher for AT&T Labs prior to coming to Stetson.

##### Florida International University

**Sarah H. Lee** has joined SEAALL.

#### GEORGIA

##### Emory University School of Law

Emory has two new staff members, and announces two changes in positions. **Terry Gordon** has been appointed Associate Director of the library, effective June 2001; and **Lory Cox** has joined the library's professional staff as Assistant Law Librarian for Serials and Government Documents. **Amy Flick** is now Assistant Law Librarian for Bibliographic Instruction and Reference. **Will Haines** is now Assistant Law Librarian for Interlibrary Loan and Reference.

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### Georgia State University

**Beth Adelman** has joined the Georgia State University College of Law Library as Reference Librarian. Beth received her J.D. from Albany Law School in May 2001 and her M.L.S. from SUNY Buffalo in 1992.

### Hunton & Williams

**Deborah L. Putnam**, of Hunton & William's Atlanta office has joined SEAALL.

## LOUISIANA

### Louisiana State University

L.S.U. staff who have recently joined SEAALL include **Caryl Boyet, Janice Bradford, George Jacobsen, Mary McCameron, Brenda Montreuil, Debbie Roubique, Randall Thompson, Lan Tran, James Wade, Sylvia Waits, and Michele Woods.**

## NORTH CAROLINA

### University of North Carolina

The Kathrine R. Everett Law Library at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill invites you to take a look at their recently redesigned Website at <http://library.law.unc.edu>. The new look and feel is a product of the company WebslingerZ, where UNC Law graduate Jeffrey Hoffman is president and CEO. The UNC Website is developed and maintained by **Steve Melamut**, Reference/Computer Services Librarian.

Two new reference librarians joined the staff at the Law Library this August. **Donna Nixon** is a familiar face in Tar Heel country, since she served as the Law Library's graduate assistant the previous year while she was completing her Master's degree in Information and Library Science at UNC. Donna received her law degree from Stanford and brought with her experience practicing law in Silicon Valley. Donna's undergraduate degree is in computer science from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York. Donna's arrival in mid-August followed a summer stint in South Africa as a volunteer for the World Library Partnership.

**Teresa Stanton** came to UNC to become the library's first reference/foreign and international law librarian. She came from the University of Miami School of Law Library where she had been the collection development librarian and a reference librarian. Prior to her work at the University of Miami, Teresa served as chief law librarian at the Dade County Law Library. Teresa received

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her J.D. at the University of Florida, her library degree from the University of South Florida and her undergraduate degree from Oberlin College. Teresa has practice experience in international business transactions in Miami and in Brazil and language skills in Portuguese, French and Spanish.

### SOUTH CAROLINA

#### Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C.

**Marcia Burris** started this past summer as a new librarian in the Greenville office. Marcia has over 10 years of law firm library experience as a consultant to firms in California. She holds a B. A. degree in English from San Francisco State University, and a M.L.I.S. from the University of California at Berkeley. Marcia, and another Ogletree librarian, **Shannon Wilson**, have joined SEAALL.

### TENNESSEE

#### Vanderbilt

Judy Meadows, Lisa Mecklenberg, and **Steve Jordan** have co-authored an article titled "Teaching Legal Research in a Government Library" to be published in *Legal Reference Services Quarterly*, vol. 19, nos. 3/4, 2001. Steve comes to Vanderbilt from the State Law Library of Montana.

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Gail Zwirner, Leanne Battle, and Terry Long enjoy the UVa Art Reception at VALL Meeting



VALL members enjoy lunch

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To: Law Librarians of the Southeast  
From: An Old Friend of the Howard University School of Law Library  
Re: A Tour of the New Law Library

Wow! What a building! Imagine Howard University builds a building just for the law library. I can still remember back in 1940 when I was the Howard University Law Librarian and the law library was located on main campus. Years later, the Howard law students were thrilled when the University purchased property from a former Catholic girls school and created west campus. Although, the library building had been previously enjoyed, even back then, the law students were happy to have a law library all to their own. So, I can only imagine how exciting it must be to have a building solely built for the law library. Designed by two architectural firms: Kallmann McKinnell & Wood Architects, Inc. (of Boston) and Baker Cooper and Associates (of Washington, D.C.), the new \$28.5 million dollar building opened on May 29, 2001. At 76,000 square feet, with four floors and a basement, it is more than double the size of the old law library. Not to say that heaven is a shabby place to be, but I can just imagine how heavenly it would have been to have 76,000 square feet of library space.

The new library is adjacent to the old library, which still bears my name. If you go from the old library over to the new, you will walk across an area designated as the "Supreme Court." The Supreme Court is an area of bricks that will be etched with the names of library contributors. Passing over the bricks and entering the library, one immediately notices how technology is an integral part of law libraries today. On the first floor are the training classroom and the computer lab. The training room is an interactive classroom that accommodates fifty-two laptops, which are provided by the library. Next to the training room is the computer lab, which has both PCs and Macs. Word processing on a computer is a big change from my old Royal typewriter, which by the way, I've seen in the Director's office. I'm sure she doesn't use it as much as I did though.

Walking past the circulation desk, which is also located on the first floor, one notices that it too has many computers. However, circulation functions pretty much the same way it did as in my day. Students still stop by the desk to check materials in and out of the library.

Ascending the steps to the second floor, one is provided a breathtaking view of the library. With a three-story wall of windows, light permeates the whole library. Immediately one notices that the building is crescent shaped. This design was created so it would appear to enclose the three law school buildings that are directly across the sidewalk from the new library. Oak tables (equipped with data jacks, electrical outlets and reading lamps), OPAC terminals, and some of the ninety study carrels that are throughout the library compliment the oak-trimmed library stacks on the second floor.

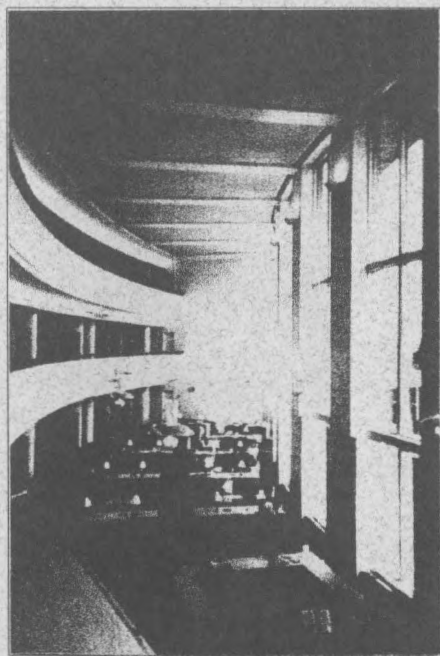
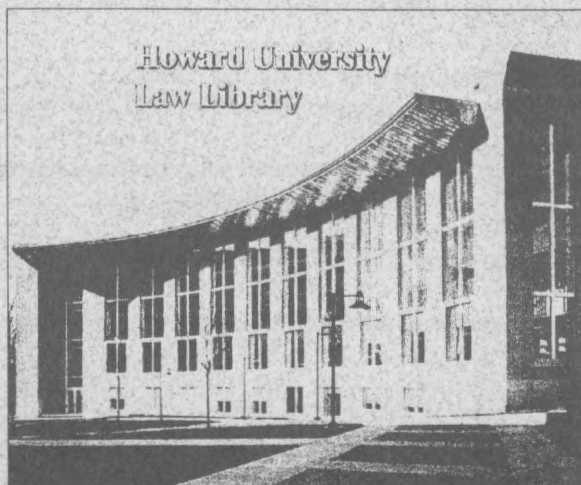
On the third floor one will find state materials, periodicals and the Faculty Reading Room, while the fourth floor is where the classified materials are located. If I had to select a favorite part of the new library, it would be the Special Collections area on the fourth floor. The library is proud to own the papers of such civil rights giants as Charles Hamilton Houston, Spottswood Robinson and Phineas Indritz (a prominent Washington lawyer who helped desegregate the D.C. bar.) Over the years, I selected rare and special materials to enhance the library's collection. So it is wonderful that the new law library now has a special area to house such materials.

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*Howard University School of Law Library continued:*

Well, I truly enjoyed my tour of the new Howard University School of Law Library. If you are ever in the D.C. area, be sure to stop by. I am sure you will enjoy touring the building as much as I have. As the law library motto states, "Excellence Starts Here."

*Rhea Ballard-Thrower*



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### 2002 Public Access to Government Information (PAGI) Award

The Government Relations Committee is currently soliciting nominations for the 2002 **Public Access to Government Information (PAGI) Award**. Established in 1999, this award honors significant contributions by persons or organizations involved in the protection and promotion of greater public access to government information. Recipients need not be law librarians or members of AALL. Previous PAGI award winners have been the United States Government Printing Office in 1999 for its website, GPO Access, and the Library of Congress in 2000 in honor of its website, THOMAS.

Criteria for selection include :

1. A contribution that significantly improves public access to government information, thereby increasing the public's knowledge about the workings of government.
2. The extent to which the individual or organization has had a positive impact on protecting and promoting public access to governmental information.
3. The extent to which the effort advances the AALL mission and Government Relations Policy.

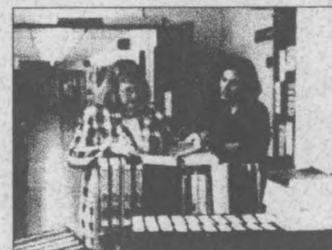
Though nominations are solicited annually, there is no requirement that the award be given every year.

The award is jointly administered by the Government Relations and Awards Committees. All nominations are considered on an individual basis, with complete confidentiality, and according to the criteria listed above.

Nominations must be sent to the Chair of the Government Relations Committee, Anne Burnett (University of Georgia Law Library, Law School, Herty Drive, Athens, GA 30602 [aburnett@arches.uga.edu](mailto:aburnett@arches.uga.edu)), **no later than February 1, 2002.**

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Gail Spears  
Donna Bausch, Chair



**SEAALL Spring Break 2002  
Where the Law Librarians Are.....**

With fall just beginning, it may be difficult to think about spring break. However South Florida law librarians are already planning for the **SEAALL Annual Conference** being held **April 10 - 14, 2002** in **Fort Lauderdale**.

Program Committee members are hard at work. Plans include an institute on *The Invisible Web* beginning Thursday, followed by registration, committee meetings, and roundtable discussions. A gala opening reception, cruising the intercoastal waterways of Fort Lauderdale, will complete the day.

Friday program plans already include programs on legal research, technical services, copyright, and the Everglades. To conclude the day, a wonderful Polynesian evening is planned, and it is only minutes from the beach hotel facility. Saturday programs look to the future in substantive legal issues, legislative updates, and library management issues.

Library tours, good food, shopping, and gentle ocean breezes make this an event you cannot miss. Mark your calendars now. Visit the SEAALL web site at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/seaall/index.shtml>. Registration information will be available in early 2002.

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