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President's Message - Jan Ryan Novak

Grants to AALL Meeting

Are you going to San Francisco? That rhetorical question from twenty five years ago conjures up an agenda far removed from law libraries and the legal profession, but maybe you will be inspired to make the pilgrimage with this news: AALL reports that grant money abounds in the 1992, so if you need financial assistance to attend the annual meeting, get your application in now.

Creative Budgeting

Maybe the analogy to the flower-power years isn't so far fetched at all. The theme in the 1967 was change--radical change, and what better describes the immediate future of law libraries today? Creative responses to budget woes have caused many of us to sacrifice some sacred cows, cross institutional barriers, and discard old notions of the measure of a library's worth. After all, is the size of your library, its autonomy, volume count or materials budget more important than your ability to harness and deliver from the amorphous body of information, precisely what your user needs? [Please refrain from characterizing this philosophy as "New Age Librarianship;" I'm merely suggesting that getting by with less can be viewed as freedom to explore new ways of doing things.]

AALL Nominations

Off the Soapbox and into the Announcer's podium: AALL has challenged Chapters to become more active in the process of nominating candidates for AALL office. I've asked ORALL's Nominations Committee to write this responsibility into their guidelines, and hope it will result in

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a much higher profile for ORALL in the national organization.

ORALL Chapter Breakfast

No doubt about it: San Francisco will be one expensive meeting. We are doing our best to help you cut the costs. I've asked our Executive Board to underwrite a substantial portion of the cost of the Chapter Breakfast, and Jo Ann Fisher graciously agreed to maintain a list of ORALL members who are looking for people to share room expenses. ORALL offers a grant to the AALL meeting, too. If your employer, like many, is cutting back travel stipends, don't forget that it is not unheard of to pay for at least some of your own continuing education expense.

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Editors Note:

Re: Thompson Corporation article. This article on the merger and consolidation of many legal publishers is reprinted here with permission because it is the clearest, most complete explanation of the regrouping of legal publishers I have seen.

Re: Membership Brochure. We have run the ORALL membership brochure in this issue so you can share it with a prospective member. Please pass it along or post it. Where else can you get the "professional connection" for only \$15 per year?

Re: Newsletter. In this issue is a big variety of Chapter news, articles, columns and AALL news. Many items are of special interest to Ohio librarians. In past issues we have tried to have coverage that reflects our total membership. If you Kentucky, Michigan, and Indiana librarians have special projects or interests relating to your states, please send them to me. We also still need some column editors for such topics as automation, and management. If you are interested, please contact me. A. Shew, Editor 513-887-3456.

Treasurer's Report-October 15, 1991

Balance on Hand at May, 1991

Checking Account \$12,198.01

C.D.'s \$20,286.25

Total as of May 15, 1991 \$32,484.26

INCOME

Dues \$380.00

Advertisements 240.00

Meeting [Cincinnati] 5,883.00

Donations [Cincinnati] 450.00

Donations [Notre Dame] 350.00

Interest [Bank] 154.01

Interest [CD] 1,292.91

Columbus 1992 Seed Money 1,000.00

Total Income \$9,749.92

Total Balance on Hand and Income \$42,234.18

EXPENSES

Meeting [Cincinnati] \$12,162.99

Newsletter 379.31

Grants 800.00

Total Expenses \$13,342.30

Balance on Hand as of October, 1991 \$28,891.88

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Respectfully submitted, Thomas Spait, ORALL Treasurer

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Government News Column – By Ruth Levor

Threat to Government Employees' Professional Activities Averted

Only the second column, and we already need to issue a correction! In our first *Government News* column, we reported on proposed government ethics standards that would prohibit federal employees from accepting leadership positions in professional organizations. We stated that AALL had not taken any action, but unbeknownst to us, Vice-President/President-Elect Mark Estates had already written to the Office of Government Ethics on behalf of AALL urging that the proposed regulations not be adopted. Apparently, Mark's sentiments were echoed by a substantial number of organizations, and it has been announced that the rule was not adopted; however, it may be revised and reconsidered at a later date.

Access to Public Records on Computer Tape

On February 5, in State, ex rel. Margolius, v. Cleveland, 62 Ohio St. 3d 456 [1992], the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that government agencies must provide computer tape copies of public information if the person requesting the information has a legitimate reason why paper copies would be "insufficient or impracticable." Barbara Margolius, a Case Western Reserve University doctoral candidate in operations research, sought records of Cleveland Police activities from 1980 to the present. The records were compiled by the Police Dept. from information on dispatch tickets that was sampled and stored on the requested tapes. Margolius stated that she needed the tapes to complete her research into the effectiveness of the Department's utilization of the police force. She also needed a paper copy of the record layout of the information on the tapes to enable her to access the necessary data.

The Police Dept., insisting that Margolius had no right to specify the format in which such public records must be provided to private citizens, would agree only to supply the information in a paper printout, which Margolius estimated would stack eight to ten feet high and which would cost her prohibitive expense and time delays. The Dept. argued that a previous decision, State, ex rel. Recodat, v. Buchanan, 46 Ohio St. 3d 163 [1989], supported its contention that it did not have to provide the tapes.

Ruling in favor of Margolius, the Supreme Court held that Recodat was limited to the proposition that proprietary software developed to access public information on computer tapes does not constitute a public record. However, the Court reasoned that Ohio's Public Records Act represents a legislative policy of providing broad access to public records. By analogy, if a public agency had in its possession two identical sets of paper records, one organized in a file cabinet and one stacked randomly on the floor, the agency would not be allowed to limit public access only to the unorganized set. Likewise, the Court held, the added value of the records being organized on computer tapes becomes an inherent part

of the public record to which citizens have a right of access.

The Court has limited the holding in Margolius to situations where the requestor can demonstrate a need for the records on computer tapes as opposed to paper copy. The Court also pointed out that it is not requiring agencies to store records in more easily accessible media if they do not already customarily do so.

By Ruth Levor
University of Cincinnati Law School Librarian

President's Message - Continued

Midwest Regional/ORALL Meeting

Carol Bredemeyer, Tom Spait and the Activities Committee are hard at work on our Midwest Regional Program to be held November 1-3, 1992. Here's the first of many announcements you will read on one important aspect of the meeting: **NOVEMBER 3 IS ELECTION DAY. DON'T FORGET TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT!**

ORALL Committees

Thanks to those of you who willingly volunteered to serve on ORALL committees, and to those of you who capitulate with a little strong-arming. We plan to issue a revised handbook in 1992, and need the concerted efforts of all our committees to see this project through. If you neglected to request a committee appointment and still want to contribute, please give me a call. There's more than enough work to go around! [216/861-5070]

by: Jan Ryan Novak, President

Dues Reminder

Dues notices and forms for the ORALL directory will be sent to all members very soon. Please return them as quickly as possible. Also, please correct any name and address information, and add your fax, telex and E-Mail address, if you have them. Send to:

ORALL Treasurer
Susan Schaefer
Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur
41 S. High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215



How to Plan a Legal Research Instruction Program

"How to Plan a Legal Research Instruction Program" was presented at ORALL's Fall Meeting by Ellen Callinan, founder and chair of the AALL Research Instruction Caucus. In this session Ms. Callinan stated that legal research instruction should be performed by librarians who are willing to take what they find to be useful and discard the rest. No matter what the setting, a successful instruction program should include the following elements:

Assessing the Need

Use internal and external sources (such as the Lawyer Training Committee or the library staff) to find out what trainees know and what they need to know. Avoid your own biases and expectations as to what people should learn; concentrate on what they actually require. An opportunity for trainees to tell you their needs will give them a stake in the training and increase its effectiveness.

Identifying the Training Objectives

These objectives can be determined from the mission statement of the institution or firm to create specific, concrete objectives which relate to that mission statement. Objectives should include specific skills which trainees will possess after the training. Input from those in charge of the institution or firm can help prioritize and justify the Instruction Program.

Designing Individual Training Projects

Use a variety of visual, bibliographic and interactive programs to achieve the goals. Different teaching methodologies will be effective under different circumstances. Prepare and plan before the Project begins; failure to plan will certainly lead to the failure of the project. A Project planning worksheet which lists things such as the goal, a description of the need, the target trainees, resources, the authorization, obstacles, the content and the testing or evaluation should be prepared. Delegate responsibility as necessary and use the resources of other departments as necessary.

Evaluation and Redesign

Prepare your evaluation tool before the project is introduced to the trainees, so it can be distributed with the project. Accept that any program will need to be adjusted or fine tuned. Be willing to accept criticism and suggestions from trainees. Schedule a date for completing a redesigned program based on the reactions and suggestions of the participants.

Personal Renewal and Rewards

A successful program in the future depends on the instructor receiving rewards and positive feedback. Reward yourself if necessary. Note what went right. Do things to keep your enthusiasm high. This will lead to a better job in the future.

Ellen also made available planning tools which could be

used with a Legal Research Instruction Program. These included a Master Plan, a Project Planning Worksheet and a Master Calendar. She also discussed the purpose and the work of the Legal Research Instruction Caucus. Members were invited to join and forms listing publications in the Instruction Caucus Clearinghouse were made available. Research members wishing more information on planning a Legal Research Instruction Program or about the Research Instruction Caucus should contact:

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Submitted by Tim Watts, Valpariso U. Law School Library

Defective Federal Reporter

One of our members reported a defect in his volume 917 of *Federal Reporter, 2nd*. There is a mix-up in some copies on the pages after page 1229. West publishing Company will replace defective volumes.

by: Tom Hanley, University of Dayton

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Reference Tips by Ellen M. Quinn

Finding Ohio Local Court Rules

Common Pleas Court Rules for Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Montgomery, and Stark counties can be found in *West's Ohio Rules of Court (State)* volume and in *Anderson's Rules Governing the Courts of Ohio*. In addition to the counties available in West and Anderson, volume 3 of *Baldwin's Ohio Civil Practice* contains Common Pleas Court Rules for Lucas, Mahoning, and Summit counties. Also in Baldwin's are the municipal court rules for Akron, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, and Toledo.

West's Ohio Official Reports

As noted in the *Ohio Bar Association Report*, West Publishing Co. is publishing 12 "super advance sheets" over the next two years. Each "super advance sheet" will consist of 800 to 850 pages which will include approximately 1900 more cases from the Ohio Courts of Appeals and miscellaneous courts during the time period of 1989 to 1990. These advance sheets will not include any Supreme Court Opinions. They will come automatically as part of the subscription of the Ohio Official Reports. These cases will not be included in the weekly OSBA Report issues; however, they can be purchased separately from West Publishing Company. [by: Joanne Fisher]

Key Numbers in West's Official Reports

West's key numbers are added to Ohio Appellate decisions only in its *Ohio Official Reports* advance sheets. The West key numbers have not been added to the *Ohio State Reports, 3rd*. This was at the request of the Court, because they did not want the West syllabi confused with those of the Court. Digest topic and key number references are available for those Supreme Court decisions with a court prepared syllabus [for example, *Westlake v. Mascot Petroleum Co.*, 61 Ohio St. 3rd 161 (1991)]. But the key number digest does appear at the front of each advance sheet and *West Ohio Digest [including Supreme Court decisions]*.

List of LEXSEE and LEXSTAT Formats

Confused about the proper LEXSEE and LEXSTAT formats on LEXIS and which documents are accessible through this method? Look at pages 160-163 of the current .LEXIS Library Contents and Alphabetical List. It shows all of the journals that can be LEXSEEd, the difficult-to-remember state statute formats for LEXSTATing statutes, and a list of correct formats for some of miscellaneous documents that can be accessed quickly using LEXSEE.

Encyclopedia of American Law

Those law libraries providing service to members of the public will find *West's Encyclopedia of American Law* a useful reference source. It is written for the non-lawyer but still treats its discussions of the law in a scholarly manner. It provides citations to important Federal laws and landmark cases. Its articles on such topics as abortion, labor-management relations, and obscenity provide a starting point for

students writing papers or anyone else interested in a discussion of the legal implications of important issues.

Directories on LEXIS and WESTLAW

If you need to find information about an attorney or law firm, check the directories available on LEXIS-WESTLAW.

LEXIS contains the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory. It is in the MARHUB library. You can then choose a file that limits your search to one state, such as the OHDIR file for Ohio attorneys or you can search the entire directory using the ALLDIR file.

WESTLAW also contains some online directories of attorneys. The directories available on WESTLAW include the Almanac of the Federal Judiciary [AFJ], Directory of Bankruptcy Attorneys [BKR-DIR], Directory of Corporate Counsel [CORP-DIR], and the National Association for Law Placement Directory of Legal Employers [NALP-DIR]. There are also three expert witness directories: ExpertNet [EXPNET], Technical Advisory Service for Attorneys [TASA], and the Forensic Services Directory [FSD]. WESTLAW also has the BNA Labor Relations Reporter's Directory of Arbitrators [LRR-DIR]. Finally, West has compiled its own online directory of attorneys from around the United States. The West's Legal Directories [WLD] include corporate counsel [CORPCO-WLD] and attorneys in private practice [PRI-WLD].

Shepard's Citations

A good review of the Specialized Shepard's Citators is found in "16 more ways to use Shepard's Citations." February 1992 issue of Trial.



The Thomson Corporation: Birth of a Law Book Megapublisher

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The specialized, even rarified, practice of law book purchasing is not generally mentioned in the same breath as big business concerns such as fluctuating oil prices and airline bankruptcies. Yet, in our modern world of corporate mergers and acquisitions, the humble law book has become a highly marketable commodity. In recent years, law librarians have witnessed a large number of corporate acquisitions, such as the Michie Company by Mead Data Central and Martindale-Hubbell by Reed International. The most visible manifestation of this phenomenon, however, is the Thomson Corporation's string of law publisher purchases during the last decade.

Owned by mild-mannered Lord Kenneth Thomson of Fleet, the Thomson Corporation is the highest ranked law book publisher in the Fortune 500. Currently number 257, its sales in 1990 are estimated at over 5.4 billion dollars. Of course, this represents a conglomerate of companies ranging from Britannia Airways to *The American Banker*, but, nonetheless, law publishing is considered a major subsidiary, and has been a primary focus of their acquisitions strategy in recent years. This culminated two years ago in the sensational \$810 million purchase of Lawyers Cooperative Publishing Company (LCP), including Bancroft-Whitney Co. and Research Institute of America (RIA).

As this article goes to press, Richard Harrington, President of the Thomson Professional Publishing Group, is just winding up the purchase of yet another major law publisher—Maxwell Macmillan Professional & Business Reference Publishing. If it seems like just yesterday that you finished recataloging all of your Prentice Hall tax services as Maxwell Macmillan, you are right. Maxwell Communications Corp. bought Prentice Hall Information Services in 1989 for \$40 million. Now they are selling it at a price of \$56.5 million to Thomson.

History

The origins of this megapublisher lie with Lord Kenneth's father, Canadian-born Roy Herbert Thomson, who began with a single small radio station and eventually became one of the fabled British press barons. With roots in publishing and media, Thomson then branched into oil and gas, which became the major source of revenue until around 1980. Then as oil supplies showed signs of drying up, the decision was made, ironically perhaps, to return to publishing, though this time with a focus on professional markets. It was a calculated decision. Michael Brown, now Thomson's CEO, spent over a year in the late 1970s combing libraries for the leading publications of financially stable professional fields.

The results? In 1978 they bought Callaghan & Company. Next, in 1980, came the purchases of Richard De Boo Publishers of Canada, Clark Boardman, and

Warren, Gorham & Lamont (WGL). In 1987 Associated Book Publishers was bought for \$340 million, though parts of this have since been sold. Thomson, however, still retains Carswell (Canada), Sweet and Maxwell (England), Stevens (England), W. Green (Scotland) and The Law Book Publishing Company (Australia). Finally, in 1989, LCP was purchased. Along the way various other companies tangentially related to the law were purchased, including Gale Research Co., bought in 1985 at \$66 million. Also, an unsuccessful attempt was made in 1982 to purchase The Bureau of National Affairs.

Piecing together the present puzzle of the Thomson Corporation, there are three major units: travel companies in the UK, newspapers in Canada and the United States, and an international publishing group. The latter in turn is split into six divisions, most notably the Thomson Professional Publishing Group, to whom the assorted law book companies report.

Within the confines of the publishing group, individual companies are being shifted and realigned in a variety of ways. Most apparent is the merger of Callaghan, Clark Boardman and a small portion of LCP into CBC (i.e., Clark Boardman Callaghan), although the process is far from complete. We will, for example, continue to receive separate invoices from Callaghan and Boardman until January of 1992, while already the Callaghan sales force is representing the complete line of CBC products. Similarly, RIA and WGL are in the process of being merged, though they are not as far along in the process.

Also, a separate company, Electronic Publishing, has been set up to develop the digital potential of the various publishing companies. *AutoCite*, for example, is their product, and they have three CD-ROM titles in the works. Headed by Kathryn Downing, they are working closely with the courts and customers, including one advisory board of law librarians.

Implications for Law Libraries

Now, 13 years later, law librarians are starting to feel the impact of these changes in ownership. Specifically, we need to know who is publishing what and the effect on invoices, billing, and service. There is also concern that we and other subscribers will ultimately fund the cost of Thomson's acquisitions. And since the practices and philosophies represented by LCP, Callaghan, and Clark Boardman differed in the past, we wonder what type of policies and services we can expect from the new companies.

To address the last concern first: LCP President Gregory Spatz and CBC Vice President Jean Maess both state that the individual companies within the corpora-

tion will continue to operate autonomously, but they are shifting titles between the two. As a general rule, Lawyers Coop will publish the national and federal titles of general interest, as well as a full line of state practice products (including codes, procedural sets, and state-specific titles), while CBC will do the authored treatises covering more specialized subjects, ranging from securities to civil rights. The logic behind this move is to provide more consistency in the product lines and to allow each company to concentrate their publishing efforts on a focused segment of the legal marketplace. The result to date is that 120 titles are migrating from LCP to CBC, while 10 titles are going from CBC to LCP.

Ms. Maess explains the creation of a new specialty legal publisher as follows: "The Thomson corporation saw an opportunity to provide high quality practice-oriented specialty products at a fair price with emphasis on customer service by combining the strengths of the three legal publishers. This new company is a direct response to the practices of some legal publishers who have exploited the market through exorbitant and unnecessary price increases without regard for customer service and market needs."

Responding to the autoshipment question, Ms. Maess acknowledged that it is a very sensitive issue, but stated that it is likely to continue where it has occurred in the past since it meets a need for practicing attorneys who may be unaware of new publications. CBC is aware that librarians particularly hate this marketing strategy, but she notes it can be blocked by not requesting "related materials" in the initial contract.

Patterns of supplementation, however, could well change. "We are tailoring supplementation to meet the needs of the markets," says Ms. Maess. "If a product doesn't need additional supplementation, we don't do it." But there are no general rules, and there will continue to be a variety of formats.

Both Ms. Maess and Mr. Spatz said there are no plans for any major price increases. While the travel division was particularly hard hit during the Gulf war and profits for the international publishing group division fell a recession-related \$10 million in the second quarter, in general, they say, all companies are run independently. Neither LCP nor CBC plan to do any across-the-board increases in the near future, but will continue to make decisions on a product-by-product basis. They are also considering discounts for not-for-profit libraries.

The International Picture

United States law libraries with Australian, British, and Canadian holdings have been experiencing a similar set of concerns about Carswell, De Boo, W. Green, Law Book Co., Stevens, and Sweet & Maxwell. Carswell and De Boo merged in 1990 into Thomson Professional Publishing Canada (TPPC). Lest we become complacent, this merger differs from the CBC merger. De Boo and Carswell were never competitors the way

Boardman, Callaghan, and LCP were. Gerry Halpin, Vice President of TPPC, characterizes Carswell's publications as primary and De Boo's as secondary, and says the nature of their products remains unchanged.

In their case, the Carswell and De Boo imprints will continue to appear. Invoices, however, now come from TPPC, using the former Carswell account numbers. Incidentally, for those of you unhappy with the form of the new invoice, Mr. Halpin assures us that we will soon receive invoices with darker print enclosed in envelopes rather than glued directly to boxes.

When asked if supplementation might increase, Mr. Halpin noted that TPPC will be unbundling some of their larger sets, so that practitioners may subscribe to selected parts rather than the expensive whole. TPPC also has no plans for any across-the-board price increases. Increases in 1992 should simply reflect inflation.

The other international companies outside of North America, such as Sweet & Maxwell, do not report to Mr. Harrington, but rather to the UK division of the international publishing group. They appear to remain relatively unaffected by their new ownership. There has been, however, some confusion over who vends these publications. Up until two years ago, one simply used Carswell. Then Sweet & Maxwell questioned why a Canadian company had exclusive rights in the United States. The decision was made, and now TPPC has exclusive rights in Canada, and non-exclusive rights in the United States—meaning (for now at least) that a wide variety of law vendors will service these publications.

Asked if there will be more corporate acquisitions in the near future, Mr. Harrington responded, "Not for a while. We will, of course, look at any companies for sale." The only merger in process is that of RIA and WGL. Not surprisingly, the Maxwell Macmillan publications will be worked into this merger, though it is far too early to have any definitive word on the outcome. Mr. Harrington plans to have an announcement by year-end, and we hope to have an update for the next issue of *The CRIV Sheet*. Meanwhile, staff at all of the divisions said they are open to our suggestions, and welcome our thoughts and concerns.



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[San Francisco]

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County Law Libraries - law seminars

Opinion 91-070. Dec 31, 1991

Law Seminars conducted under the direction of a county bar association for the purposes of educating its members in changes in the law or the provision of other legal information may be considered "services" under R.C. 3375.54 for which a county law library may expend funds received or retained pursuant to R.C. 3375.50-.53 and R.C. 3375.56, if free access to such seminars is provided to the public officials designated in R.C. 3375.48 and R.C. 3375.55, and if such seminars are permissible under the law library association's charter, bylaws, rules, or regulations.

Assistant Law Librarians - employment definition

Opinion 91-061. Dec 31, 1991

Assistant law librarians of a county law library, hired under the auspices of R.C. 3375.48, are included in the civil service pursuant to R.C. 124.11(A0(7)(b) and are employees within the meaning of R.C. 124.01(F).

Submitted by: Pete Pogacar, Chair,
ORALL Legislative Committee

Ohio County SIG Seminar

The ORALL County SIG is planning a meeting on Thursday, May 14, 1992 from 9:30 am until 4 pm at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus, Ohio

The guest speaker will be from the Ohio State Auditors Office. Library funding should be of interest to ALL county law librarians. We hope that this topic and a one day seminar will encourage the attendance of librarians who have a difficult time getting away or can not afford a three day conference.

The last few years we have had very little time to share ideas and knowledge together. This was very important to me as a new librarian twelve years ago. I learned so much in informal talks with Martha Cox, Anita Shew, Rose Chrisant and Lucille DeMoss. I am sure this day will be a great benefit to new librarians and librarians of smaller county libraries.

The only cost to you is travel and lunch. A special mailing will be sent. Please plan to attend.

Submitted by: Carolyn Bolin, Chair
Miami County Law Library

Inactive/Retired Ohio Attorneys

On February 14, the Ohio Supreme Court Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline issued Opinion 92-4, which reads in part:

"Attorneys with "inactive" or "retired" registration status may not perform the duties of a paralegal or student law clerk because of the express requirement of the Supreme Court of Ohio that these attorneys may not render any legal service for an attorney granted active status."

ORALL's Executive Board is concerned about the implications of the statement not only for law librarians, but for anyone who completes a legal education and then decide to pursue an alternative career path. We will submit a query to the Board of Commissioners and Grievances to ascertain the full intent of the opinion.

Submitted by: Jan Novak, Cleveland Law Librarian

Ohio County Funding Threatened

Ohio HB 409 [1988] amends and enacts new language for ORC Sec. 5577.99. This section dealing with overweight truck fines is being interpreted in Butler county and in Franklin County to change the distribution from 50/50% to 100% for the county motor vehicle fund. [Especially 5577.0 violation] In Butler County we question this interpretation and are investigating it. Check your funding figures and see what effect this may have on your total revenue.

by: Anita Shew, Butler County Law Librarian

Ohio CD ROM'S

- 1] Does anybody have Banks Baldwin's new Ohio Revised Code Automated Electronic Service [ORCe]? If so, write and let ORALL members know how you like it.
- 2] How about Ohio Appellate Decisions on Anderson's CD ROM? If you like it or not or have tips for use, please share with your colleagues.



ORALL Nominations

Pursuant to the constitution and Bylaws of ORALL the Committee has evaluated and selected the following members for nomination as candidates for office:

Vice-President/President Elect Ted Potter
Secretary Beth Blondin
Executive Board Sally Holterhoff

According to ORALL Bylaw XI, Sec. 1(c) "Additional nominations may be made upon the written petition of five active voting members in good standing submitted to the Secretary no later than May 1st of the year. Such nominations by petition must be accompanied by the written acceptance of the nominee."

Nominations for the Distinguished Law Librarian and/or Outstanding Service awards will be considered by the committee and award winners will be recognized in the ORALL Newsletter.

ORALL Nominations Committee, Brenda Kelley, Chair
Alvin M. Podboy and Janis L. Johnston

ORALL Directory Changes

ADDITIONS

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. 513/489-6720; 800/234-6245
. Patricia Sweeney

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. 614/228-3113; FAX 614/228-5897
. Emerson D. Gilbert

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. Columbus, Ohio 43215
. 614/469-2019
. Connie S. Whipple

Indiana University Law Library . . Bloomington, Indiana
. Add: Michael Maben

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Legal Information Services . . . Newton Highlands, MA
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Case Western Reserve Law School 216/368-6359

Please submit any additions or changes to Tom Hanley,
University of Dayton Law Library, 300 College Park, Dayton,
Ohio 45469, 513/229-2314

ORALL Placement Information

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For other job listings and further information, contact Kyle Passmore, ORALL placement office at Univ. of Akron Law Library, Akron, Ohio 44325 or call 216/972-7330.

University of Dayton Law Library

Computer and Automated Systems/Catalog Librarian
Requirement: Master's degree from an ALA-accredited library/information science school.

Preferred: Experience with automated library systems and microcomputers. Experience in cataloging using LC classification schemes and subject Headings.

Duties: Continue the ongoing automation of library functions. Supervise microcomputer and automated systems software, hardware, and applications. Perform all original and some member-copy cataloging for the law library. Supervise copy cataloging and clerical functions of the Cataloging Dept. staff. Serve as reference librarian of last resort. Other duties as assigned.

Salary: Dependent upon Qualifications.

Available: March 1, 1992.

Send letter of application and resume to: Thomas L. Hanley, Director of the Law Library, University of Dayton Law Library, 300 College Park, Dayton, Ohio 45469-1350. Telephone: 513/229-2314. The University of Dayton is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer.

Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease, Columbus

Assistant Librarian

Requirements: MLS with 1-3 years experience

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AALL Membership Sale

The American Association of Law Libraries announces its **Annual Membership Sale**. As of March 1, a new AALL member may join the Association, with full membership privileges, for only \$28.75. That's one-fourth of the regular annual dues amount and the invoices for the 1992-93 Association year will not be due until June 1. Special Section Memberships are an additional \$12 each. [e.g. Automation, government documents, private law libraries, technical services, state, court and county]

This year AALL offers the added incentive of including new members in the 1992 AALL Biographical Directory, for those who join before the end of March. Also, becoming a member insures registration at the AALL member price for the 1992 Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

For full information on AALL and its sections, send a letter to: AALL, P. O. Box 94340, Chicago, IL 60678-0340 with your check made payable to The American Association of Law Libraries [312/939-4764].

Newer Librarians Pre-Conference AALL - San Francisco

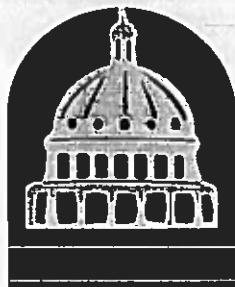
CONNELL is the one day special program for AALL members with 5 years or less experience. It is a great place to meet other newcomers in a small group. It is held July 18 in San Francisco before the AALL Conference. For more information, call Hazel Johnson, Co-Chair 919-515-2936.

Nominate AALL Officers

ORALL members--here's your chance to nominate colleague for an AALL office. The AALL Nominatio Committee is in the process of identifying possible candidat for the 1993 AALL election for the offices of Vice Pre dent/President-Elect, Secretary and Executive Board.

The committee is charged with presenting a slate candidates that reflects the diversity of the Association membership. It is increasingly difficult to fulfill this char without the assistance of the membership. Each AAI member is invited and urged to submit the names of pote tial candidates. To propose members for candidacy, send letter, accompanied by a resume of professional activities a any other supporting materials to any member of t Nominations Committee or AALL Headquarters by May 1992.

Barbara Bintliff, U. of Colorado Law Library, Campus B 402, Boulder, CO 80309. Johanna Bizub, Sills Cunn Zuckerman, et.al, One Riverfront Plaza, Newark, NJ 0710 5400. Charlie Colokathis, Lawrence Law Library, Trial Co Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Lawrence, MA 018 Larry Wenger, U. of Virginia Law Library, North Groun Charlottesville, VA 22901. Judith Runyon, Law Offices Frank Phillips, 4965 Valley View Ave., Suite B, Yorba Lin CA 92686. Beth Schneider, Texas Tech U., Law Libra School of Law, Lubbock, TX 79409. Cosette Sun, Alame Cty. Law Library, Courthouse, 1225 Fallon St., Rm 2 Oakland, CA 94612.



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Public Telecomputing & Legal Information



An area of concern to many law librarians is the increasing limitation of legal information online databases for all law library's patrons.

To date, the only bright spot for these patrons is the community telecomputing--or Free-Net-- concept. ORALL members who attended Tom Grundner's presentation at the meeting in Akron in October 1990 heard directly about this concept from its originator. The December 1990 ORALL Newsletter carried a report on that representation.

The Free-Net concept is important enough to merit further discussion. There are now five active Free-Nets, four in Ohio and one in Peoria, Illinois. Committees have been formed in at least a dozen other locales, from Chicago to Helsinki to Singapore to Akron.

In May, 1991, Letters to the Fourth World, the first newsletter of the National Public Telecomputing Network was published. The NPTN is the vehicle designed to be the umbrella for the local Free-Nets, in much the same way as the Public Broadcasting System is the umbrella for the individual public television stations and National Public Radio is the umbrella for the individual public radio stations.

Tom Grundner's one sentence philosophy of NPTN is: "We believe that everyone in a society has a right to access the primary information resources of that society via the best means available."

Certainly that philosophy is congruent with that of most librarians. Indeed, two of the Free-Nets are housed in libraries, namely the Medina Free-Net at the Medina Public Library and the Heartland Free-Net in Peoria, Illinois.

The original Free-Net is the Cleveland Free-Net, and it is an excellent example of how legal information can be made available to the public. In conjunction with CWRU and EDUCOM, NPTN is involved with Project Hermes, which makes US Supreme Court opinions available to any Free-Net user. Another major project is the provision of the opinions of the Ohio 8th District Court of Appeals to Free-Net users. There is also a component called the Congressional Memory Project, which contains the text of major federal bills.

As a community service, a number of lawyers volunteer to field legal questions and to post the answers on Free-Net. They will not provide advice on specific problems, but they will answer general questions on the law. This exchange is the example of both the vitality of the Free-Nets and the importance of the volunteer component.

An Organizing Committee for an Akron Free-Net has just been established. The Committee will rely heavily on The Bluebook: a guide to the development of Free-Net commu-

nity computer systems, and the help that NPTN can give. Anyone interested in the mechanics can talk with Anne McFarland at the University of Akron [216/972-6352 or R1ASM@akronvm or R1ASM@VM1.CC.UAKRON.EDU.]

Submitted by: Anne McFarland,
University of Akron Law Library

Professional Reading--Randy Wilcox

Recent articles of interest to the Law Library profession include:

- Marke E. Estes & Holley M. Moyer, "How to Make the Best Use of CD-ROM," National Law Journal, July 22, 1991, at S11.
- Donna Tuke Heroy & Nina Wendt, "Toward the Year 2000: Law Library Strategies for the '90's," 10 Legal Information Alert 1 [December 22, 1991]
- Larry G. Johnson, "CD-LAW: A Washington Law Library on Two Disks," 45 Wash. St. B. News 39 [August, 1991].
- Julius J. Marke, "Technology and the New Law School Building," N. Y. L. J., July 16, 1991, at 4.
- Holley M. Moyer, "Creating a Firm's Library Requires Resourcefulness," N. Y. L. J., July 16, 1991, at 18.
- Deborah Schwartz, "More to the Job Than Managing a Firm's Library," L. A. Daily J., July 15, 1991, at S14.
- Marie G. Wallace & Alice Chu, "Cashing in on Research: Electronic Law Libraries are Becoming Profit Centers," 11 Cal. Law. 47 [July, 1991]

Thoughts on Software Upgrades

Adapted from interesting article by Carl Patrick Ventrone, Director, Learning Resource Center, Cincinnati Technical College for GCLC Newsletter, November, 1991.

New is not always better. Carefully evaluate new software upgrades.

- 1] Technologically update only when the change provides demonstrable cost and/or labor savings.
- 2] Never sacrifice quality of service or product for technical innovation.
- 3] Purchase technology for a pre-specified task, not for the attraction of the many possibilities it may have.



PLL Directory

The Private Law Libraries Section of AALL is interested in developing a Resource Guide for Law Librarians. This will be a directory of contact people for many aspects of library work. If you have expertise in space planing, dissolving a library, preservation, marketing, LAN's or any area in which you would be willing to offer advice to other librarians Please consider this an invitation to share your skills.

We would like to make the directory as specific as possible. For example, there would be listings for different software programs and equipment, not just automation in general.

In the future, we would like to expand the directory to cover fee based consultants. This could serve as a marketing tool for the PLL to use at exhibits at other conferences and with legal administrators. To list yourself in the directory contact: Elaine T. Sciolino, Simpson Tacher & Bartlett, 425 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10017

PLL Survey

Please help please help by filling out a 6 page survey on technical services in Private Law Libraries sponsored by the PLL SIS. Contact Anita Shew, Editor for a copy or:

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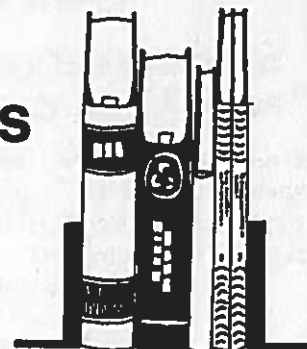
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ORALL was organized in April of 1949 at a meeting of law librarians at the Ohio State University Law Library in Columbus, Ohio. The original name of the Association was Ohio Association of Law Libraries and membership was limited by its constitution to residents of Ohio. However, inasmuch as law librarians from other states were regularly in attendance at meetings, the name was changed in 1968 to the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries. All residency requirements were dropped in 1971 to reflect the fact that law librarians from neighboring states have been active and essential members of the Association.

In 1971 the Association became a multi-state chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries.

ORALL NEWSLETTER

The *ORALL Newsletter* covers news about the Association including placement opportunities, committee activities, and information about meetings. Published three times a year, the *Newsletter* provides news about the members and their professional activities throughout the year.

ORALL participates in an ongoing exchange of newsletters with other chapters of the American Association of Law Libraries.

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ORALL is a 4-state chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries [Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan]. It was formed in 1949 "to further the development and usefulness of law libraries and to stimulate a spirit of mutual helpfulness among law libraries of this region."

An annual conference is held in the Fall of each year. ORALL publishes or sponsors the following publications: *Core Legal Collection* [bibliographies for Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan], *ORALL Membership Directory*, *ORALL Newsletter*, *ORALL Union List of Serials*, *Ohio Legal Resources Annotated Bibliography & Guide 3rd*.

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For job listings and further information, contact Kyle Passmore, ORALL Placement Office at U. of Akron Law Library, Akron, Ohio 44325 or call 216-972-7339.

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Calendar

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April 9-10 -"Preservation Principles, Strategies & Planning," Madison, Wisconsin. Sponsored by School of Library and Information Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison/Extension. Contact Jane Pearlmutter, Outreach Program Manager, Continuing Education Services, 600 N. Park Street, Madison, WI 53706, 608/262-6398.
May 1 -1992 Law Day U.S.A.: "Struggle for Justice."
May 1 -"Management Strategies for Disaster Preparedness," St. Louis, Missouri. Contact: The Association for Library Collections & Technical Services at 800/545-2433, ext. 5032.
July 14-17 -"AALL Cataloging Institute," Santa Clara, California. Sessions for both beginning and advanced catalogers will be offered. For more information, contact AALL headquarters.
July 18-23 -"Pass the Word," AALL Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California.
August 6-13 -American Bar Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California.
Sep 26-Oct 3 -Banned Books Week.
Nov 1-3 -"Columbus '92, Discovering New Horizons in Law Libraries," Midwest Regional Conference of Law Librarians, Columbus, Ohio. Regional meeting jointly sponsored by CALL, LLAW [Wisconsin Chapter], MALL [Minnesota], Mich/ALL [Michigan], and ORALL [Ohio Regional]. For further information, contact Tom Spaith, 614/292-6691.
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