WESTPAC NEWS
A Newsletter of the Western Pacific Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The presidential year has crept up on me! Being Vice President was so very mellow. Now, as I jump into the driver’s seat, Mrs. Toad’s Wild Ride begins! Like any roller coaster ride, you have to get into the car and experience it with your eyes open. And anyone who has ridden with me knows I always get there with every passenger’s eyes wide open!!

As many of you may have noticed in Pittsburgh, I am a strong proponent of participation. Member involvement gets individuals excited about activities, promotes fresh ideas, builds new information gateways, and makes us stronger as a unit. Thank you to all who volunteered for committees already. I do have a few openings still so please look over the committees and let me know what you would like to do. If you don’t like the standing committees, call anyway because I have a couple projects I want to see accomplished this year, specifically updating the handbook and a financial study. I am in the process of drafting charges for the committees and sending them out to the chairs. Let’s hope that every one of you can feel a greater part of this organization by the end of my term.

The AALL National Conference and Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh was a huge success with much credit going to President Carol Billings and Jim Heller, Education Chair, for conceiving and implementing such an ambitious program. Co-sponsored by WestPac and the Wyoming State Bar, our delegate was Billie Ruth Edwards, an attorney who serves on the Bar’s Computer and Technical Committee. It was interesting and gratifying to hear the perspectives of judges and lawyers on the value placed by them on librarians and library services. I hope this is only the beginning of strengthened dialogue among these groups who share common interests and goals.

On Wednesday July 19 at the Pittsburgh Doubletree Hotel, 35 members attended our WestPac luncheon and business meeting which included the passing of the infamous gavel. A very special thanks to Lee Warthen for a great year. He had an especially difficult term with the extraordinary burden of finding WestPac delegates for the AALL National Conference on Legal Information. Under his stewardship we also increased our membership by almost 10%! As you know, this is only the most recent year in many active years for Lee. As Education Chair he produced many wonderful educational programs for us. It is now time for him to rest on his well-deserved laurels. And so, we have sent him off to the woods equipped with his very own engraved Boy Scout edition Swiss Army knife. (When he returns, refreshed, we’ll put him right back to work!) Anne Beresford and Maureen McCormick from our Canadian contingent were special guests at the (Continued on page 2)
luncheon. They were present to promote selection of Vancouver as a potential site for our fall 1996 annual meeting.

The convention was certainly not all work! Pittsburgh presented many unexpected pleasures. The opening reception was held in the Carnegie Museum of Art and Natural History amid dinosaurs and an Egyptian tomb. The Fort Pitt Museum and Point State Park offered history and a place to jog. The Andy Warhol Museum was a fascinating five floor display within walking distance from the Lawrence Convention Center. A ride up the Duquesne Incline, a Swiss lift built in 1877 and still operating with the original machinery, offered a wonderful observatory deck overlooking downtown Pittsburgh at the confluence of its rivers. There were many excellent restaurants with a view. For those of you who know me well, you know there were sedate(!!) evenings of dance. Hooray for our own Rita Reusch who won the new car raffled by Hein!! Who said there was no percentage in going to convention!!

Leaving Pittsburgh brought me back to reality and suddenly I am in the throws of preparing for the October annual meeting in Las Vegas. I am certainly getting excited about the meeting now that I have visited Las Vegas (for the first time) and discovered many of its charms. The city has many things to offer, including unique libraries which have won architectural awards and an impressive new government center. Indeed, the landscape is changing by the day in Las Vegas, with the growth of the downtown "Fremont Experience." There are fascinating hotels on the strip, one which looks like a castle (Excaliber), one like a lion (MGM) and another that offers a piece of Egypt (Luxor). As each hotel tries to outflash the next you can shop at Caesar's Forum (complete with centurions, Cleopatra and Caesar), dance on Cleopatra's floating barge, experience a pirate battle at Treasure Island and watch a waterfall become a volcano at the Mirage. I understand that there are golf courses "to die for," buffets to satisfy the most discriminating palate (try the Rio!), glitzy shows for every taste and quality floor shows from jazz to rhythm and blues. Personally, I am hoping to polish off the week with one of the extravaganza shows such as Michael Crawford in EFX or Starlight Express. Anyone want to plan to join me?

Our hotel, Jackie Gaughan's Plaza, finds you away from the most glitzy of the Vegas experience, close to downtown, the Clark County Law Library, the U.S. Courts Library, and to the first Las Vegas firm to hire a law librarian. Please be sure to reserve your hotel room promptly. The hotel is limited on space for us. Reservations must be made by Sept. 19th.

While offering a diversity of programs, the common thread at the Las Vegas meeting will be people: how to select them, how to maintain a safe environment for them and how to meet their legal needs. Personnel selection and development is becoming a major challenge in the changing labor market. We have an exciting speaker, Michelle Taylor, coming to work with us on developing our skills in selecting and keeping good personnel.

Capitalizing on the meeting site and the fiftieth anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, we will also address the issue of nuclear testing and storage. This is a hot topic in Nevada right now with factions fighting on many sides of the issues.

In these times of increased litigation and decreased trust in the legal community, handling professional patrons is a sensitive issue for law libraries and public libraries. Discussions will address where the lines between assistance and unauthorized practice are drawn and how public and law libraries interact to meet the patron needs—especially in areas where few law libraries exist. We will also address how publishers such as Nolo Press see themselves in this niche.

We will be inviting the Nevada Library Association to join us at our meetings which should add depth and diversity to the experience. SCALL and NOCALL members have also been invited.

Glad you are all along for the ride and I'm looking forward to seeing you in Las Vegas! -- Suzanne Miller, President
IMPLEMENTING INNOVATIVE AT THE NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW

It's a good thing our implementation of the Innovative Interfaces integrated library system didn't proceed like our acquisitions training or I would have been a nervous wreck. For two out of our first three training sessions, snow had been in the forecast for the higher elevations of Portland, which included us at the Law School. Usually if we get any amount of snow we close because it's too treacherous to get to work. (I know this must be hard for WestPac members from Alaska, Montana, Utah and Wyoming to understand!) Twice we had a flurry of phone calls discussing what to do if it snowed, and then of course it didn't snow. However for the acquisitions training the snow materialized--at least a foot of it. We were closed for 2 1/2 days, one day of which we were supposed to be in training, but luckily our trainer was flexible enough that she could stay a little longer, so we did get the training in on schedule.

Bringing up the system has been a lot easier than I thought it would be. We are sharing a system with the main campus and have had to work closely with the staff of the Watzek Library (the undergraduate library). It's the first time we've worked closely with them on anything and it's gone very well. The associate director from Watzek has been the contact person with Innovative and LTI (the vendor that created our item records and did our authority work) so she handled all the problems that came up. She did all the worrying and calling so I didn't have to.

Although the implementation has gone smoothly, we have had a few major problems. What implementation would be complete without problems? We discovered a couple of days before our cataloging training that we should have gotten the file transfer software for loading WLN records instead of another utility interface. There wasn't enough time to get the proper computer equipment before training, but we went ahead and bought the software and got some rudimentary training on it. It was a couple of weeks before we could use the FTS to transfer records, but that worked out OK as it took that long to load the database and the authority records.

"What implementation would be complete without problems?"

During the loading of our database another problem cropped up. The two libraries use two different utilities for their cataloging; we use WLN and Watzek uses OCLC. We tried to index the OCLC control numbers and the WLN rids in the same index, which we found out the hard way does not work. As long as the OCLC control numbers are in their own index, and the WLN record numbers are in their own index, everything works out fine. We also found out during the loading of our gap tape that it is important to load the WLN records using the WLN conversion table and the OCLC records using the OCLC conversion records. Getting them confused does strange things to the records!

Our other major problem had to do with the acquisitions/accounting system. Each library bought separate accounting units so we would not have access to each other's fiscal information. We at the Law Library decided to start ordering on the system as soon as we finished our acquisitions training. We created 150 order records when it was brought to my attention that the orders were being created in Watzek's accounting unit not the Law Library's. Panic attack! It turned out our authorizations hadn't been set up properly. We fixed that, canceled all the orders we had just created, re-keyed all our fund information, and recreated all the order records. I kept telling my poor acquisitions assistant, who ended up doing all the work, that it was good practice!

Now that we've implemented all the systems, all the titles that were missed in our retrospective conversion project and all the volumes without barcodes are popping up and ending up in my office. Many of the non-converted titles have shown up as a result of creating check-in records. We've had very few cases of smart barcodes ending up in the wrong books, so our barcoding project was a success. I sure could use another staff person in cataloging as I spend half the day usually on problems associated with the new system. Since I'm the only cataloger, that's half a day less spent on cataloging new material. Not only am I feeling awash in barcodes, but I'm developing a backlog of uncataloged titles! (Continued on page 5)
The Law Library began with the law book collection of William A. Massey. In addition to being the 1913 Washoe County Bar Association president, Massey was also a Nevada Supreme Court Chief Justice, U.S. Senator, and partner to George Springmeyer, when he died on his way to a trial in California in 1914. Local attorneys asked Massey’s widow to sell his 2,400 books to the county, where part of the $10 filing fees would be used to maintain the collection. She agreed to sell the books, and the Law Library opened its doors in the county courthouse on May 4, 1915. It was called the best law library in the state at the time. Many of Massey’s books are still in use today.

The first librarian was Dorothy Jeppson, wife of attorney Melvin E. Jeppson. The first five trustees were attorney Albert D. Ayres, former judges L.N. Fench and Cole L. Harwood, and the two district judges, Thomas F. Moran and Richard C. Stoddard. Jeppson died in 1930.

The next librarian was Una Reilly Dickerson, widow of Nevada Governor Denver Dickerson. She was very service-minded, and for twenty six years was the Washoe County Law Library. In those days, the Law Library was the gathering and socializing place for bar members. The state bar exams were taken there during the day and juries slept on cots at night in the library!

Les Gray once told me how useful it was to have the Law Library near the courts. He relates how Judge Curlee hurried into the Law Library and started pulling book after book off the shelves during a trial recess. One attorney in the case, in Gray’s words, “had a loud voice but a vacant mind, while the other was known for often misciting what cases stood for.” The judge told Gray that “with Griswold on the side and Kearny on the other, somebody has to look up the law!”

The next librarian was Anna Pollock, who served for 12 years. In 1962, she supervised the move of the Law Library’s 12,000 volumes to its present location. She and her successor, Helen Hotchkiss, began the library’s more professional activities, including the extension of service to the public. During Hotchkiss’ time as librarian, she calculated that there were some 400 local attorneys, 90% of them within walking distance of the Law Library.

In 1978, Mary Anne Royle became director of the Law Library which by then had approximately 27,000 volumes. Royle began Nevada’s first WESTLAW account at the Law Library, and was involved with the County Bar Association’s Law Library Advisory Committee. She also saw that members of the committee became trustees of the Law Library, when the Nevada statutes were amended in 1980. There were many changes during Royle’s short three year tenure as director.

The current director of the Law Library is Sandy Marz. She has a Masters Degree in Business Administration as well as one in Library Science. She uses her training to tailor the Law Library’s services to meet the needs of local attorneys and judges, while also dealing with the tremendous increase in use by the general public. Currently, over 60% of the library’s reference questions are from non-lawyers. Work is underway to automate the library’s card catalog, to expand WESTLAW services, and to obtain county approval for the remodeling of the courthouse’s old jail space for library use. Preliminary architectural studies for the remodeling project were partially funded by the Washoe County Bar Association, which has often helped the Law Library in the past.

There are very few public law libraries in the United States which have as strong financial support from their bar associations as the Washoe County Bar Association’s support of our library. They give to the Lost Book and Gift funds, and now provide an annual dues contribution. The Law Library would not be celebrating its 80th anniversary this year without the continuous generosity of the WCBA, whose donations began back in 1915. Without their help Reno would not be home to Nevada’s “biggest little law library.” — G. LeGrande Fletcher, Technical Services Librarian, Washoe County Law Library.
WestPac held a business meeting and luncheon at the 1995 Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh on July 19th. President Lee Warthen called the meeting to order.

Lee announced that WestPac sponsored Billie Edwards, a practicing attorney from Cheyenne, Wyoming, as a delegate to AALL's National Conference on Legal Information Issues. At least four other delegates from our region were sponsored by other organizations.

Lee noted that Anita Steele has extended a formal invitation to WestPac to hold it 1996 meeting in the Pacific Northwest. Kristin Cheney has volunteered to chair the local arrangements and Vancouver, B.C. has been proposed as a site. Lee has contacted Anne Beresford incoming president of the Vancouver Association of Law Libraries (VALL), who heartily encouraged the idea. She will discuss it with her executive Board on August 10th. Three VALL members were in attendance at Pittsburgh. Two of them, Eve Porter and Maureen McCormick, attended the WestPac Board and luncheon meetings.

Frank Herch discussed the upcoming meeting arrangements for the October 1995 WestPac meeting in Las Vegas. The cost of the meeting will be very low, with three nights at the hotel costing only $125.00. Inexpensive air fares to Las Vegas are available from most major cities in the region. The Nevada Library Association will participate in the meeting and WestPac will also invite the California AALL chapters to attend.

Lee announced the results of the 1995 elections. Kathy Carlson was elected Vice-President/President-Elect and Elizabeth Thwell was elected Treasurer.

Elizabeth Thwell, Chair of the Grants & Awards Committee, discussed recent changes in the grant procedures. Applications will be mailed with the annual meeting registration pack. Applicants must submit their applications within 1-2 weeks of their receipt of the registration packet and must estimate their costs for airfare, hotel, registration and other expenses. Awards will be granted to cover 80% of all successful applicants' estimates. Three or four grants may be awarded for this year's meeting.

Susan Lewis-Somers, WestPac Secretary, reported that our membership grew this year from 185 to 202, an increase of almost 10%. Credit for much of the increase goes to Lee Warthen and Suzanne Miner who publicized membership to an organization of law firm librarians in Salt Lake City. Two new members, Herb Somers of Willamette University and Dave Armond of Brigham Young University introduced themselves at the luncheon.

Lee announced that Mary Unruh, WestPac Internet Coordinator, will look into the possibility of creating a World Wide Web home page for WestPac. This site could include the text of each newsletter, the membership directory, chapter handbook and other files.

The meeting ended with Lee turning over the gavel to incoming President Suzanne Miller.

Suzanne spoke briefly about her plans for the upcoming year, including those for the Las Vegas meeting. She also put out an urgent call for members to volunteer for WestPac committees. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m. — Susan Lewis-Somers.

Innovative Implementation
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And you know how public services feels about cataloging backlogs ... ack!!

During implementation of the system I've found getting the advice of my colleagues to be invaluable. Suzanne Harvey's experiences at Seattle University were very helpful since they too share a system and use two different utilities for cataloging. Lysa Hall had lots of words of wisdom gleaned from her experiences at Williamette. They were about six months ahead of us so her advice was very timely. I also had plenty of help from the rest of the staff here at the Law Library. I didn't even attempt to create the loan rules tables; Lynn Williams, our Reader Services librarian, worked on that. And our Reference Department took on the training of the faculty on how to use the OPAC.

Implementing a new system creates many new challenges and a lot of work, but with the help of colleagues and friends, it can be a successful project. — Kathy Faust, Technical Services Librarian, Northwestern School of Law.
NetSense

I hope everyone who had a chance to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh last July took advantage of all the Internet-related programs this year. Librarians are doing some exciting things in cyberspace, and are graciously willing to share the results of all that hard work with the rest of us. The folks at Washburn University School of Law have been at the forefront for quite some time, and have a very well-developed Web site. If you haven't visited it yet, be sure to take a look. The URL is: <http://law.wuacc.edu>.

The Reader Services SIS has started a pathfinder repository on AALLNet. The project has just begun, so actual numbers of pathfinders are low, but are sure to increase (take the opportunity to donate a few of those research guides you have filed away). The URL is: <http://law.wuacc.edu/aallnet/aallnet.front.html>.

"Law Lists" by Lyonette Louis-Jacques can be found via gopher at: <gopher://lawnext.uchicago.edu/hkl/web/lists.html> (last updated May 14, 1995, and includes over 400 lists and 150 newsgroups, and is about 180K long). To retrieve Law Lists automatically via email, send a message to <mailer@lawlib.siu.edu> with the command: send law.lists.

Corrections

The correct URL for the University of Oregon Law Library home page is: <http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~vgarces>.

New Web Sites

The University of Wyoming College of Law has a new web page. The URL for the law school is: <http://www.uwyo.edu/law/law.html>, and the URL for the law library is: <http://www.uwyo.edu/law/lawlib/lawlib.html>.

Northwestern School of Law of Lewis & Clark College also has a home page (the law library page is still under construction), the URL is: <http://www.lclark.edu/law.html>.

The National Center for State Courts has a web site: <http://www.ncsc.dni.us>. The NCSC also has links to the various courts that are now offering Internet access to decisions: <http://www.ncsc.dni.us/court/sites/courts.htm>.

The Criminal Justice Webpage, with lots-o fascinating sites and links, can be found at: <http://www.stpt.usf.edu/~greek/cj.html>

State Pages

Most states now have some kind of "official" gopher or web site. These sites often contain current legislation, agency information, and sometimes statutes and regulations. Two comprehensive sites with lists of and links to state information include the Library of Congress <gopher://marvel.loc.gov> and StateLaw from Washburn University School of Law <http://lawlib.wuacc.edu/washlaw/uslaw/statelaw.html>. I highly recommend the Washburn site for state government and legislative information. It appears to be up-to-date and also includes links to some city web sites.

Just For Fun

Need a change of pace from all that law-related Internet searching? Try one of these:

(1) Internet ArtResources: a resource for finding galleries, museums, art publications and booksellers, art shows, events, fairs and expositions, and art schools, the URL is: <http://www.figil.com>.

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1995 WestPac Election Results

Susan Southwick, chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, reports that there were 97 ballots cast. Two ballots were disqualified—one for a postmark of June 2nd, and one for not being in an official ballot envelope. A third ballot was approved, since it was faxed on June 1st by a member in good standing. The faxed ballot would not affect the election results if it should still be disqualified. The election results are:

Vice-President/President-Elect:
Kathy Carlson

Treasurer:
Elizabeth Thweatt

Congratulations to the winners. All who stood for election are thanked for their willingness to serve, and are reminded that their turn to serve as an officer could still be in their future! And thanks are extended to the Nominations and Elections Committee for their fine work. — Susan Southwick, Nevada Supreme Court Law Library

(2) Virtual Pathways -- An Online Backpacking Magazine is located at: <http://edge.edge.net/~jhbryan/virtual_pathways.html>.

(3) Dave's Fun Page. This set of pages takes you to all that is fun -- cars, boats, travel, sports, games, recreation, music, art, TV, movies, comics, pets and animals and much more. The URL is: <http://www.ipoint.net/~jewels/davesfun.html>.

(4) UC-Berkeley's Center for Community Economic Research (CCER) has created an online National Federal Budget Simulator that lets anyone on the Web try their hand at balancing the budget. The simulation is located at: <http://garnet.berkeley.edu:3333/budget/budget.html>.

Order Out of Chaos

Internet World, has a great regular feature called, "Pointers," a monthly column providing pointers to Internet sites dealing with a specific subject area. Previous months columns have focused on Archeology, Astrology, Paleontology and Senior Citizens. Since I have been compiling a notebook of Internet sites (and arranging them by subject), the Pointers column has proven very valuable.

Have you found an interesting web site you want to share with WestPac members? Do you have any questions or suggestions? If so, send me an email message so that I can pass your ideas on to the WestPac universe. -- Tami Gierloff, Northwestern School of Law of Lewis & Clark College <tami@lclark.edu>

Editor's note: if you have not caught on so far, please note that all Internet addresses in the newsletter are contained in angle brackets and are italicized. The angle brackets are not part of the address.
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Background Reading in Public Land Law


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Background Reading on Public Land Law (Continued from Page 9)


1994 Annual Meeting Handout, by Molly McCluer

NEWS IN WESTPAC COUNTRY

Idaho

Laura Pershing recently retired from the Idaho State Law Library after many years of service. The new State Law Librarian is Steve Averett.

At the University of Idaho Law Library, Juanita Winn retired on August 17th. She had served for 19 years as the Circulation/Reserve Supervisor, and thus knows most of the bar or at least the 60% or so who graduated from Idaho.

Montana

Judy Meadows, Montana State Law Librarian, is happy to be home after her busy years as AALL Treasurer. She reported that the staffs of the State Law Library and the University of Montana Law Library recently met for the first time, which proved to be a happy and exciting exchange between neighbors.

Nevada

A new law in Nevada provides free distribution of publications from its Legislative Counsel bureau to county law libraries; these publications include the *Nevada Reports*, the *Nevada Revised Statutes*, and the *Nevada Administrative Code*. Ann Jurrell of Clark County Law Library was most active in pursuing passage of this bill, while Susan Southwick of the Nevada Supreme Court testified at a hearing in favor of the bill. Attorneys in the more rural areas of Nevada will especially benefit from this law.

Frank Herch of Clark County Law Library published the article "The Virtual Law Library II" in a recent issue of the *Nevada Lawyer*; this article follows up another he wrote, "Count the Choices: Anticipating the Advent of the Virtual Law Library in Southern Nevada," which was published in 1 *Nevada Lawyer* 24-28 (Dec. 1993).

The Washoe County Law Library celebrated its 80th year of service on May 4th with a program featuring Bob Berring of UC Berkeley. The library's director, Sandra Marz, accepted the "Washoe County Law Library Day" proclamation from the Washoe County Board of Commissioners. LaGrande Fletcher, Technical Services Librarian, presented a history of the library, which was published in the Washoe County Bar Association's newsletter, 17 *The Writ* 8-10 (May 1995). The library also sadly noted the passing of one of its former directors and one of WestPac's first life members, Helen Hotchkiss, who died in May of this year.

In Reno, a new federal courthouse is under construction, so librarian (Continued on page 11)
Cheryl Kidd is in the middle of moving plans—o’so much fun! And of course, Nevada law librarians are busy planning WestPac’s 1995 Annual Meeting, which will be held in Las Vegas, Oct. 19-21. Delise Stayner and Ann Jarrell are local arrangements co-chairs. -- Nevada reporter: LaGrande Fletcher, Washoe County Law Library, 702-328-2350.

OREGON

Richard Breen, Director of the Law Library at Willamette, recently spent two weeks in Albania as a guest of ABA-CEELI. Dick visited the Court of Cassation Library, the library of the highest court in Albania, and the University of Tirana Law Library, until recently the only law school in the country. He worked with library staffs in planning new facilities, collection building, and library automation.

Vic Garces, Senior Law Reference Librarian at the University of Oregon, is a first-time father! He and his wife, Liza Garces-Otey, are the proud parents of Madeleine Pilar Garces, who was born on July 4.

Lysa Hall, Catalog Librarian at Willamette, reports that there have been some additions to ORBIS, Oregon’s academic online union catalog. ORBIS now contains complete holdings from the original seven member libraries (including Willamette and the University of Oregon), and will be adding the holdings of four new institutions (including Lewis & Clark).

LaJean Humphries, Librarian at Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, offers the following items to any library for the cost of shipping: North Eastern Reporter 2d ser., v. 1-625; North Western Reporter 2d ser., v. 1-507; South Western Reporter 2d ser., v. 1-873, Atlantic reporter 1st ser., v. 1-200 (rebound and in good condition), and Atlantic Reporter 2d ser., v. 1-629. Call her at 503-796-2071 for more information. She also reports that her library has added a new part-time cataloger, E. Anne West. The library is using Data Trek Professional Series for cataloging, acquisitions, and serials, and the librarians are very interested in talking with other Data Trek Pro users.

Dennis Hyatt, University of Oregon Law Librarian, reports that University of Washington library school student Michelle Wu conducted her fieldwork at the UO, where the library staff kept her more than busy for three weeks in late summer. Michelle has a law degree from California Western School of Law in San Diego.

D.R. Jones, Assistant Librarian for Reference Services at Lewis & Clark, and her husband Mark Jonson are expecting their first child, a boy, in October 1995. The due date is Oct. 19, so D.R. will not be attending the Las Vegas meeting. Watch for a birth announcement, perhaps at the meeting! She also noted that the search for a new Library Director for Lewis & Clark’s Boley Law Library has been cancelled. Peter Ny cum has decided to continue as Director.

Errata: In the May 1995 issue, Vic Garces and Karen Beck were mistakenly identified as Willamette University librarians. Their correct affiliation is the University of Oregon. -- Oregon Reporter: Karen Beck, UO Law Library, 503-346-1668; FAX: 503-346-1669; internet: <beck@law.uoregon.edu>.

UTAH

Past-President Lee Warthen has returned from his sabbatical and is still at work on a bibliography of Utah legal materials.

The staff at Brigham Young University Law Library are presently working in a “demolition” site. The library is being expanded on three sides of the building, and adding two additional floors. Of course, the top floor has already been grabbed by computer services and administrative offices. They hope to have everything back in order by sometime next year.

WASHINGTON

At Gonzaga, Kevin Gray joined the staff in Dec. 1994 as Head of Research Services, with oversight responsibility for ILL, Reference and CALR. John Weingarten came in as Computer Resource Coordinator in late spring of this year, and will soon have a homepage in place for Gonzaga. (Gonzaga also noted that they recently ranked #1 in a survey of library laptop availability for students and faculty!)

Elizabeth Thweatt reports that they are about a month away from completing their collection assessment project, using the WLN Conspectus. (Continued on page 12)
administrative directors explored the opportunities and challenges of becoming a Jesuit law school. **Kelly Kunsch** recently published the 1995 supplement to **Washington Practice: Methods of Practice**, which includes two new chapters on limited liability companies and construction law.

At the University of Washington, **Cindy Cunningham** celebrated her first anniversary as Head of Circulation. **Cheryl Nyberg** of **Subject Compilation** fame will join the reference staff in mid-November. **Paul Hocomb** has been working part-time as a Reference Librarian. **Laura Mahoney** is working part-time, and **Christine Maurich** is the Head of Cataloging. **Peggy Jarret** is now the Documents Librarian, and **Grace Malson** is working half-time as Special Projects Librarian. Finally, **Roland Hjorth** is the new dean and plans for a new building on campus are in the works.

At the Washington State Law Library in Olympia, **Debbie Norwood** has assumed the duties of the Reporter of Decisions, while retaining her own responsibilities as State Law Librarian. The Reporter's office was abolished earlier this year. **Jerry Watson** is the new Deputy Law Librarian. — Washington reporter: Molly McCluer, Gallagher Law Library, 206-685-9459, FAX: 206-685-2165, Internet: <cccluer@u.washington.edu>

**Wyoming**

D.J. DeYoung, of the Wyoming State Law Library, and Mary Jenny, Head of Public Services at the University of Wyoming recently presented a program on CD-ROM at the State Bar Convention. — Wyoming reporter: D.J. DeYoung, 307-777-6487; Fax: 307-777-7240

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**WestPac Calendar**


**December 1** Deadline for the January issue of the WestPac News.