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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This column marks my first message to you as President of ORALL. I believe it is my privilege to serve this association. I am enthusiastic about our future and look forward to working with all of you.

If you think back to our spring meeting in Cleveland, you might recall that its theme was "Our Regional Association Expanding Your Horizons Through Education and Service." It is clear that one of the main goals of our organization is to provide educational support to our membership through programs, newsletter articles, informal contacts, etc. But we can also benefit both personally and professionally by participating in ORALL activities such as committee service or by submitting items to our newsletter. ORALL is an organization created by law librarians to serve law librarians; in other words, through ORALL we serve each other. The quality of this organization is directly attributable to the efforts of our

membership and I am pleased to say ORALL has always enjoyed strong support from the membership. A committee service preference form is included in this newsletter. I hope many of you will agree to participate, so that ORALL will continue to exist as a useful, vital association.

Finally, let me thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as your president. I hope that whenever any of you have a comment or a suggestion concerning how we can make ORALL better or more responsive to the needs of our membership, you will contact me. My door, mailbox and phone are always open to you. Although it seems a long way off, I look forward to seeing you in Toledo during our spring meeting.

Michael Slinger
ORALL President

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CALENDAR

Jan. 1:	New Committee Assignments Effective
Jan. 5-8:	AALS - New Orleans
Jan. 9-12:	Midwinter Institute-Dallas, TX
Mar. 6:	Newsletter Copy Deadline-1st Issue
May 17-19:	ORALL Spring Meeting-Toledo
May 29:	Newsletter Copy Deadline-2nd Issue
June 13-16:	Summer Institute on Legal Research Sacramento, CA.
June 14-17:	Summer Institute on Space Planning Lake Tahoe, CA.
June 18-22:	AALL-Reno

WHAT'S AALL'S FINANCIAL STATUS?

It's a very rich association: it has a one million dollar investment fund that annually generates income worth about \$30 for each of its 4,300 members; vendors contribute thousands of dollars to its scholarship funds and annual meetings; it publishes a newsletter, a journal, and an index to foreign legal periodicals; its annual income exceeds a million dollars, and its most recent annual meeting generated a \$58,000 profit.

OR....

It's a very poor association: it expects to spend some \$200,000 more than it will take in this year; at the November 5 Board meeting, nearly \$70,000 worth of funding requests from groups and individuals were deferred indefinitely for lack of money; and the budget for the 1989 Reno meeting wouldn't generate income until we raised the registration fee to \$150.

Which is the correct answer?

Both of the above statements are true. To solve the problems associated with the second set of statements, I asked the Financial Advisory Committee to make recommendations to the Board by March. Roger Jacobs, chair of that committee, has advised the Board that the recommendation will almost certainly include a dues increase, and that it probably won't include a recommendation to reduce the size of the investment fund. I want everyone to have as much information as is possible about this situation, so here is a sketch of what has happened:

Over the last several years, our dues remained constant; the amount of income from dues rose as our membership rose; other kinds of income have risen; but the total increase in income has not matched the increase in expenses, even though we raised the price of everything we sell to non-members by 50-100%; the mailing list, the publications, and advertising, as well as exhibit space at the annual meeting. Charts at pages 56-57 of the September NEWSLETTER show the trends clearly.

Our investment fund--also referred to as our "endowment" although that is not technically correct--was set up a couple of years ago to ensure the highest rate of return for money we had previously kept in more liquid form. The Board has the power to spend all of the investment fund, and if we did so, it would be gone in about five years at the present rate of spending \$200,000 more than we take in each year. We would, of course, then have lost the income it had generated, and would need a substantially larger dues increase.

Another tack to avoid a dues increase would be to cut expenses. That's a real option, although it would completely reverse the direction in which members have decided previously the Association should head. For example, we could scale back the newsletter, and have a quarterly, typed, photocopied newsletter as we did in 1981, instead of a monthly, printed, 32 page newsletter like September's which included the CRIV SHEET from the Committee on Relations with Information Vendors. We could have a Directory like that of the 1970's--listing members completely only under their library's name and about 150 pages long; instead of one like the 1988-89 edition, over 500 pages long with an alphabetical member list, law library locator, geographical listing, and expanded Handbook. The Directory is possible because of computer equipment at headquarters, and a programmer consultant--both of those cost money.

Those who belong to other associations will realize our dues are relatively low: I just paid my State Bar dues of \$150 exclusive of a PAC contribution; and my ALA dues, including a couple of divisions, for \$192. My AALL membership, including all 12 SIS's, was just \$125. Most members don't join all SIS's, and I'd guess the average dues are under \$100. The Newsletter, Directory, and Law Library Journal would cost over \$100 at the non-member rate. And if you compare the 0% increase in AALL dues since 1982 to the increase in your library's book and salary budget--or your own salary--you'll see what a bargain our dues are.

It appears virtually certain that we need a dues increase; it seems wise to keep an investment fund of some size to minimize the dues increase needed. The Board will make decisions, based on the Financial Advisory Committee's recommendations, in March. Any dues increase needs membership approval. I invite your comments and suggestions.

Margaret A. Leary
AALL President

COUNTY LAW LIBRARIANS SIG

The County Law Libraries Special Interest Group met on Wednesday, October 12, 1988, at the Marion County Law Library in Indianapolis. After a brief introduction by Corliss Davis (Akron) Chairperson, the meeting began.

Subgroup reports were first. It was suggested by the ORALL newsreporter that this job be filled in the future by the person elected chairperson-elect for the coming year. The suggestion was unanimously agreed upon by the members present and will take effect at the next meeting.

Legislation: Discussion centered on H.B. 914 which relates to fines for overweight vehicles. The Ohio State Bar Law Libraries Committee thinks that the bill will die this session but be reintroduced next year. Brenda Woodruff (Toledo) will keep track of developments.

Automation/Computers: It was mentioned that LEXIS now has a court pricing schedule of \$75.00 per monthly subscription and the hourly rate is \$110.00.

The discussion turned to the entire structure of the subgroups themselves. Last meeting it was suggested that maybe they should be disbanded/replaced. Since they are in the bylaws the membership would have to vote to remove them. The chairperson decided that it would be simpler to let the less important ones be inactive and revive them as necessary.

The new county law library membership directory was distributed and those on the committee who worked putting it together were highly commended: Linda Ellashek, Sally Davis and Mary Alice Law. The directory includes names and addresses for all 88 Ohio county law

libraries as well as ORALL county law library members outside of Ohio. Any ORALL members interested in a copy should contact Linda Ellashek (Mahoning County).

The next item on the Agenda was discussion of the draft of a survey on county law libraries being produced by Jan Novak (Cleveland) and Anita Shew (Butler County). It is hoped that this survey will include anything anyone needs to know about county law libraries and eliminate the need for individual surveys on various topics. The survey will be circulated biennially. The results will be summarized and a report will be given to ORALL.

The House Select Committee on Court Reorganization was discussed next. Corliss Davis gave a brief summary of previous developments and reported that a draft report has been written. She hopes to receive a copy as soon as it is made public. Betty Busch (Dayton) volunteered to attend any meetings in Columbus if necessary. The SIG subcommittee created at the spring meeting in Cleveland to monitor and respond to the court reorganization movement will continue to closely monitor developments in this area.

The election of the new chairperson-elect for 1989 was held. Judith Gill (Wood County) was nominated and there being no other nominations she was unanimously elected. Rose Brown (Defiance County), chairperson for next year, solicited suggestions for topics for the May meeting in Toledo.

The business portion of the meeting being over, the program followed. Ms. Emily Howard, Information Systems Manager at Barnes & Thornburg, gave a presentation on "Telefacsimile in Law Libraries." It was a basic introduction for those unaware of or very new to the capabilities of fax machines.

The final part of the program consisted of a tour of the Marion County Law Library and the observation tower on the 28th floor of the City-County Building. Lorell Brown is to be thanked for her gracious invitation to us to use her library for the meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

Prepared by Rosemarie Chrisant
Akron Law Library Association

RESEARCHING ON-LINE DATABASES.

Ms. Pat Ensor is the coordinator of the Indiana State University database. She conducts between 300-400 searches a year. Her discussion centered around vendors: BRS, Dialog, NEXIS, and Wilsonline, with topical databases such as: News, Business, Patents, Products & Trademarks, People, Medicine and Health, Social and Behavioral Science, Government, and Law-Related.

Although she is not familiar with "legal" research databases, such as WESTLAW and LEXIS, she states that a great wealth of information may be obtained for Court cases in the various "non-legal" data bases. The information that is retrievable appears to be unending and varied.

One must beware of the cost involved, as some are rather expensive, but may be offset by the fact that they are "user-friendly" and are geared to the needs of the lay-person. Not all of the information is full-text, so one would need to get into the index to determine what is available in that particular database. In addition, one must be certain of the spelling, since British as well as American spelling may be used.

Considerable information concerning private companies is available. Dunn & Bradstreet list approximately 700,000 private companies. The cost of a search is \$85 per company. Covered are mergers and acquisitions as well as insider-trading. There is in-depth disclosure of industrial trade news, CEO's and number of employees, amount of stock owned and by whom and estimated executive's salaries.

One may find information available with listings of (a) experts in particular fields (can use either name or subject to bring together), (b) credentials, (c) fields of interest, (d) number of books in print (e) citation index, (f) how cited, and how often.

Information on many of today's health problems may be located on subjects such as AIDS, alcohol and drug abuse, aging and working, family life, smoking, and occupational safety and health.

Ms. Ensor suggests several ways to maintain skills and also to learn more about these various databases--participation in workshops; videos and workbooks provided by the vendors; use of in-users services; purchase of a variety of instructive software packages; getting on mailing lists of online vendors and personal contact through online user groups. Many of these members are expert in specific fields and are willing to share their information.

In conclusion, Ms. Ensor referred to her handout "Bibliography and Further Reading," which lists several publications, with emphasis on Data Base Directory. White Plains, NY: Knowledge Industry Publications, 1986.

*Prepared by Rose Brown
Defiance County Law Library*

RESEARCHING MEDICAL MATERIALS

Chris Oler of Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis presented an excellent program at the fall meeting on researching medical materials. According to Ms. Oler, the ultimate goal for medical librarians is the quality of health care for the patient. As part of the medical team, they work to supply information needed by all levels of health care providers.

A major factor in health care in recent years has been the emergence of DRGs (Diagnostic Related Groups). Under this system, Medicare pays according to where a disease fits in a group. However, the system has no way to account for a more severely ill patient who needs additional hospital care. The library becomes a liability to the hospital since it does not make money (although many medical libraries are charging for services, even to members of the health care team). The hospital librarian must constantly prove his/her worth. Medicare does not require hospital libraries. The Joint Council on Accreditation of Hospitals does have standards for libraries; however, they are prefaced by "If feasible." Teaching hospitals have different standards to adhere to. As hospitals try to deal with less staff, less budget, and less room, space tends to go to money making areas such as Radiology, Pathology, and Occupational Therapy.

Just as law librarians need to tread the line of unauthorized practice of law, medical librarians must be careful not to interfere with the physician-patient relationship. Methodist Hospital maintains a collection for patients - they cannot use the regular medical collection. The librarians urge patients to discuss any information they find with their physician.

Although Ms. Oler does 75-80% of her online searching on MEDLINE, there are materials in other databases which could be useful to law librarians. Scientific American Medicine, a medical textbook, is in BRS (full text). A gateway from WESTLAW to MEDLINE is also available. There has been an increase in bioethics research as most hospitals have Ethics committees and Human Research committees.

Ms. Oler also mentioned that the first thought a medical librarian has when a law librarian calls is "Who is suing my hospital?".

The following is from Ms. Oler's handout:

MEDICAL REFERENCE MATERIALS

Dorland's Illustrated Medical Dictionary
Philadelphia; W.B. Saunders Co.
27th Ed. 1988
ISBN 0-7216-3154-1 \$40.00

Physician's Desk Reference
Oradell, NJ; Medical Economics Company,
Inc.
43rd Ed. 1989 (Published Annually)
ISBN 0-87489-886-2 \$39.95

Hamilton, Betty
MASA: Medical Acronyms, Symbols, and
Abbreviations
New York; Neal-Schuman Publishers, Inc.
2nd Ed. 1988
ISBN 1-55570-012-8 \$49.95

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*Prepared by Carol Bredemeyer
Northern Kentucky University*

RESEARCHING BUSINESS MATERIALS

Jim Cannon, a librarian in the Business, Science and Technology Division at the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library, spoke to the group about researching business materials. Basically, he divided these resources into two categories -- one, the services most commonly considered to be business sources; and two, other specialized sources from related subject areas.

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Cannon passed out a bibliography of sources on "Company Information: The Basics." Included here were: Standard & Poore's Register of Corporations, Directors and Executives, Dunn & Bradstreet's various directories, Moody's Manuals, and the Thomas Register of American Manufacturers. He then reviewed briefly what these core collection reference works contain. Most of the directories give very basic information about a company -- including such things as address, telephone number, what a company does, and number of employees.

For local information Cannon recommended the Harris Industrial Directory, available in specific state editions. He mentioned the Chamber of Commerce Directories which local "chambers" publish; and he also indicated that most states have a business magazine. Generally there is not one source that pulls everything together.

Cannon talked about the government publication, Standard Industrial Classification Manual. He believes this is a good reference to have in the library. When trying to locate companies in a particular industry, the SIC Manual is a starting place. One can go from that source to other directories because most business directories include a breakdown by SIC code number.

Cannon mentioned Corporate Affiliations, a directory of who owns whom, an important resource for finding out about company interrelationships. He discussed some of the sources for finding statistics of varying kinds, including stock quotes, economic indicators, inflation rate, and census information. There also are many specialized directories, from foreign trade directories, which many foreign embassies publish, to specialized industrial directories such as drug directories or those published by various associations.

In his second group of business reference materials, Cannon included such things as the automobile red book, weather data published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, tax forms, and information on standards.

In conclusion, Cannon distributed various brochures which describe what materials can be found at the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library. Most urban areas will have similar sources at their local public library. For those not located in an urban area, Cannon recommended online resources, making use of the telephone, and working with the state library.

*Prepared by Judy Rogers
Baker & Hostetler*

AALL GRANTS PROGRAM

The American Association of Law Libraries is once again sponsoring its Grants Program, in anticipation of the 1989 Annual Meeting. At the request of the AALL Grants Committee, the grant application form is included at the end of this newsletter. Further information about this program and another copy of the grant application form are published in the December 1988 AALL Newsletter.

The Grants Program is funded through contributions from law book dealers, publishers, and other friends of AALL. The number of grants and the size of each award varies, depending on the need and the amount of money available in the Program.

It is necessary to be a member of AALL or of an AALL chapter to be eligible to receive a grant. AALL members are given preference. Individuals who have been in the profession of law librarianship longer than five years or individuals who have received a grant in the past are not eligible to apply. Grants are awarded on the basis of: a) proven or potential ability, b) promise of future usefulness and permanence in the law library profession, c) financial need, and d) contributions to the profession.

The deadline for completed applications is March 1, 1989. All those eligible to apply for a grant are encouraged to do so.

USING NON-LAW MATERIALS IN CONDUCTING LEGAL RESEARCH

The first speaker at the ORALL meeting in Indianapolis was Ms. Lolly Gasaway, Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The main theme of Ms. Gasaway's talk was that law is becoming progressively interdisciplinary and that as information specialists we need to interact more with other fields, through such groups as Medical Library Association (MLA) and Special Library Association (SLA).

As with many other special libraries, law libraries have tended to separate themselves from main university libraries and more toward other academic law libraries. Law Libraries have more in common with other special libraries than with their own campus library. Ms. Gasaway related that as a beginning cataloger in Houston the Library of Congress KF classification schedules were brand new. Other special libraries had dealt with cataloging and classification problems similar to those confronting law libraries. Ms. Gasaway said the special librarians were much more helpful than the main University librarians. Because of this lack of help, law librarians have tended to gravitate away from University libraries and toward special libraries. However, the trend is now changing.

The practice of law has become increasingly interdisciplinary. Courts are more amenable to the introduction of scientific and social science studies, etc. Lawyers are using non-legal data, research and specialists to lend credence to new legal theories and to attack long-standing theories and doctrines. As this trend continues, Ms. Gasaway said, law libraries are returning to closer relationships with main University libraries and away from other academic law libraries.

Ms. Gasaway raised some serious questions regarding how law libraries provide service, in view of the recent trend toward interdisciplinary research. What is available? How much should we learn about non-legal materials? How do we and our patrons access this information? How much should we invest in time and money to become proficient in the use of non-legal sources? What is the best way

of making referrals to fill our patron's information need? These questions have no easy answers. However, make no mistake - the questions will arise and soon.

One of the best ways to search for answers to Ms. Gasaway's questions is to get involved with other groups of librarians who have experience in interdisciplinary research. University librarians, as well as special librarians can help us with non-legal information needs. We should meet with librarians of all types in various settings. Local librarians groups are available in larger cities, as well as local chapters of national organizations, such as MLA and SLA. As members of AALL, we may go to MLA or SLA sponsored events without joining the organizations. By venturing outside of the law library realm, we can see how other groups interact and hopefully gain some insight as to how we can relate to our counterparts in other disciplines. Meetings also facilitate exchange of information and build acquaintances for future reference. As the practice of law turns toward interdisciplinary research, information professionals are going to be in higher demand. We can't afford to ignore other resources.

*Prepared by Theodore A. Potter
University of Toledo*

ETHICS IN REFERENCE SERVICE

How one ought to conduct oneself ethically in the provision of reference services was examined in the Friday morning segment of the fall ORALL meeting. Mary Grace Hune from Schwartz, Kelm, Warren, and Rubenstein presented a program that initiated a discussion of "what is right and good" in reference service.

Examples of information malpractice were presented in skits entitled "KF 30 Something," "Baby Boom Law School," and "Dunning, Sponget, and Lyon Law Firm." The issues revealed were familiar to the audience: the county law librarian as a public servant, empathetically helping the patrons to "do it themselves," the law school student utilizing computer-assisted legal research to produce cases
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on point for his clerking position, and the law firm librarian pressing for details of "insider information," then inadvertently repeating them in a social context.

Some not-so-obvious blunders encountered in the everyday practice of our profession were highlighted by the reference personnel "actors" who accepted concert tickets for using law school resources in a student's outside job; received expresso at the desk for pulling an "all nighter," and responded to the persistent patron without revealing the limitations of information in a certain subject area.

All law librarians should especially be aware of their "cloak of authority," earned merely by virtue of sitting behind a reference desk. Walk-in traffic is done a disservice by this representation.

No one would like to be accused of practicing without a license, or receiving remuneration for research and representation. The bottom line of this thought-provoking segment was an adamant reminder to think before acting and to think before speaking in the performance of informational duties.

*Prepared by Carol A. Suhre
Clermont County Law Library*

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Mid-America Association of Law Libraries (MAALL) is issuing its second annual (we hope) Call for Papers to be held in conjunction with the Midwest Conference of Law Librarians in Chicago next October. The call provides an opportunity for members of any Midwest chapter (or any AALL chapter, for that matter) to submit a well developed draft of an article to our selection committee. The paper selected as the best entry by the committee will then be presented at the Midwest meeting on October 26-28, 1989 in Chicago, with time allowed for commentary and suggestions by the audience. We do not expect a finished product,

but we do expect more than merely random thoughts, an outline, a summary, or a very rough draft. There must be organization, content, and a reasonably intelligible draft.

The Selection Committee is composed of Eileen Searls of the St. Louis University Law Library and Kaye Stoppel of the Drake University Law Library. A copy should be submitted to both Eileen and Kaye before May 1, 1989.

The incentive (aside from the honor and the opportunity for feedback) for entering this competition is a \$100 cash award. This presumes that the winner does appear to present her or his paper. There will be no other remuneration given; thus travel, housing, and registration for the meeting are up to the individual. Should the Selection Committee find that no entry qualifies as winner, there will be no selection made.

This is a wonderful opportunity to develop a paper for publication, so we hope some of you will take advantage of it. Last year's winner, David Ensign, formerly at Washburn and now director of the University of Louisville Law Library, received a number of useful suggestions to improve his fine paper presented in Iowa City.

*Peter Schanck
President, MAALL*

MIDWEST CONFERENCE OF LAW LIBRARIANS

The Midwestern chapters of the American Association of Law Libraries are joining together to hold an annual meeting at Chicago's Bismarck Hotel, Randolph at LaSalle Street, on October 26-28, 1989.

Local Arrangements Chairs Judy Gaskell (DePaul Law Library) and Judi Foltin (Baker & McKenzie, Chicago) of the Chicago Association of Law Libraries (CALL) have worked to secure this conveniently located and reasonably priced hotel for the meeting. Program Chairs John

Edwards (Drake University) and Lori Hunt (Shook, Hardy & Bacon, Kansas City) of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries (MAALL) are gathering ideas to put together an exciting series of programs centered around the theme, "Navigating the Nineties: Resource Strategies."

Concurrent programs, library tours, scheduled luncheons and an opening reception to be included in the registration fee, exhibits organized by John Austin (Northern Illinois University) and separately arranged chapter breakfasts will keep participants busy.

The Bismarck Hotel is located in the heart of the Loop. It is a short walk to the Civic Opera House or the Shubert Theater for live entertainment; just a few blocks from Marshall Field's flagship store at State and Washington streets; and numerous other Chicago landmarks like Helmut Jahn's futuristic and controversial State of Illinois building and the 110-story Sears Tower, tallest building in the world. The Bismarck is also a convenient cab or bus ride to shopping on North Michigan Avenue, where the new Bloomingdale's opened in September, 1988 or trips to the Art Institute of Chicago or Terra Museum of Art. Plan on staying over for an extra day or two and enjoy the fun of sightseeing in Chicago, and get some of your holiday shopping done as well!

The initial planning is well underway, but program ideas are still needed. If you have ideas for programs, or would like to be involved in presenting a program, please contact Lori Hunt (816/474-6550) or John Edwards (515/271-2142) and share your ideas with them.

This is an exciting and unique event for the six chapters involved. The greater the membership involvement, the greater will be the meeting's success. We hope to make this an occasion to remember!

Mary Lu Linnane, Publicity Chair
DePaul Law Library

TREASURER'S REPORT

NOVEMBER 30, 1988

Balance on Hand, September 30, 1988	\$2,689.68
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Income:

Dues:	120.00
Meetings	4,520.00
Interest:	34.44
Donations	1,180.00
(Fall Meeting)	

\$5,854.44

\$8,544.12

Expenses:

Mailing Labels	37.50
Meetings	5,174.64
Misc.	453.46
(grants, refunds, plaque, postage to mail ballots)	

\$5,665.60

Balance on Hand, November 30, 1988	<u>\$2,878.52</u>
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C.D.'s	2,332.53
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	5,100.48

Total C.D.'s	<u>\$10,518.14</u>
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*Respectfully submitted,
Ruth A. Long
Treasurer*


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IMPORTANT SUBCOMMITTEE!!

The Subcommittee on Electronic Publishing of the Committee on Relations with Information Vendors (formerly Relations with Publishers and Dealers) would like to remind the membership of its functions and announce its current membership. The Subcommittee is charged with facilitating communications between members of the Association and vendors who provide information in any non-book format. The Subcommittee will monitor complaints, provide constructive suggestions to vendors and foster a cooperative working relationship between librarians and non-book format information vendors.

Please feel free to forward any concerns you may have in these areas to any of the Subcommittee members.

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

This is my last issue as Editor of the ORALL Newsletter. I have asked our President, Michael Slinger, to appoint new Co-Editors. After two and a half years as Co-Editor and Editor, I feel it is time to pass on the challenge and privilege. It has been an honor to serve ORALL in this capacity. I have enjoyed the support of the officers, Executive Boards, the Newsletter Committees, and especially the membership. Thank you all for your patience and encouragement.

The new Co-Editors are Ellen Quinn and Deborah Deryck from Cleveland State University. I am confident these two people will continue to improve the quality of our newsletter. Please continue your support for the newsletter and its new editors, Ellen and Debbie. Their assignment begins January 1, 1989. (Please see page 12 for further information.)

Theodore A. Potter
ORALL Newsletter Editor

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NEW ORALL NEWSLETTER CO-EDITORS!

The ORALL Newsletter has two new co-editors. They are Ellen Quinn and Deborah Deryck, Cleveland-Marshall Law Library, Cleveland State University. Ellen brings considerable experience to this position. She has served ORALL in many ways, including her work on committees, service as an officer and experience on the Executive Board. Debbie is a new face in ORALL. She brings her fresh perspective and computer knowledge to a new and exciting challenge. By working together, Ellen and Debbie will complement each other to make an effective team of co-editors.

Ellen and Debbie begin their assignment on January 1, 1989. Please send news, articles, comments and ideas to:

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WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

The Second White House Conference on Library and Information Services will be held between September 1, 1988 and September 30, 1991. An advisory committee will be appointed by the President to help plan and conduct the conference. The Legislation and Legal Developments Committee of the AALL is going to suggest to the Executive Board of AALL that they attempt to have a law librarian appointed to this advisory committee, and that the Association participate in the conference in some way.

Since the conference last time was organized from the state level up, it may be appropriate for local chapters to discuss the idea and what action they would prefer to take on this. Suggestions and/or comments should be directed to ORALL officers or Executive Board members.

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