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Presidential Rumination

I write this having just returned from the Northeast Regional Meeting in Toronto, which was attended by 400 law librarians from ten U.S. chapters and the Toronto association. As I was flying back, I pondered why these joint programs have become so popular. Indeed, in 1995 SEAALL met with VALL, and earlier this year we met with SWAALL.

The educational agenda in Toronto included programs on internet sources, world trade, reinventing the library, strategic alliances, records management, Canadian and U.S. legal research, building and renovation, CD-Rom, working with MIS folks, cataloging internet resources, building a Web site, and copyright (that's where I came in).

Most, if not all, of these topics have been discussed at recent AALL meetings. I assume that LSDC and the other chapters also have covered much of this ground. We have addressed many of these topics at our SEAALL meetings, although reviewing the program from our last meeting -- Hispanic and colonial influences on American law; security and privacy in cyberspace, property and environmental rights, presidential libraries; and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act -- indicate how eclectic our programs are.

It also occurred to me that people didn't go to Toronto just to see their friends and colleagues; we can see many of our favorite folks at smaller, local meetings.

So why the move to combined chapter meetings? The answer, it seems to me, is a combination of factors. Joint chapter meetings give us a chance to see our old friends, meet a few new ones, and choose from a wider range of educational programs. Such meetings give some of us the opportunity to visit a city for the first time; I don't

underestimate the temptations of Toronto and ambiance of Austin. But what might be most important is that joint chapter meetings are the right size -- bigger than a single chapter meeting, but considerably smaller than the AALL annual meeting.

Some feel the national meeting is just too big. It seems harder to get to know a few new people when there are 2,000 others there, so we tend to hang out with old friends. Some of us don't like sitting in the back row of a 600-seat room. (The fact that many seats are usually free way up front is, of course, irrelevant. It's not easy to duck out early and inconspicuously from the front row).

This isn't to criticize AALL -- to a certain extent a victim of its own success. It's rather to say that individual and joint chapter meetings offer another and quite different venue for satisfying each person's professional and personal goals and desires. Let a thousand flowers flourish.

Jim Heller, President

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EDITOR'S NOTE

I planned to run a list of SEAALL member websites this issue, but I only made it through the Ls in the SEAALL Directory. Wow, are there are lot of member websites! At the moment, I'm listing sites for academic and government law *libraries* and for firm and corporate sites (not necessarily the library).

If you have a website you want me to list, send an e-mail to: mmccormi@law.fsu.edu. Please put SEAALL somewhere in the subject line, so it will move right into my SEAALL folder. I'll run all the ones I have next issue. Then, if someone wants to run a webpage...!

SEAALL NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

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Public Relations: A New Spin?

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P.R.--it's for celebrities, politicians, and others with image problems. Only those whose lives are so endlessly fascinating and grossly misinterpreted need a P.R. agent--right?

This is no longer true. Libraries, librarians, and others are being exhorted to engage in "public relations." The message began in earnest with the demise of Baker & McKenzie's Chicago firm library and has only become more frenetic since. Why do libraries need public relations? In the past, libraries were required neither to justify nor defend themselves. Their value seemed obvious. Now libraries and librarians find themselves in the curious position of having to deliver the message--"yes, libraries and librarians are vital to an institution's information needs," and demonstrate this as well.

Whatever one's feelings about this, it is obvious that library promotions are becoming the trend. In Indianapolis, Kathy Shimpock-Vieweg offered librarians reasons for marketing the library as well as marketing suggestions. Some of her ideas for library promotion included:

- ▶ using bulletin boards and exhibits
- ▶ newsletter
- ▶ orientation packets and tours
- ▶ routing of a new acquisitions list
- ▶ demonstration of on-line services and new CD-ROM products
- ▶ promotional packaging of library research
- ▶ prepared pathfinders; and
- ▶ routing of materials

To help libraries exchange promotional ideas, SEAALL will do a column on various promotions used by libraries in the SEAALL region.

This past April, Georgia State University College of Law Library celebrated National Library Week. An exhibit was planned, and a contest sponsored.

The exhibit contained various ALA banners such as "Libraries Change Lives" as well as colorful note cards published by ALA that described various individuals' reasons for loving and using libraries. To personalize the exhibit, all of the law school's faculty and support staff were asked to supply the library with the title of their favorite book. With the responses, the Public Services Librarian acquired the books, put them in the exhibit case, and listed the professor/staff person's name next to the book. Students were shocked to discover their professors were actually human and read something besides cases. Dr. Seuss's *Oh, The Places You Will Go*, was a revelation for some! In return for their help, professors and staff received "National Library Week" pencils.

To involve the students, "National Library Week" bookmarks were distributed at the Circulation and Reference Desks. Additionally, a t-shirt contest was sponsored. To catch patrons' attention, a First Amendment t-shirt was displayed at the Reference Desk on a flat topped mannequin. Patrons were then asked to guess the number of volumes contained in the library and place their guesses in a vase at the Reference Desk. On Friday, the Library held a drawing and announced the winner, selecting the individual with the closest estimate of volumes. Patrons appeared to enjoy this process and had a good time guessing. Students crowded around the Reference Desk, talking about the Library.

The promotional week involved students and faculty, involved minimal expense and focused attention on the Library.

To share your promotional ideas or stories, contact Lisa Smith-Butler at (404) 651-4142 or at lawslb@panther.gsu.edu.

Tallahassee, Florida

is the site of the 1997 SEAALL Annual Meeting, April 17-19. We hope you'll consider coming early or staying late, because there's lots to do and see in the capital city of Florida! A few places worthy of a visit are highlighted below:

“Old Town” Area

Walk into Florida's past at the ***Museum of Florida History***, when giant armadillos and prehistoric mastodons roamed the wide-sweeping grasslands adjoining crystal clear waters. Civil war cannons and apparel, a reconstructed steamboat, and a citrus packing house from the 1920's are also on display, as well as treasures from sunken Spanish galleons, including some really cool gold coins!

The ***Old Capitol*** (1845, remodeled 1903) contains historical exhibits as well as the old Governor's Suite, Supreme Court, House of Representatives, Senate chambers, rotunda, and halls refurbished to appear as they were in 1902. Ride the express elevator to the 22nd floor of the ***New Capitol***, where there are 360-degree views of Tallahassee. (On a clear day, you can see all the way to Lake Jackson!--see below.) The current Florida Legislature meets here March-April; guided tours of both buildings are available.

Members who enjoy history and architecture will want to meander the ***Park Avenue historic district***, and nearby streets, to see historic homes and churches, and the Union Bank (1841), the “Columns” (1830), the neo-classical Supreme Court building, the US Courthouse with its WPA murals, the Walker Library (1903), the Old City Cemetery (est. 1839), the LeMoyné Art Gallery (changing exhibits), and the outstanding Brokaw-McDougall House (1856) with its formal gardens. A printed “Walking Guide” is available.

Elsewhere in Tallahassee

Maclay State Gardens have been called a masterpiece of floral architecture. Varieties of camellias and azaleas are in abundance, as well as flowering dogwoods and redwoods beneath the native pines and oaks. Enjoy the walks, paths, and pools around the old Maclay house, which is open for tours through April 30.

Discover 52 acres of North Florida's beautiful environment at the ***Tallahassee Museum of History & Natural Science***. Here you can observe native wildlife, including the endangered red wolf and rare Florida panther, living in natural habitats. Stroll through an 1880's farm, historic school and church, and climb up into a real red caboose. Families especially like the hands-on “Discovery Center,” for up-close exploration of natural and cultural history.

Tallahassee's newest attraction, the ***Antique Car Museum***, consists of a private but extensive collection of early automobiles, and many rare, valuable, or popular models of more recent vintage. This museum is a “must-see” for anyone interested in cars.

Native American life and history can be explored in town at the *San Luis Archaeological and Historic Site*, 50 acres which were home to an Apalachee Indian village and a Spanish mission settled from 1656-1704. The site includes exhibits and ongoing excavations. Just north of town, the *Lake Jackson Mounds State Archaeological Site* has yielded some of the most significant artifacts in the state. Composed of six earth temple mounds and one possible burial mound, it was once a large ceremonial center dating back to 1000-1450 A.D.

Scenic drives along Tallahassee's notable "canopy roads" afford views of gorgeous red hills, open fields and live oak groves. A driving guide is available, with routes and descriptions of the Native Trail, the Cotton Trail, and the Quail Trail.

In the "Next County Over" . . .

Wakulla Springs State Park, just 15 miles south of Tallahassee, was the site of several "Tarzan" movies, and it features one of the world's deepest freshwater springs. Glass-bottom and jungle cruise boats allow visitors many good views of alligators, exotic birds, and other wildlife. Meals are available in the restored 1937 lodge.

Pebble Hill Plantation, 20 miles north of Tallahassee, represents a historic home and gardens devoted to the "sporting life" of the winter refugees (wealthy Northern industrialists) of days gone by. Art, furnishings and decorations are displayed, including many paintings or sculptures of horses and hounds, in addition to Audubon prints.

Havana, about 14 miles NW of Tallahassee, is a haven for the *antiques* shopper. Tucked into renovated warehouses or nestled in handsome small houses, are found 35 or so shops full of antiques, fine art, specialty decor items, even rare books!

Destinations over one hour's drive away--but well worth the trip--include: the *Florida State Caverns* near Marianna, *St. George Island* near Appalachicola, and *Torreyea State Park*.

Recreational Activities are also available:

Fishing, especially for large-mouth bass, is very popular at nearby Lake Jackson and at Lake Talquin. Canoe rentals are available at the "Seminole Reservation" on Lake Bradford, close to town, as well as near the entrance to the *St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge*, which is located about 20 miles south on Apalachee Bay. The refuge is home to many species of waterfowl, as well as American alligators, bald-headed eagles, white-tailed deer, and other critters, and a historic, working lighthouse. Another great place for family *hiking*, a little closer to town, is the *Leon Sinks* trail, which meanders around several natural sinkholes and through a small swamp. Bicycles may be rented at the head of the 16-mile *Tallahassee-St. Marks Historic Railroad State Trail*; walking, jogging, skating, and horseback riding are also allowed on the rails-to-trails site.

SEAALL BRIEFS

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ALABAMA

Hazel Johnson, Law Library Services Consultant, Northport, and **Brian Baker**, Howard University, Washington, D.C., have assumed editorship of the Books Column for the ABA's Law Practice Management. The magazine is published eight times per year and has a circulation of over 20,000. For the past three years, the column has been edited by Donna Bausch, Norfolk Law Library, Norfolk, VA.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

LaCiane Noland-Linthicum, formerly Librarian, Jorden Burt Berenson et al., Washington, D.C., is now Librarian at Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky and Popeo, also in Washington, D.C.

FLORIDA

Mary Paige Smith, Collection and Bibliographic Services Manager at Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center/Law Library, made a presentation to a University of South Florida Law Librarianship Course on "Cataloging in the Academic Law School."

GEORGIA

Sheri Lewis, formerly Reference/Computer Services Librarian at DePaul University Law Library, Chicago, IL, became Associate Law Librarian for Research Services at Mercer University Law Library, Macon.

Also at Mercer University Law Library, **Billie Jo Olson** is now the Reference/Circulation Librarian. She had been Reference Librarian at University of Nebraska Law School Library, Lincoln.

Laura Weidig, formerly Librarian, Foley & Lardner, Chicago, IL, is now Head

Librarian at Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy, Atlanta.

Associate Librarian **Rhea Ballard-Thrower**, Catalog Librarian **Edna Dixon**, and Reference Specialist **Joe Morris** of Georgia State University's College of Law Library were ★stars★ at the October 10 meeting of the Georgia Commission of Media Organizations (COMO) in Columbus, Georgia in a murder mystery entitled *Throw the Book at Them*. In the play, Lt. Columbia (Rhea) arrived in Columbus to investigate the death of the woman with the white shoes. Her memory of legal resources impaired as the result of an attack by a book thief in a law library, Lt. Columbia asked for, and received, help from Melvina Dewey (Edna) and members of the audience, who just happened to have various legal resources with them. The only witness, Otis Bibb (Joe), was a drunk, disheveled, but expensively dressed man of questionable veracity. By the end, the audience of non-law librarians was enlightened and the murder solved. "Throw the Book at Them" was written by Joe and Rhea.

KENTUCKY

Associate Professor of Law and Library Director **Herb Cihak**, University of Kentucky Law Library, Lexington, KY, and Reference/Document Delivery Librarian **Carol Jane Parris**, presented a program at the Southeastern Library Association/ Kentucky Library Association joint conference in Lexington, KY on October 24. Their topic was "Legal Research for non-law librarians: tips, tools and treasures. About 70 non-legal librarians, from roughly the same geographical area as SEAALL's membership, attended the hour long session, that was sponsored by the SELA and KLA Special Library Sections.

Herb Cihak and **Sue Burch**, Assistant Director/ Administrative Librarian, recently co-authored an article "Leading Your Law Library Staff: Four Principles of Effective Leaders" that appeared in *Virginia Libraries*, vol.42, no.3 (1996: July/Aug./ Sept.) *Virginia Libraries* is published by the Virginia Library Association.

The University of Kentucky College of Law and the Library opened a new study/computer access area in the Library in August 1996. Space was allocated in an attractive area of the Library's basement floor. Funding for the new oak carrels and chairs, carpet, paint and window blinds is provided by donations from the College's Alumni and friends. Each of the 40 carrels is wired for ethernet access and students with lap-top computers can gain access to Internet and other programs through their own software.

NORTH CAROLINA

Parker, Poe, Adams & Bernstein has a new Assistant Librarian in their Charlotte office. **Yolanda Riley** joined the firm in August. She has a B.A. from Vassar and her M.I.L.S. from the University of Michigan.

The Raleigh office of Parker, Poe, Adams & Bernstein moved to new offices on November 15. The telephone numbers and Post Office Box are unchanged. The new address is: P.O. Box 389, 150 Fayetteville Street Mall, Suite 1400, Raleigh, N.C. 27602.

TENNESSEE

Gail Sisson is the new Manager of Library Services, Miller & Martin, Chattanooga. Previously, she had been Assistant Librarian, Weil, Gotshal & Manges, Houston, TX.

VIRGINIA

Donna Bausch, Librarian, Norfolk Law Library, has been nominated for the office of member of the Executive Board in AALL. For the office of Vice-President/ President-Elect, **Jim Heller**, Director, College of William and Mary Law Library, has been nominated. **Sue Trask**, Reference Librarian, College of William and Mary School of Law, has been selected as Chapter News editor of AALL Spectrum, beginning with its inaugural issue in September 1996.

Merrill Wistreich is the new Library Director at the Alexandria Law Library, Alexandria. Formerly, she had been Information

Specialist, Dow Lohnes and Albertson, Washington, D.C.

On October 14, William and Mary sponsored a Law School Technology Conference where participants discussed the organization and structure of technology support in law schools. **Dick Danner**, Duke University, and **Jim Heller**, William and Mary, served as program coordinators. Individuals from twenty law schools in D.C., Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and West Virginia participated.

WEST VIRGINIA

Two new employees have joined the staff of the West Virginia University College of Law Library. **Linda Durfee** holds the position of Reference and Electronic Services librarian. She has a B.A. from Bowdoin College and a master's degree in Library Science from the University of Chicago. She has worked in the university libraries at the University of Chicago, University of Denver and Tufts University. **Keith Walton** is the Computing Systems Supervisor. He has a B.A. from W.V.U. and, prior to moving to the Law Library, was employed at the University Library computer services office for 6 years.

Law Library staff members swept the prizes at the annual College of Law Halloween Bash. As a spooktacular skeleton, Nancy Young won second prize in the costume competition. Colin Crawford won the Bookstore's drawing for a mountain bike.

SEAALL Logo Contest Deadline Extended

Due to continuing interest and challenges in the delivery of *Southeastern Law Librarian*, the deadline for contest to design a new SEAALL logo has been extended until December 1.

SEAALL needs a new logo to be used on SEAALL publications, brochures, etc. To take advantage of the creativity of SEAALL members, the Executive Board is sponsoring a contest to design the new logo.

First prize will be free registration for the Tallahassee annual meeting.

The contest is open to SEAALL members and employees of SEAALL member institutions. Entries must be computer generated in a format that is easy to import (*.bmp, *.cgm, *.pct, *.pcx, *.pic, *.tif, *.wmf, etc.) Multiple entries are welcome.

A print and disk copy should be submitted to Hazel Johnson, Law Library Services Consultant, 4709 Lakeview Estates Drive, Northport, AL, 35476 by DECEMBER 1, 1996. A subcommittee of the Education/Publications Committee and the Newsletter/Public Relations Committee will choose a group of finalists. The SEAALL Executive Board will select the winner. The winning entry will be announced on seaall-l and in the Southeastern Law Librarian. The winning entry will become the property of the Southeastern Chapter.

Members of the SEAALL Executive Board and the subcommittee choosing the finalists are welcome to submit designs, but are ineligible to win the prize.

Questions about the contest should be directed to Hazel Johnson, 205-339-7514 or via email at hjohnson@tusc.net.



Mary F. Cross

Mary F. Cross, 46, library director at the Washington, D.C., office of the law firm of Baker & Botts, died September 25 at Fairfax County (Virginia) Hospital from complications following a heart transplant. Mary, who lived in Annandale, Virginia with her husband Michael J. Petit (also a law librarian), was born in Statesboro, Georgia, and grew up in Melbourne, Florida.

She was a graduate of Florida State University, receiving both a B.A. and M.L.S. degree. Mary was a longtime member of the American Association of Law Libraries and the Southeastern Chapter of AALL. She was the librarian at two Miami firms, Smathers & Thompson and Sterns, Weaver, Miller before taking the position at Baker & Botts in 1992. She was a frequent contributor to the profession, having presented educational programs and served on committees on both the regional and national levels. She served as president of two AALL chapters, the South Florida Association of Law Libraries (SFALL) in 1983-84, and the Southeastern Chapter (SEAALL) in 1991-92.

She was preceded in death by her father Orren M. Cross in 1970. She is survived by her husband, Michael Petit, Head of Acquisitions at the Georgetown University Law Library; her mother, Mary B. Cross of Melbourne, Florida; and three brothers, Miller Cross of Tampa, Florida, William Cross of Melbourne, Florida, and Thomas Cross of Melbourne Beach, Florida.

Donations to her memory may be made to the Oak Grove Methodist Church, c/o Lewis Oliver, Treasurer, 439 Dover Road, Sylvania, Georgia 30467, or to the American Heart Association.

SWALL/SEAALL AUDIO TAPES

Audio tapes of the programs offered at the March 1996 SWALL-SEAALL are available for purchase. Single tapes are \$9.00, with price breaks offered when ordering a six, ten, or complete tape set. To receive an order form for the tapes, please send your fax number or snail mail address to:

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The following programs are offered in this tape series:

- (1) Institute: Improving Effectiveness with Time Management, Stress Reduction and Creativity
- (2) The Future of Education for Law Librarianship
- (3) The Hispanic Influence on Texas Law: Less than Meets the Eye
- (4) 2001: A Space Odyssey-Justifying Space in the 21st Century
- (5) Fostering Connections with other Organizations
- (6) NAFTA and the Environmental Side Accord: The Sources of Law
- (7) Collection Development in the Information Age
- (8) Designing a Web Page: Helping to Market the Library
- (9) Mexican and Latin American Legal Sources: a Blueprint for the Researcher
- (10) CD-ROM Networking: If I Knew Then What I Know Now
- (11) Security and Privacy in Cyberspace
- (12) Who Owns the Land? Property Rights, Environmental Concerns, and Governmental Involvement
- (13) Business Information: A Blueprint for the Researcher
- (14) Presidential Libraries
- (15) Wampum Belts, Battlefield Skeletons, and Ethnographer's Field Notes: The Controversy over Ownership, Storage, and Access under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (1990)
- (16) New Paradigms in Information Service and Delivery: Serving Users at Remote Locations
- (17) Technical Services Workstations for the 21st Century

Employment Opportunities NORTH CAROLINA

ASSISTANT LAW LIBRARIAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICES, NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, DURHAM. Minimum Requirements: JD and MLS from ABA and ALA accredited schools: one year of administrative/management experience: one year of law library reference experience: skilled in computer assisted legal research. Preferred qualifications: strong service orientation: good interpersonal skills: excellent oral and written communication skills: some experience with government documents and serials: knowledge of computer applications. Submit applications to Deborah Jefferies, NCCU School of Law Library, 1512 S. Alston Ave., Durham, NC 27707. Review of applicants will continue until the position is filled.

SEAALL ANNUAL MEETING LOCATIONS

Even though SEAALL has three great meeting locations lined up, the Board is already wondering where we will be meeting in the year 2000. Do you know of a wonderful place in your area? Talk to your colleagues, fill out this form, and let the Board know about your proposal. To help you get started, here are the sites for the 1990's:

- 1990 Oxford, MS
- 1991 Tuscaloosa, AL
- 1992 Callaway Gardens, GA
- 1993 Charleston, WV
- 1994 Asheville, NC
- 1995 Richmond, VA
- 1996 Austin, TX
- 1997 Tallahassee, FL
- 1998 New Orleans, LA
- 1999 Knoxville, TN

SEAALL ANNUAL MEETING, 2000, SITE NOMINATION FORM

In order for the SEAALL Board and committees to be able to plan adequately the local arrangements for annual meetings, nominations for sites are requested several years in advance. The nomination must be made by a group willing to act as the local arrangements committee, should the nomination be accepted. A representative of this group should fill out the following form and forward it to the Secretary for submission to the Board.

List the names, addresses, and phone numbers of those putting forth this proposal:

Site being Nominated: _____

Explain why this would be a great place for SEAALL to meet: _____

Proposed Dates (List 1st, 2d, 3rd choices, keeping in mind any conflicts with Easter, Passover, etc.): _____

Number of people who support this proposal: _____

Send this form to
Connie Matzen, SEAALL Secretary, Smith, Anderson, P.O.Box 2611, Raleigh, NC 27602-2611

**Southeastern Chapter
of American Association of Law Libraries, Inc.**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
January 1, 1995 - March 31, 1996**

OPENING BALANCE		\$18,544.91
ADD INCOME		
Dues	\$3,320.00	
1996 Joint Meeting	\$4,479.75	
Interest	\$175.54	
TOTAL INCOME	\$7,975.29	
		\$26,520.20
DEDUCT EXPENSES		
Newsletter Printing - Vol. 21, no. 4	\$710.17	
SEAALL Reception - Indianapolis	\$2,065.33	
Caps for SEAALL's West Decathlon team	\$94.61	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,870.11	
CLOSING BALANCE		
Cash at Bank		\$23,650.09

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Earl Boaz
Treasurer

GRANTS
Available for Funding
Cooperative Educational Ventures

COSELL will fund a limited number of cooperative and/or educational projects among law libraries within the Southeastern region. Proposal selection will be based on the cooperative/educational nature of the proposal and the availability of funds. Individuals and/or institutions who wish to apply for these grants should contact Deborah Jefferies, COSELL Chair, at 919-560-6113 or mayo@nccu.edu for guidelines and application procedures.

The deadline for application is December 2, 1996.

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