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Letter to Pearl Von Allmen regarding SEAALL Annual Meeting, September 12, 1972

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Dear Pearl:  

Many thanks for the unwarranted praise about the program. I am still determined to generate some guidelines to improve future program efforts.  

At any rate, I am glad to provide a summary of our endeavors at St. Simon's.  

Following our luncheon and address by AALL President, Prof. Mary Oliver, the membership present convened for a discussion on the topic, "The Law Library and the New Patron."  

Those in attendance heard formal remarks by Professor Peyton Neal of Washington & Lee University and Professor William Murray of the University of Alabama.  

Professor Neal spoke of what academic law libraries might do to assist newly appointed faculty members in becoming aclimated to the institution and its law library facilities. Among his specific suggestions were providing faculty not yet arrived information to assist in the transportation of the new teacher's professional library, information concerning reserve collections, and information concerning procedures to be followed in textbook adoption. Upon the arrival of faculty, Professor Neal made several recommendations which included providing information concerning holdings in areas like periodicals and looseleaf services, data about the staff of the law library, and full explanation of prevailing law library procedures.  

Professor Murray then addressed himself to the problems inherent in introducing law libraries to patrons who come to the library with no prior legal experience. The basic thrust of Professor Murray's remarks concerned the extent to which law libraries are guilty of imposing systems and procedures upon patrons solely because of the administrative ease they may provide. His statements constituted a plea for simplification to the extent possible in the manner in which law libraries are operated.
The Remaining time was devoted to a general discussion by all present of the points raised by the two speakers.

Please feel free to do any editing you desire. I know you must be operating under some space parameters of which I am unaware. Let me know if I can do anything else.

Sincerely,

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