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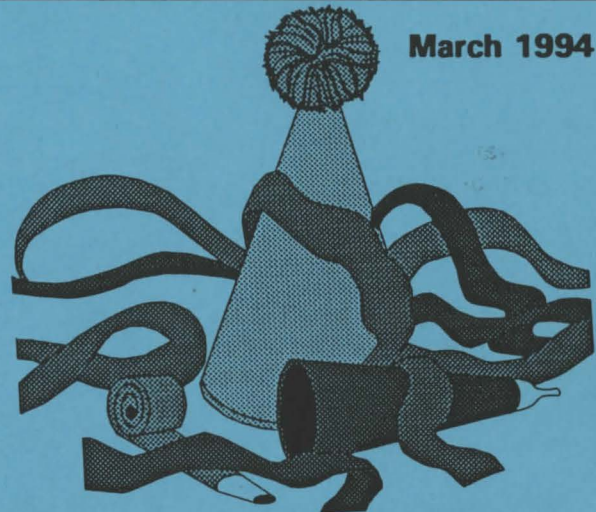
DEDICATION

This issue of the *PTDLA NEWSLETTER* is dedicated to:



who in 1976 asked the question, "What is going on at the libraries that receive patents from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office?" In her announcement to the PTDL representatives of Mr. Hurd's death, Carole Shores, Director, Center for Patent and Trademark Information Services, called him "the visionary, instigator and promoter behind what is now known as the Patent and Trademark Depository Library Program." It is to his memory and his growing legacy that we proudly dedicate our 1994 newsletter.

(Please see page 2 for more.)



WELCOME NEW PTDLs!

CASPER, WY: Natrona County Public Library
designated September 16, 1993

ORONO, ME: Raymond H. Fogler Library,
University of Maine
designated December 23, 1993

SAN FRANCISCO, CA: San Francisco Public
Library
designated January 19, 1994

RAPID CITY, SD: Devereaux Library at the
South Dakota School of Mines and
Technology
designated February 10, 1994

PTDLA PATENT & TRADEMARK DEPOSITORY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER is the official publication of the Patent & Trademark Depository Library Association, representing the libraries designated as public search collections throughout the United States by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO). It is designed to share news and activities of the Association and its members beyond the scope of *Ad Libs*, the official PTO Patent and Trademark Depository Library Program (PTDLP) publication. It is distributed free to members of the Association, PTO/PTDLP, and other interested parties. Frequency is irregular.

Editor (1994): Jennifer Paustenbaugh, Stillwater, OK, PTDL; Intellectual Property News
Editor: Brian Carpenter, PTDLF Fellow.

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PATENT & TRADEMARK DEPOSITORY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

December 9, 1993

Mrs. Ethan A. Hurd
204 Niblick Drive, SE
Vienna, Virginia 22180

Dear Mrs. Hurd,

I am writing to you in behalf of the representatives of the Patent and Trademark Depository Libraries. Carole Shores, Director of the Center for Patent and Trademark Information Services, recently shared with us the news of Ethan A. Hurd's death in October. We are saddened by this news. However, we are also thankful for his insight and his ability to invigorate the Patent and Trademark Depository Library Program into a very capable and appreciated service to the public.

Less than twenty years ago, twenty-two libraries were receiving copies of patents from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and little else. Originally, these libraries had only the most basic patent resources with which to help the public. When Ethan Hurd began to explore possibilities for making this program more effective and more meaningful, many things began to happen. The growth of the program has been remarkable. Now, a total of seventy-five libraries have access to advanced systems for computerized searching, receive extensive training and individualized support and realize many other benefits of a close association with the PTO.

Together, the Patent and Trademark Depository Libraries handle more than a thousand requests for information and assistance with patent and trademark searching each week. Requests come from inventors, business persons, government officials, faculty, students, historians, researchers and many other people.

Ethan Hurd's leadership and vision were essential elements in transforming the PTO's depository program from simple distribution of patent copies to a model program of cooperation between government and libraries serving the public. His attentive involvement with the libraries shaped a program at the PTO which continues to be deeply supportive of our effort to help our communities in behalf of our libraries and the PTO.

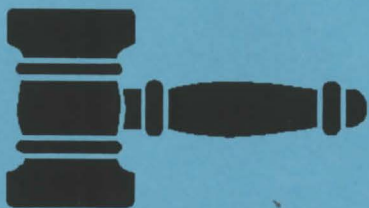
The enclosed gift to the Wesley United Methodist Church Organ Fund seems quite small in comparison to how appreciative we are of Ethan Hurd for launching the Patent and Trademark Depository Library program into the active, vital service that it is now.

Sincerely,

Kevin R. Harwell
Patent and Trademark Depository Library Association
c/o Pennsylvania State University
C207 Pattee Library
University Park, PA 16802

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PTDLA PRESIDENT'S REPORT



During 1993, the Patent and Trademark Office underwent major changes, as some familiar people left and another re-organization took place. Now that Bruce Lehman has been confirmed as new Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, we have begun once again to make our concerns known, especially our concerns about APS.

It is the strong feeling of the members of the Association that APS should be freely available in the PTDLs. To that end, I have written Commissioner Lehman [see letter on page 4].

We expect to see the Commissioner this March at the Commissioner's reception and possibly at other events. However, the officers of the Association have also made an appointment to see the Commissioner formally to present our concerns and to talk with him.

A sad event of the past year was the passing away of Ethan A. Hurd, who may be called the father of the Patent and Trademark Depository Library Program. Kevin Harwell, Chair-elect, wrote a very nice letter to Mrs. Hurd [facing page], and the Association made a donation in his honor of \$75, one dollar for each PTDL, to the Wesley United Methodist Church Organ Fund in his memory.

From the days of Ethan A. Hurd, the PTDL program has grown from twenty two libraries to seventy five, and we are still growing.

The Association is growing as well. I am looking forward to new accomplishments in 1994 and a chance to meet and work with all of you.

--Diane A. Richmond, Chair, PTDLA

MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM OFFICE



Greetings to all our colleagues around the country in 49 states and the District of Columbia!! Yes, I said 49 states. Since we met at PTDL Conference XVI last year in April, the PTDL Program has experienced a spurt of growth that it has not seen in several years. We have four new PTDLs which bring three new states into the Program. The designation of Natrona County Public Library in Casper, Wyoming, the Raymond H. Fogler Library at the University of Maine in Orono, and the Devereaux Library at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, all bring the Program that much closer to having a presence in all 50 states. The one remaining state? Vermont! In addition, the designation of San Francisco Public Library for the first time brings five PTDLs to one state. States with four PTDLs include Ohio and Florida. Ohio gets the prize for length of service, however. All four of its PTDLs are in the "Original 22"! For those of you interested in such things, the breakdown of PTDLs by library type is as follows: 39 academic libraries, 28 public libraries, 8 state libraries, and 3 special libraries (Sunnyvale Patent Clearinghouse in California; Science Park Library in New Haven, Connecticut; and Linda Hall Library in Kansas City, Missouri).

The Program continues to evolve steadily from the first formal dialogue between PTDL librarians and the PTO at the first PTDL Conference in 1977. Events mark the passing of time and this past year the death of Ethan Hurd, the visionary behind the PTDL Program as it stands today, and the recent retirement of Edward J. Earls, Deputy

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The Business/Science/Technology Division
The Chicago Public Library
400 South State Street, Room 3S-12
Chicago, Illinois 60605
January 28, 1994

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The Honorable Bruce Lehman, Assistant Secretary of Commerce
and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Commissioner Lehman:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Patent and Trademark Depository Library Association. For the past five years, we have been planning for the Automated Patent System. For the past two and a half years, APS has been deployed at fourteen pilot sites. It has been received by the public with great enthusiasm. For the librarians, it has become one of the essential patent tools.

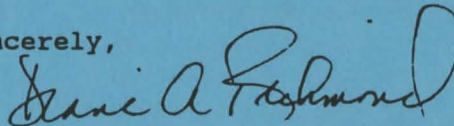
PTDLs do a wide range of sophisticated, in-depth research in the area of patents, using basic tools as CASSIS CD-ROM, but also sources such as Chemical Abstracts, U.S. and foreign documents, and a wide range of online databases. APS is a natural and necessary addition to these resources. The PTDLs who do not have APS are eagerly awaiting its full deployment.

Because we do in-depth research in patents, and because of the 100% integrity of our patent files, the PTDLs are very heavily used. Our users include major corporations, particularly manufacturing companies, patent and other attorneys, engineers, design professionals, teachers and students, inventors, small businessmen and entrepreneurs, and a host of others. In a recent survey conducted by the Association on PTDL outreach, we discovered that within one year, the 60 PTDLs responding had distributed 60,000 flyers, brochures, and information sheets and initiated 442 events, which were attended by 21,458 people.

To serve the information and patent search needs of our users, we need APS in every PTDL. It is essential to the PTDLs that APS should be made available as rapidly as possible and that APS should be fully supported and freely accessible in the PTDLs.

We are hoping for a timely response to this letter, as well as the opportunity to talk with you further during the upcoming PTDL conference.

Sincerely,



Diane A. Richmond, Chair
Patent & Trademark Depository Library Assn

cc: Bradford Huther

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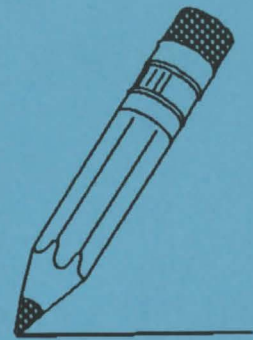
Director of the Search and Information Resources Administration (formerly the Office of Documentation), one of the early patent classification instructors at our annual conferences, force us to recognize that events and names can be lost unless they are documented. To that end we intend to begin work on an early history of the PTDL Program. Be prepared to respond to requests for information from those early years, probably of the anecdotal variety, especially those PTDLs which constitute the "Original 22". We know such a history is needed. We hope you can all help and contribute. The PTDL Association is very much an outgrowth of that early history.

Summarizing improvements in service to PTDLs over the last year include the delivery of new Pioneer CD-ROM drives to those of you with original PTO-supplied equipment, a numbered memoranda system which improves tracking on your end, the provision of a number of new print and electronic information products, and the institution will be emphasized during the next year include FTS2000MAIL training and assistance, the PTDL Directory Revision and developing a plan for regular surveys with a specific focus. As always, it is a pleasure for me and my staff to serve you. Mande Putnam, Tracei Hale-Lee, Bernice Smith, Marie Moisdon and Brian Carpenter do their utmost to assist you, so if you are not sure about asking for help, err on the side of asking. Please share all your requests, needs, complaints and compliments with us. We cannot improve without your input.

Thanks for all that you do! We look forward to seeing you in March.

--Martha Crockett Sneed, Manager
Patent and Trademark Depository Library
Program

PTDLA TREASURER'S PRELIMINARY REPORT



Seventy-seven people paid conference fees for the 1993 (16th) Patent and Trademark Depository Library Conference, 75 PTDLA members at \$20.00, and two associate members at \$30.00. Eighty-seven people paid membership fees for the 93/94 membership year, 85 voting members and two associates.

Balance as of February 8, 1993: \$1652.40

Deposits

4/30/93	Memberships and Conference fees	2836.00
9/11/93	Additional memberships and conference fees	100.00

TOTAL CREDITS (+) 2430.00

Debits

4/2/93	Commissioner's Reception	100.00
4/15/93	Newsletter reimbursement, Jennifer Paustenbaugh	548.98
4/28/93	Conf. XVI Reception	181.41
4/30/93	Crystal City Marriott	1520.00
11/12/93	Ethan A. Hurd Memorial Fund	75.00

TOTAL DEBITS (-) 2425.39

Balance as of January 27, 1994: \$1657.01

Respectfully submitted,
David L. Morrison
Secretary/Treasurer, PTDLA

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PATENT & TRADEMARK DEPOSITORY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Membership Form 1994-1995*

Mail to: Treasurer/Secretary
David Morrison
Documents Department
Marriott Library
University of Utah
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

Dues are \$10.00. Please make checks payable to PTDLA and include the name of your PTDL on your check.

Name: _____ **PTDL:** _____

Street: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ **Phone: ()** _____

Home Street: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ **Phone: ()** _____

E-mail address (other than FTS2000): _____

Committee Preference(s): _____

Office Preference: _____

* *Membership year is beginning of conference 1994 to beginning of conference 1995.*

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PTDLA OFFICERS, 1993-1994

President: Diane Richmond, Chicago, IL

President-elect: Kevin Harwell, University Park, PA

Secretary/Treasurer: David Morrison, Salt Lake City UT

Past President: M. Neil Massong, now employed by PTO

Regional Representatives:

- Region 1:** Jean Rozett, New Haven CT
- Region 2:** Dave Murdock, Pittsburgh, PA
- Region 3:** Charles Brown, Louisville, KY
- Region 4:** Chris Marhenke, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- Region 5:** Sandy Vaughn, Kansas City, MO
- Region 6:** Brian Carpenter, PTDLF Fellow (also of College Station, TX)
- Region 7:** Donna Cooper, Los Angeles, CA

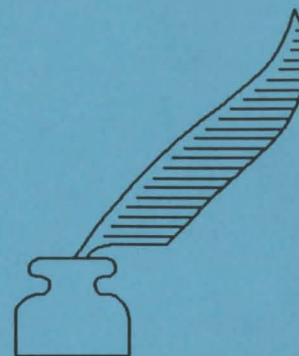


PTDLA COMMITTEE REPORTS

Written reports will be presented to the PTDLA membership at Conference XVII. If you are not attending conference and would like to have a copy of the reports, please contact the editor after conference.

MINUTES OF PTDLA COUNCIL MEETING

*Monday, April 26,
1993*



The meeting was called to order at 5:11 p.m. by Chair, Neil Massong (PTDLF Fellow). Others attending were Donna Hanson (Moscow, ID), Diane Richmond (Chicago, IL), Jean Bishop (Butte, MT), Brian Carpenter (PTDLF Fellow), Kevin Harwell (University Park, PA), Jennifer Paustenbaugh (Stillwater, OK), Chris Marhenke (Ft. Lauderdale, FL), Donna Cooper (Los Angeles, CA), and Dave Morrison (Salt Lake City, UT).

In new business, Chris Marhenke discussed the report from the Region Committee. The committee recommends that the PTDLs be split into twelve regions. To do that, the Association will need to re-elect twelve regional representatives, which will require two candidates for each region, or 24 candidates altogether. The Council discussed how these new elections could be held under existing bylaws. The proposed change will be brought up under new business at Thursday's business meeting.

Chair Neil Massong read his annual report and a letter of thanks from Jean Kirkland, who retired this past year. He will propose making the Finance, Government Relations, and Publications Committees standing during Thursday's meeting. There was a short discussion on the question of too many new committees for the number of active members in the Association. Secretary/Treasurer Dave Morrison brought up questions regarding the membership year, and the need for new forms.

Jennifer Paustenbaugh brought up the question of changing our logo to reflect our

new status as trademark depositories as well as patents, i.e., to use a 'T' for trademarks and become the PTDLA. Donna Cooper stated that Billie Connor from Los Angeles, who was instrumental in producing our first association lapel pins, is still in touch with the original designer of our logo, and we could easily get our logo updated.

Dave reported on the official name change of the Association with the Internal Revenue Service, and was asked to announce the change at Thursday's business meeting.

Jean Bishop, Chair of the Archives Committee, asked for \$40.00 to purchase archival materials. Passed unanimously.

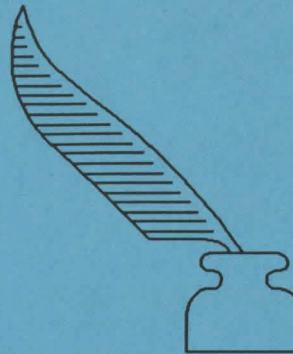
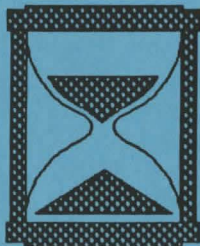
Dave asked for \$33.07 to pay for the pizza delivered during the meeting. Passed unanimously.

Brian Carpenter, Chair of Elections Committee, announced the results of this year's elections.

Kevin Harwell Chair Elect
Dave Morrison Secretary/Treasurer
Jean Rozett region 1 rep.
Charles Brown region 3 rep.
Sandy Vaughn region 5 rep.
Donna Cooper region 7 rep.

Neil asked for a motion to adjourn at 7 pm; passed by universal acclaim.

--Submitted by Dave Morrison, Salt Lake City, UT



MINUTES OF THE PTDLA BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, April 29, 1993

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m. by Chair, Neil Massong (Detroit, MI). Donna Hanson (Moscow, ID) was appointed parliamentarian, and was thanked for serving in that position.

Jean Bishop (Butte, MT) moved to accept the minutes of the 1992 Business Meeting, and was seconded by Mary Leckie (Little Rock, AR). The motion carried.

The Chair mentioned the loss of the CASSIS e-mail system, and pointed out that all committee reports were in the PTDLA Newsletter distributed prior to the conference. Highlights from the committee reports included Kevin Harwell's (University Park, PA) testimony before Congress; the PTDLA's letters in support of APS; formation of the Regional Committee; and the new Special Publications Committee. All at the conference were encouraged to join the Association. The Chair read a letter of thanks from Jean Kirkland, who retired during the past year.

Secretary/Treasurer Dave Morrison (Salt Lake City, UT) read a report on the Council Meeting held Monday night, and the Finance Committee's report for the year.

Brian Carpenter, Elections Committee Chair, read results of this year's elections:

Chair-elect: Kevin Harwell (University Park, PA)
 Secretary/ Treasurer: Dave Morrison (Salt Lake City, UT)
 Region 1 rep.: Jean Rozett (New Haven, CT)
 Region 3 rep.: Charles Brown (Louisville, KY)
 Region 5 rep.: Sandy Vaughn (Kansas City, MO)
 Region 7 rep.: Donna Cooper (Los Angeles, CA)

Jean Rozett thanked all PTDL representatives who responded to the survey on outreach.

The meeting broke up into Discussion Groups at 9:08 am. Each group reported on their major concerns after a short break at 9:50 am.

Diane Richmond reported for Table 1. She noted that their libraries were mostly in states of transition, that budget woes were common, and that many were not on the new e-mail system and missed the contact with other PTDLs. They were concerned about training and fees to be charged for access to APS, and felt that the large urban libraries could use 6 to 10 workstations a piece, half for CASSIS and the others for APS.

Carol Giles reported that the main concerns for Table 2 were the availability of APS -- possibly as mainframe tapes, the problems with the CASSIS CD-ROM drives, need for more technical support using the e-mail system, and the legal liability for PTDLs in providing patent and, especially, trademark searching.

Ted Cebula reported for members of Table 3. They were concerned over legal liabilities, especially if the PTDLs need to start charging fees, as the fee structure could imply legal advisement. The Association should advise on political issues and monitor activities on the Hill (i.e., in Congress). Table 3 members asked whether the PTDL Program should be merged with GPO, and stated that CASSIS was still needed in addition to APS ("the man on the street likes it.").

Charles Brown spoke for Table 4. Many can't afford the minimum \$2,000.00 subscription per year for APS. What options will be available for those libraries? Regional APS training sessions could be effective, especially if held in major airline hubs. Can the APS be removed from public searching areas and put in reference? Libraries should share their liability statements with other PTDLs. Members said there were not enough PTO publications available to hand out to the public, such as "Basic Facts About Patents." CASSIS screens should have information on disk contents on opening screens.

Jim Miller (College Station, TX) said that Table 5 members saw a need for APS, thought it would lead to more patent use, but felt their students and faculty were unaccustomed to searching full-text databases or considering patents as an information source. There is great pressure on PTDLs: not enough equipment, support of same, or staff time. Most sites do fee-based searching: minimum \$8.00 to \$75.00 or higher on commercial systems. 30 minute sign-ups common. Strongly urged CD-ROM indexes back to beginning, even if only patent number, date, and author. The British Library has put out a microfiche set of British patents, 1617-1980, for about \$600.

Jean Porter asked why Table 6 members, who were from academic libraries, would pay for access to the APS when they mostly had the patent database on Lexis/Nexis available at educational discounts. She mentioned the funding problems academic libraries face. The trademark CD-ROMs need to be updated.

Jean Rozett said that Table 7 members want free APS access for the PTDLs -- especially for training time, more handouts, and more e-mail support. They suggest that PTDLs link regionally with an APS site, that conferees bring handouts again next year, and that the major points of this year's conference be published. In the future, they would like trademark handouts similar to the new

CASSIS handouts.

Kevin Harwell said that the academic libraries at Table 8 want APS, but had many concerns about charging for access. Most academic users had very tight funds, with some research funds available but not enough to cover the PTO's suggested subscription fees. Academic libraries are limited in their ability to pass on costs to searchers. They would need access to a training file, and would appreciate a software training module. If the fees remain in place, most searches would become mediated. They were also concerned about the expiration of the five-year service contract on the CASSIS workstations, as many libraries now have faulty equipment. It should be easier to set default values on CASSIS, and some reps weren't sure what to do with superseded disks. Table 8 members felt they needed more communication from the PTDL program office regarding e-mail problems, and wondered whether PTDL communication could be done via the Internet.

After the table reports, Tom Melvin (Newark, DE) asked whether users could pay for online APS time with credit cards. Donna Hanson (Moscow, ID) pointed out that Lexis/Nexis access at many academic libraries were being restricted. George Cumming (Boston, MA) said that there was much interest in patents on the Internet; this indicates great public interest in being able to search patents from their own homes using a computer. Christina Byrne (Seattle, WA) mentioned the comp.patents discussion group on UseNet, and stated that many of her patrons want full-text patents with images back to 1790 and expect them to become available. She suggested that we address public expectations diplomatically. Jean Rozett (New Haven, CT) said we shouldn't pin all our hopes on the Internet, that more control was coming. Tom Andersen (Sacramento, CA) told conferees that he was also attending the Dupont Circle meetings in Washington on the future of the federal depository program, and

that a new federal information structure was developing, including text, voice and images. One scenario being discussed has patent information being distributed to all 1400+ federal depository libraries, not just PTDLs.

Donna Hanson requested that all those from libraries with Internet or Bitnet access give their electronic mail addresses to her or Secretary Dave Morrison. Dave asked all conferees to make all materials exchanged with other PTDLs in electronic format in plain ASCII text, which can be manipulated by most word-processing programs.

Donna Hanson, Chair, Bylaws Committee, moved the changes to the PTDL bylaws as distributed to members prior to the conference. Kevin Harwell seconded. Article 4, Section 2 on the new PTDL positions, carried. Changing all references to the new office titles in the bylaws carried. Changes to the terms of the new Secretary and Treasurer positions, with Secretary serving for one year, Treasurer for two, carried. Article 5, Section 3 on the duties of the Treasurer carried. Adding Article 5, Section 4 on the duties of the new secretary carried. Re-numbering articles and sections carried. Wording of the names of standing committees carried. Changing the method of voting from "CASSIS" to the generic term "electronic mail" carried.

Margaret Hayes (Madison, WI) was called to the podium and congratulated on her retirement. She was universally proclaimed chair of the Retirement Committee.

The new regional proposal was discussed. Donna Hanson said that the new elections might be difficult to reconcile with the bylaws. Odd regions would serve for two years, even regions could elect reps for one or three years; there was general agreement on one year for the first election.

Kevin Harwell (Chair, Committee on Governmental Relations) read the draft "Objectives." Rob Williams (Anchorage, AK)

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made suggestions on lobbying for the PTDLA. Tom Andersen agreed that lobbying was important and suggested talking to Congressional office staff.

Kevin Harwell is talking to Brad Huther in the PTO re: PTO fees being withheld by Congress.

Ted Cebula (Milwaukee, WI) recommended that the PTDLA Chair talk to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks every year.

Kevin Harwell missed the opportunity to talk with the Commissioner at this year's reception, and made a pre-campaign endorsement of "Johanna in '94!"

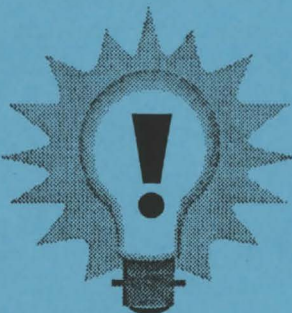
PTDLA Chair Neil Massong suggested turning the Governmental Relations, Finance, and Publications Committees from ad hoc to standing. Tom Andersen cautioned against having too many committees in an organization with a modest membership. Donna Hanson added that we would need to know the purpose for the committees in order to judge the need to change their status.


A motion was made to adjourn at 11:37 am by Margaret Hayes; Brian Carpenter seconded. The motion carried.

--Submitted by Dave Morrison, Salt Lake City, UT

"The imperatives of technology and organization, not the images of ideology, are what determine the shape of economic society."

--John Kenneth Galbraith





PTDLA OPEN FORUM
Thursday, April 29, 1993
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Crystal City Marriott Hotel
1999 Jefferson Davis Hwy.
Arlington, Virginia

(Thanks to Martha Sneed who graciously agreed to fill in as moderator for PTDLA Chair Neil Massong who was visiting with legislators on Capitol Hill.)

Martha Sneed opened the forum by stating that this was the most requested session of conference and it receives the highest marks on the conference evaluations. She then introduced the panelists:

- Jeff Alderson, Office of Electronic Information Products and Services
- Jim Arshem, Center for Patent and Trademark Information Services
- Brian Carpenter, Patent and Trademark Depository Library Program
- Cherie Davis, Manager, Public Search Services Division
- Sally Middleton, Director, Office of Classification Support
- Jane Myers, Director, Office of Electronic Information Products and Services
- Jeffery Nase, Director, Office of Petitions
- Mande Putnam, Patent and Trademark Depository Library Program
- Henry Rosicky, Scientific and Technical Information Center
- Carole Shores, Director, Center for Patent and Trademark Information Services
- Martha Sneed, Manager, Patent & Trademark Depository Library Program
- Dick Bawcombe, Director, Office of Publications and Dissemination
- Theresa Brelsford, Assistant Commissioner for Public Services and Administration, was also present for part of the forum.

Martha Sneed opened the floor for questions.

(NOTE: Questions and answers have been paraphrased by the Secretary.)

Q: Sharon Edward, PTDL Rep., Buffalo, NY
CASSIS Usage Statistics are useful for requesting equipment, staff, etc. Will this report be produced on a more regular basis?

A: Martha Sneed

PTDLP is having trouble in getting a program to handle the data. What we have is a first cut using a new program and there have been some problems. Some problems are not across the board and need to be resolved with individual libraries. The current backlog will be handled on an overtime basis. We are shooting for a monthly report. The program was developed by Ken Boone from Jane Myers' office. PTDLP will be generating the reports from now on.

A: Brian Carpenter

Some libraries have strange files in their usage log data and therefore, usage logs could not be produced for some libraries. I will be contacting those libraries with data gaps. Libraries that are experiencing problems in this area may also call me. Two files must be in your root directory in order for a log file to be created. These are: LOG.COM and LOG.ASM Please check to see that you have both of these files.

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Q: Howard Dess, Piscataway, NJ PTDL
In the past we have heard a lot about security of our patent microfilm reels. What is the current status of thefts?

A: Martha Sneed

We've heard nothing from the FBI. We're calling on a regular basis but haven't heard anything new in the last four to five months. We had heard that the FBI had a suspect. The PTDLP cannot replace this film if it is stolen, so do what you have to do to keep it safe but balance this with making it

accessible. "Do whatever is needed to be done to take care of your collections." There have been no new reports of thefts. (Sneed asked if Shores had anything to add.)

A: Carole Shores.

I don't have anything to add. It's my impression that this case had lowered in priority to the FBI.

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Q: Johanna Johnson, PTDL Rep., Dallas, TX
How is CASSIS usage tabulated?

A: Brian Carpenter

You must go back to the opening CASSIS screen for a new search to be counted. If you don't do this, multiple searches appear as one long, continuous search.

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Comment: Dave Morrison, PTDL Rep., Salt Lake City, UT

My comment pertains to forms and the need for them. I have two suggestions. Paper forms sent to the PTDLs should be on heavy-duty stock. Another option is to have electronic files containing forms in ASCII format.

A: Jeff Nase

A new revision of the Specimen Book has been completed. References to things such as fees have been changed to refer to a rule, so forms will not require constant updating when fees increase. This newly revised book has to be reviewed for compliance with the Reduction of Paperwork Act. Then it is subject to a two to three month OMB review. Once it has an OMB number, it will be sent to the Government Printer. I understand that the PTDLs will get at least one paper copy. As far as I know, this is not available electronically although all the work was done on an Apple, so it is available in some sort of machine-readable format.

A: Jane Myers

I haven't looked into forms specifically on CD-ROM. There is some work being done elsewhere in putting forms on CD-ROM. Other areas of the PTO at the department level are moving in this direction.

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Q: Rob Williams, PTDL Rep., Anchorage, AK
Which inventors assistance groups can be trusted? Is a list of groups you can or cannot trust available from the PTO?

A: Martha Sneed

Included in your conference packets is an article from the *Wall Street Journal* on such an outfit. I don't think there is a such a list on file at the PTO.

(Other panelists concurred.)

I will try to find out more. One suggestion is to check with the Better Business Bureau.

A: Jeff Nase

In addition to the Better Business Bureau, you can contact the company for references. You may also contact PTO's Office of Enrollment and Discipline to see if they know anything.

A: Martha Sneed

The Department of Energy publishes a list of inventors assistance organizations. This should be available in all Federal Depository collections. The list appears to still be current and most groups that are on the list are stable, long-term organizations. I still advise people to use extreme caution.

A: Jim Arshem

There is a good article in *Venture* magazine with twelve or thirteen tips on reputable organizations.

A: Jeanne Oliver, Center for Patent and Trademark Information Services
Clayton Williamson of the Kansas Association of Inventors has done lots of research and has names of reputable groups as well as ones that are not.

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Q: Donna Hanson, PTDL Rep., Moscow, ID
Going back to forms. Equipment limitations may not make forms on CD-ROM real accessible. Could these be printed on heavy paper like tax forms?

A: Jeff Nase.

Yes, this is a possibility.

A: Martha Sneed

This would probably be a good time to announce that Sally Middleton's office (Office of Classification Support) is providing PTDLP with laminated copies to the *Manual of Classification*. We will be able to send two copies to each PTDL.

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Q: Barbara O'Neill, PTDL Rep., Salem, OR
Could CASSIS opening screens show dates of inclusiveness?

A: Jeff Alderson

We are trying to improve the copyright screens and we are moving in this direction.

Q: Barbara O'Neill

Would it be possible to have the name of the database and the date the search was performed printed out on each search?

A: Jeff Alderson

Dataware version 2.03 does not currently support this. We have stayed with this version and updated versions may be available, although I'm not sure if they have this capability. This is something that we may want to incorporate in the Mimosa project.

A: Jane Myers

Yes, this has been incorporated in the Mimosa project.

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Comment: Theresa Brelsford (who just arrives)
I just wanted to let you know that we do have a list of fax numbers so people can get materials to the PTO in a more timely manner. It was printed in the *Official Gazette* and will be distributed at this meeting.

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Q: Donna Hanson, PTDL Rep., Moscow, ID
On Mimosa will it be possible to mark searches for printing?

A:Jane Myers
Yes.

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Q: Tom Andersen, PTDL Rep., Sacramento, CA
I have lots of patrons that want to use the Public Search Room. We used to hear that a 100% complete collection was not available. Is this still the case?

A: Cherie Davis
This is difficult to monitor. Our last study showed about 7% of the collection to be missing. Sally Middleton's office is doing an integrity check and is finding about 3% missing.

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Q: Dave Murdock, Pittsburgh, PA
Would be PTDL be willing to provide regional training workshops for the PTDLs?

A: Martha Sneed
We need to be asked in plenty of time to make travel plans. Our fiscal year is October 1 to September 30. We are willing to accommodate this if at all possible. It would be very cost-effective to do training this way.

A: Jane Myers
Sounds like a good idea to me!

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Comment: Lillian Stefano, PTDL Rep., Detroit, MI
I have a suggestion. PTDL has provided us with USPTO telephone numbers and addresses but we also need foreign information.

A: Martha Sneed
We have purchased WIPO's directory of addresses for each PTDL. This is available on a subscription basis and is updated annually.

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Q: Donna Hopkins, New York, NY PTDL
I just wanted to let you know that there was a great deal of confusion about PTO's attendance at the recent National Online Meeting.

A: Jane Myers
Yes, I apologize that appropriate libraries were not contacted that we would not be attending.

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Q: Ted Pfarrer, Orlando, FL PTDL
Are reclassified patents moved in the Public Search Room?

A: Cherie Davis
Reclassified patents are moved out of the Public Search Room for a few months to a year and then are brought back in. Patrons are directed to the Examiners' Search File.

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Q: Alan Gould, PTDL Rep., Lincoln, NE
Are there any plans to cut a new PraCTis disk?

A: Jane Myers
We did this as a prototype for WIPO. They are now doing this as a product. I think it's ESPACE-World. They are also doing other good products like IPC Classification. This is

a very nice product they sell that contains the third through sixth editions of the IPC with hypertext links. The next version will include the first and second editions.

A: Martha Sneed

Paul Klaus is willing to offer a discount for group orders. I will get the order form out with a memo summarizing instructions.

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Q: George Cumming, Boston, MA PTDL
The Trademark Office has offered us a great product in the form of the Trademark Registrations, Trademarks Pending, and Trademark Assignments on CD-ROM. But we have limited resources and feel like we are rapidly becoming an extension of the Trademark Office in a way no one predicted. I'm drowning in a sea of trademark requests! What we need is one workstation *at least* dedicated to trademarks. We also find the frequency of the trademark disks to be problematic. I have done 800 TrademarkScan searches for patrons. The patrons pay for these searches and the reason I have to do them is that the trademark disks are not issued frequently enough. This affects us very deeply. We want to give high quality service but we can't. It's a great program and a wonderful service but we're starting to drown.

A: Martha Sneed

Unfortunately, there is not a representative from the Trademark Office at this forum. I can try to facilitate a meeting with the Trademark Office and will definitely relay this information to them.

A: Carole Shores

I'm sorry that more people from the PTO aren't here to hear this. The PTO knows that they are asking more of us. CPTIS is constantly conveying this. These kinds of statements, facts, and opinions are what we're trying to document now so PTO will be part of our strategic plans. Frequency is something PTO wants but there is a lack of resources and they do the best they can. All

of us need more funds! I hope the survey will get attention that they need more resources to support us and we need more resources.

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**Q: Sandra Da Conturbia, Acting PTDL Rep.,
College Station, TX**

Is Mimosa just to standardize the US with the EPO and JPO?

A: Jane Myers

One of our primary goals is to have standards for not only the patent offices around the world but standards for all CD-ROMs. We will never get in the business of making CDs with other country's patents -- that is their responsibility. But we want to facilitate tri-lateral cooperation where we can distribute them without paying so much per disk.

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**Comment: Rob Williams, PTDL Rep.,
Anchorage, AK**

It is true that we need more help from PTO but we can help by making contacts. Get inventors groups, chambers of commerce, and others to contact legislators on behalf of the PTDL Program.

Q: Carole Shores

Last year it seems that two people from PTDLA visited with legislators while attending this conference and I wondered what happened?

**A: Tom Andersen, PTDL Rep., Sacramento,
CA**

I'm not sure if anything happened. Duncan Aldrich isn't here and Sheila Curl is no longer at a PTDL.

A: Neil Massong

I'm not sure what the output was either.

A: Tom Andersen

We discussed this issue this morning and what we needed to do as an association.

A: Jane Myers

Don't forget about patent attorneys and AIPLA. There's a perception among this group that only in the Public Search Room can you do a search. You need to get support not just from your congressional representatives but from AIPLA members, too. These people are the squeaky wheels.

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Comment: Carole Shores

I want to commend PTDLA on your great newsletter. It is an excellent PR tool and we should use it to disseminate this information any way we can. It was also great timing for educating a new commissioner.

Comment: Tom Andersen, PTDL Rep., Sacramento, CA

This program is looked as a model for disseminating government information.

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Q: Christina Byrne, Acting PTDL Rep., Seattle, WA

What is the main information number's referral policy? Are patrons immediately asked where they live?

A: Carole Shores

CPTIS is responsible for providing general information services. Our challenge was providing *general* information services. We have made many improvements. We have installed an automated voice responsive system which we have tried to make toll-free but can't and have made other significant changes. We have also made some temporary changes to the Help Line. The complaints were so severe and we're trying to fix these things. I invite you to try this number: (703) 557-INFO. The script is accurate, less circuitous, and more helpful. Listen to it and hear the improvement!

A: Jeannie Oliver, CPTIS

We had been getting the most complaints about the automated line. We have it down

to thirty-five messages with three menus.

Our goal is to get the basic information to people as quickly as possible. This has been completed and we are now looking at the Help Line. It used to be with the automated line that you could only get to a person after a lot of listening. Now, at any point, you can get to a real person. The problem is that the line gets about 15,000 calls per month. Those people there give *general* information that could be given out by a PTDL. We do send out *Basic Facts*, fee sheets, and disclosure document brochures. Patrons are being referred to GPO for *General Information Concerning Patents*. The people that were answering these lines did not know about the PTDLs. I have educated them and they're starting to make referrals to PTDLs now. We have also loaned staff to help out.

A: Carole Shores

The new, revised script contains reference to PTDLs and their services. Check option 25. It leads to option 63 which contains a reference to the PTDLs. Let me know what you think.

Q: Rob Williams, PTDL Rep., Anchorage, AK
Congressional delegations are referring people to PTDLs instead of the Help Line. Maybe they should be referred to the Help Line instead.

A: Jeannie Oliver

We are referring a lot of calls to the PTDLs.

A: Martha Sneed

I get feedback and stories change in retelling. People that tell us stories about the Help Line may be concentrating only on certain details.

A: Jeannie Oliver

I had my staff listen to Judy Goan's presentation ["Legal Liabilities in Working at a PTDL" -- made earlier in the day].

Comment: Jean Porter, PTDL Rep., Raleigh, NC

I have a list of message numbers that refer people to the exact information they need.

A: Jeannie Oliver

That list is old, so please don't use it. I will distribute a new list to all PTDLs.

Comment: Howard Dess, Piscataway, NJ
We receive many referrals from the Help Line and they have been surprised and delighted to learn that there is a PTDL in their area.

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Q: Martha Sneed

I know that Henry Rosicky has been getting genetic sequences in electronic format. Have any of these issued and will this information of patented genetic sequences become available outside of the Examining Corps?

A: Henry Rosicky

We have not marketed outside of PTO and this should be available through Information Services in the next year or so.

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Q: Judy Erickson, PTDL Rep., College Park, MD

We are also a recipient of a large number of referrals and many of these people are under the impression that we can do patent searches for them. I would like to suggest that the Information Line material be posted on the Internet.

A: Carole Shores

That's a great suggestion! To the first part of your remark I can just say that patrons will be patrons! The complaints will never stop.

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Comment: Margaret Hayes, retired PTDL Rep. from Madison, WI

An article in the *Wall Street Journal* referred readers to the PTDL in Madison!

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Q: Donna Hanson, PTDL Rep., Moscow, ID
Attorneys want to know when they can start filing applications electronically.

A: Jeff Nase

The November 30, 1992 Rulemaking that appeared in the *Federal Register* and then in the December 22, 1992 *Official Gazette* addresses this. In 1995 this will be tested and in 1997 it will become a reality.

A: Jane Myers

In Japan they have started filing electronically. In fact, it's mandatory. Now 95% are done this way.

A: Martha Sneed

The reference to it is in Boyd Alexander's slides and will be distributed.

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Q: Barbara O'Neill, PTDL Rep., Salem, OR
I would like to thank Jim [Arshem] and Bill [Brown] for the PTDL survey they did. It will be useful. I wanted to know were there any surprises and how will this information be used within PTDLP?

A: Jim Arshem

Surprises ... Well, the way in which PTDLP communicates with the PTDLs appears to need improvement. We try hard. We think we're doing great and we don't know how we can improve but we'll try.

As far as what we'll do with this here at PTDLP. People are just waiting to devour this here. We won't have to sell it. Assistant Commissioner Theresa Brelsford has already used the data in her speech at the Assistant Commissioner's Reception.

A: Carole Shores

PTDLP spends an inconsequential amount on this program. The libraries themselves spend a great deal of money. Now we have the figures to say PTDLs spend X amount of money. This is going to help tremendously in speaking for you.

Comment: Barbara O'Neill

Even though this survey was done recently I would answer every question differently today. Our hours have been reduced, our

budget has been reduced, but the amount of service we provide has gone way up.

A: Jim Arshem

We want to do the survey again. We may start doing one part a year. We would like to keep it up to date.

A: Carole Shores

In 1978, we had you fill out a questionnaire and then had you collect data for three months. I know this is a burden. But I need this data. I need to know how many patrons you assisted and how many patent copies PTDLs made. This survey had to be updated because there were only twenty-two PTDLs at the time and we couldn't extrapolate!

Q: Betsy Lowther, PTDL Rep., Philadelphia, PA

The survey is great but we need to punctuate this with a current survey on trademarks so the Trademark side knows how much we're drowning and that we need something back.

A: Carole Shores

Please don't leave the conference thinking we don't know the full measure of support we're getting from the Trademark side. They *will* hear what you need!

A: Neil Massong, PTDLF Fellow and PTDLA Chair

Yes, I want to echo what Carole has just said. The Trademark side has been extremely supportive of PTDLF.

Comment: Donna Hanson, PTDL Rep., Moscow, ID

The numbers from my library may not reflect the true usage. Usage logs are not included on the report. Copiers are self-service and we just can't keep track of copies made.

A: Brian Carpenter

One of the reasons usage logs were not included is because of the number of unreadable usage log statistic disks we receive.

Comment: Mary Clare Sprott, PTDL Rep., Sunnyvale, CA

We count everything in Sunnyvale. We make at least 400,000 copies a year. We get so many calls. Our local public libraries could be doing something. PTO could spread general information to other libraries.

A: Martha Sneed

My office supports PTDLs. I do support PTDL efforts to establish state networks. You can do outreach, PR, and training in your own state. Look at the networks that exist.

A: Tom Andersen, PTDL Rep., Sacramento, CA

As the State Library we are going to have a statewide depository library conference which I hope will improve the situation.

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Q: Chris Marhenke, Ft. Lauderdale PTDL
What is the status of the *MPEP* in paper?

A: Jeff Nase/Martha Sneed

We should have revision 14 from GPO. Revision 15 will come out in June.

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Comment: Christina Byrne, Acting PTDL Rep., Seattle, WA

I am doing a survey of patent materials in the state of Washington. I appreciate Carole Shores saying that she's fighting for us.

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Comment: Margaret Hayes, retired PTDL rep., Madison, WI

I spoke at the Wisconsin GODORT meeting on patents. It was a good outreach program.

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Q: Donna Hanson, PTDL Rep., Moscow, ID
Will the electronic *MPEP* be kept up to date so we don't have to worry about the paper?

A: Jane Myers

Revision 14 came out in November and the disk was mailed out about a month ago, so it is slightly behind the paper. Any library that wants the *MPEP* on disk can get it free.

Comment: George Cumming, Boston, MA PTDL

MPEP on disk is superior to *MPEP* on ASIST. It's a wonderful product.

A: Jeff Nase

Revision 15 will replace chapters 300 and 1800 entirely. We will try to get the diskettes out sooner.

Comment: Jeff Alderson

Ken Boone has done a number of enhancements to the text products including *MPEP* which got a great face lift. The next *MPEP* on ASIST should be more useful.

A: Jane Myers

The next *MPEP* on ASIST will run on FolioView's software. We would like to use Folio software to do other applications so take a look at the new *MPEP* and see what you think of it. I think there are no restrictions on putting it on a network or more than one hard disk. However, don't copy it onto another floppy!

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Comment: Tom Andersen, PTDL Rep., Sacramento, CA

I don't think our patrons are ready for windows and it's not as easy to use for novices. I would like as much time as possible to ease into a windows environment but we do need to get there sooner or later.

A: Jeff Alderson

We are sympathetic to this predicament. Two years ago we felt the same way but the reality now is that new applications are not DOS based but windows based. As developers of new products, it doesn't make sense to develop DOS based products. We're with you in this transition.

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Comment: Carole Shores

Would you like to hear from Cherie Davis on opening the Public Casino and the conversion from T-Search to X-Search?

Comment: Cherie Davis

The Public Casino is our automated search center and it will consist of ten workstations. The public can access both image and text. We have a contractor who will train full-time for the first few weeks. Then my staff will provide the training. They have trained over 1000 APS users.

X-Search will completely replace T-Search. We will have windows capability on X-Search and it will be more user friendly. Probably in two more years there will be a replacement for this system. We do not have a contractor for X-Search training.

Q: George Cumming, Boston, MA PTDL
Why is it called a "casino"?

A: Cherie Davis

I'm not sure. There is already an Examiners' Casino, so the term has been around. It does look kind of like a casino.

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Comment: Martha Sneed

(Sneed related a success story from the Chicago Public Library) I am starting a file of PTDL success stories, so please be sure to send yours to me.

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Q: Betsy Lowther, PTDL Rep., Philadelphia, PA

Will it require totally new equipment to use Windows?

A: Jane Myers

I don't know if we will be able to provide the new equipment. You can't run windows on the current equipment. You can load it on a 286 but it is very slow.

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Comment: Mande Putnam
PTDLP would appreciate specific feedback on the clarity of our memos. We would also like specifics on what would be helpful to you.

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(Time was called. Sneed thanked the panelists and the forum adjourned.)

--Prepared by Jennifer Paustenbaugh, PTDL Rep., Stillwater, OK

NEWS FROM PTDLs



ALBANY, NY

The New York State Library is reaching out to younger inventors by sponsoring library tours and patent demonstrations for gifted and talented students from a regional middle school. The 7th and 8th graders expressed great interest in the workings of the CASSIS station, and the contents of the patent collection. Several students had an opportunity for their own "hands on" experience as a would be inventor. At the close of their morning at the library, it was voted the second most interesting part of the day;--(lunch won first place!).

We have also expanded the public floor area for patent searching with a larger two sided table and an additional fiche reader.

Two new library publications in our "Research Directions" series have been produced on Trademark Information to deal with an increase this year in trademark search requests.

AMHERST, MA

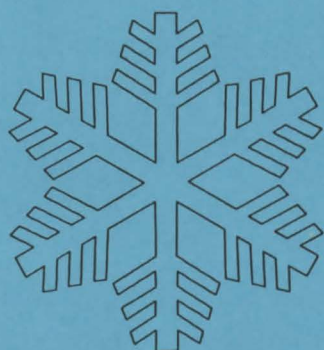
Throughout 1993 our CASSIS system was almost always in use by students and faculty of the University or by residents of Massachusetts and neighboring states. Help is provided daily by the librarians, and formal instruction in the use of CASSIS and the purpose and nature of patents is regularly provided to classes from the College of Engineering, whose students make heavy use of the services and collection.

Vermont is one of only two states that lack a Patent and Trademark Depository Library. By geographic default, the Physical Sciences Library provides patent and trademark services to Vermonters. For several years, the University of Vermont Library, in Burlington, has considered joining the PTDL program. In July, two librarians from the University of Vermont visited the library to inspect our arrangements and were provided with information about requirements for entering the program and on-going institutional commitments.

In March, the Physical Sciences Librarian was an invited speaker and panelist at a workshop in Springfield, Massachusetts, sponsored by the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce and the University of Massachusetts Small Business Development Center, "Protecting Your Ideas: Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights and Trade Secrets," and the Library continues to provide services to inventors, lawyers, and companies in western New England.

We look forward to the availability of APS, but expect it will receive less use because of the cost.

--Linda Arny



ANCHORAGE, AK

The use of the patent and trademark cd-rom's is steadily increasing at the Anchorage PTDL, which is the only PTDL in Alaska. Robert Williams has made presentations to several groups of school children and has trained staff on the use of various cd-rom products and other patent and trademark information resources. In addition, **Basic Patent and Trademark Information** was a special topics class offered through the community schools. The class was attended by more than twenty enthusiastic students. There will be an additional class offered on February 22, 1994 at the Bear Valley Community School. Perhaps one of the most ambitious undertakings will be a program offered during the Alaska Library Association's Annual meeting on Sunday, March 13, 1994. The program will be open to the general public as well to the Alaska library community. It is anticipated that the majority of attendees will come from the scientific research community at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

Robert Williams continues to work closely with the Alaska Inventors Association which has changed its name to the Alaska Inventors and Entrepreneurs Association. Eden Larson replaces outgoing executive director, Sudy Sanders, who has retired. The association offers a mentoring program for first time patent applicants and a computer bulletin board service which is funded with an economic development grant from the State of Alaska.

The Anchorage PTDL will be unable to send a representative to the annual meeting this year so we would like to take this opportunity to

offer thanks to all the PTDL staff who have been so supportive this year. We have had numerous equipment and software problems and the PTDL staff members have provided great service. The folks in the administrative area have also done their usual stellar jobs. If President Clinton needs a model for how to do a lot with a little, I'd suggest that he meet with Carole Shores and Martha Crockett Sneed.

Hope everyone has a great conference.
--Robert Williams

ATLANTA, GA

Our patent and trademark collections continue to be heavily used. Over the past twelve months, approximately 2500 people sat down at our CASSIS work station. Our clients range from elementary school children working on INVENT AMERICA to college students (especially in mechanical, industrial, and systems engineering and computer science) to "the public" who visit us from all over Georgia, the surrounding southeastern states, Texas, Colorado, California, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and as far away as Sweden and Italy.

We still have many more patent than trademark searchers. Mailboxes and golf seem to be the most popular areas for independent inventors who come to us. The number of trademark searches are increasing with slogans to put on T-shirts, and band names being most popular.

This has been an interesting year for equipment. Our CASSIS hard drive smoked (but did not inhale), then gave up the ghost. We went for months trying to get a new hard drive and all of the software to work properly again. Brian Carpenter gave us continual, patient assistance throughout, for which we are most grateful. We are very excited to have received our Pioneer 6 CD-Rom player which has made switching databases much more efficient.

The Georgia Tech Library has almost completed loading a patent file on the library's mainframe. It has bibliographic information and abstracts for US patents from 1971-present and is completely searchable. At first, it will be available only to Georgia Tech students and faculty. We may implement a fee-based system for searching it for off-campus users soon. We hope its availability will cut down on the waiting lines for CASSIS.

Mary-Frances Panettiere has been promoted to Department Head and is now the Atlanta PTDL representative.

--Mary-Frances Panettiere

AUSTIN, TX

What a stimulating year. We had good news on the equipment front; we were finally able to replace all of our library PC XT's with 486 machines and as a result we were able to move our old 886 equipment to Patents and Trademark researching. The difference is amazing--the speed is awesome. While most users don't notice the difference, those of us in the know do and well-WOW is all we can say.

This year Susan taught a class in Library School *Introduction to Intellectual Property Searching*. Boy was this interesting and it was a chance to indoctrinate future librarians about patents, trademarks, DBAs, etc. Twenty-six people took this class during the heat of a Texas summer. We all learned a lot. Best of all, 8 of these students have jobs in Texas libraries--soooo we know there are people out there who can help.

Susan wrote an article for *Texas Libraries*, the newsletter for the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, "Making a (trade)mark. Libraries can easily assist "enterprising" patrons." Over the last few years the SBA, Texas Department of Commerce, and Texas Trademark clerk's office have all regularly routed trademark

questions to us. The point of the article was to explain to public libraries how they could help local businesses, rock groups, T-shirt makers, crafters, and others find out what US trademarks had been registered by using one of the easily available Trademark databases. While our database is free--it is not without cost when you have to drive 100-160 miles or more AND DALLAS or HOUSTON is a lot closer. True story--the Texas Dept. of Commerce sent a woman from Beaumont to Austin (round trip about 400 miles) to use our trademark database when a round trip to Rice is only about 100 miles. You can imagine her chagrin and amazement (?) when she discovered a closer location. But more importantly, the Beaumont Public Library or Lamar State University could have done a Dialog Trademark Scan search for less than \$20 and THEY ARE BOTH in Beaumont. The gist of Susan's article was to educate local libraries on what they can and should do in regard to trademarks for the citizens.

So, all in all a very successful year both as a PTDL and as an Engineering Library.

--Susan Ardis

BIRMINGHAM, AL

The Birmingham PTDL continues to see an increase in patent and trademark search activity, particularly in the months of November and December, 1993. Usage increased at least 50% over the same months in 1992.

Much of this increase in activity can be directly attributed to our participation in a National Innovation Workshop held in Birmingham in November. The Workshop was sponsored by the Alabama Small Business Development Consortium and was one of the most successful conferences of this type ever held. There were over two hundred inventors, innovators, and entrepreneurs in attendance. We and the local sponsors have received very positive feedback from the participants.

We recently purchased an additional two years of patent microfilm, giving us a thirty-three year backfile, from 1960 to 1993. Efforts to raise funds for additional backfiles continue. Suggestions are welcome!
 --Becky Scarborough

CHICAGO, IL

The Chicago Public Library PTDL continues to be busy with both patent and trademark patrons. The Inventors Council continued to hold its monthly meetings in the library, with an average attendance of 50 people. We continue to do our bi-monthly talks on the PTDL and its services for the Small Business Administration's seminars for entrepreneurs, with an average attendance of 50 people.

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And trademark business continues to boom. For us, 1993 was the year of Three-peat, Four-peat, Four-play, Quad-squad, Unfourgetabull, and every other variation you can imagine, as our Chicago Bulls won their third championship. 1993 also saw us going out more often to library systems around Chicago to give talks about patent and trademark service to other librarians, who, in turn, publicized the PTDL in their newsletters and handouts. To continue a high level of service to these patrons, we need up-to-date trademark information and more workstations. We hope these will be forthcoming in 1994.
 --Diane Richmond

CINCINNATI, OH

The highlight of our year was the visit to PLCH by representatives of the PTDL. Martha Sneed, Amanda Putnam, Brian Carpenter and James Arshem were in town for the SLA conference and were kind enough to present two training sessions for our staff on June 3, and an all-day seminar for the public on June 4. It was our first official visit, and we hope to see them here again soon.
 --Loren Curtis

COLLEGE STATION, TX

In 1993, the Patent and Trademark Depository Library collection of the Sterling C. Evans Library at Texas A&M University was in constant use. We are almost at the point of sign-up lists, particularly during Fridays and week-ends when out-of-town users are numerous.

We continued with our program of individualized training sessions for CASSIS users and noticed a remarkable increase in the use of Trademarks.

As in most PTDLs, in addition to helping library users, we provide long-distance reference assistance on the phone and by



telefacsimile. In May, we went as far as Japan when we sent copies of patents to a former A&M student, who is presently continuing his research in a Japanese University.
 --Sandra da Conturbia

DETROIT, MI

We continue to be extremely busy assisting U. S. patent and trademark searchers on a five-day, forty hour/week schedule. We were reduced from a six-day, fifty-four hour/week schedule three and one-half years ago as a budget cut. At the same time, our staff was cut from eight librarians to seven. This is an inconvenience for library users because they have fewer hours and, consequently, fewer librarians to assist them. In spite of this, the collection continues to be heavily used. Walk-in users during our last fiscal year, July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993, totalled 2,568. Seventy-one percent were non-residents of Detroit, Michigan. Users come from all parts of Michigan, as well as from parts of the Province of Ontario, Canada, since we are located approximately two miles from the Detroit, Michigan/Windsor, Ontario, Canada international border. Some residents of France and of Russia also used our collection in the past year. We do not keep any statistics on the type of users and amount of work we do over the phone. However, more than half of all reference time in our Technology and Science Department is spent assisting patrons in person and by phone with patent, trademark and copyright information. The number of patent photocopies made from our complete backfile of microfilmed U.S. patents over the same fiscal year totaled 89,070 prints, and 11% increase over the previous fiscal year.

It is a real pleasure to continue to provide two free CASSIS CD-ROM workstations to our public. The new Pioneer six-disc changer drive which the PTO provided all PTDLs with last fall is wonderful because it is a lot quicker to switch between discs and matches the Pioneer we already had at our second workstation. We also look forward to the APS capability we will gain this year.

I continue to be a guest lecturer each semester at Wayne State University's U.S. government documents classes taught as part of their Library and Information Science

Program. Students listen carefully to my presentation as a required patent and trademark search assignment given to them by their program instructor follows my lecture.

As PTDL representative, I was fortunate to share in a unique experience in October, 1993. I spoke about our collection at the Patent & Trademark Information Access Seminar that Martha Crockett Sneed, Brian Carpenter and Neil Massong conducted at our newest Michigan PTDL at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan. I joined Theresa Lee, PTDL representative at the University of Michigan Dow Engineering Library and Elaine Nienhouse, PTDL representative at Ferris State University Abigail S. Timme Library in providing the audience with information regarding our respective patent and trademark holdings and services at our home libraries. The seminar lasted two days and it was a great public relations opportunity for Michiganians to see all three Michigan PTDLs interacting under the same roof! Despite cyberspace, fax machines, e-mail, interactive video, personal computers, phone calls, etc., nothing can replace real flesh and blood people coming together in person to share information and fellowship. Dean Lawrence McCrank of the Ferris State University Library and Instructional Services is to be thanked for developing and coordinating this effort. Because of him, Michigan PTDLs go on record as being the first to ever attempt to unite in this way. I hope that this will lead to more cooperation and networking among the three of us.

--Lillian Stefano

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL

Busier and busier! Last year our patent and trademark statistics went up 30% and we're already 30% over last year! Somehow we are managing even though Marie, our fearless and tireless leader, is far away at the Patent and Trademark Office doing her stint as a

Fellowship Librarian. When are you coming back Mariel??? We need you!!

We are also looking forward to having APS this year as everyone else is. We continue to hope that the costs will be minimal or non-existent (wishful thinking?). Anything we can use to help assist our patrons will be welcome.

Past Year Highlights:

- Two of Florida's entries in the Young Inventors' and Creators' Competition were National Winners
- Invent Broward 1994, our annual project for elementary students, has begun and we expect even more students to participate
- We've added the years 1902-1916 and 1943-1948 to our U.S. utility patent backfile
- We are greatly enjoying our 2nd CASSIS subscription (a lifesaver!) and our new Pioneer drive

--Chris Marhenke

GRAND FORKS, ND

As most of you will be able to report, the Depository saw a dramatic increase in patrons. Grand Forks saw a 38% increase in overall patronage over 1992. Service requests from South Dakota, Manitoba and Saskatchewan have nearly doubled. Depository resources and staff are sometimes stretched to the limit to accommodate all service requests.

On the plus side, we received patents in paper for the years 1872-1920 from the Broward County Main Library. Since we will not be able to buy the film in the near future the gift of paper patents was greatly appreciated. After some remodeling, the 1900 boxes of paper patents will be

accessible to patrons.

84,087. BREAKFAST-FOODS. CREAM OF WHEAT COMPANY. Minneapolis, Minn. Filed Dec. 9, 1899.

CREAM
OF



WHEAT

Essential feature. -- A half-length representation of a negro cook or chef dressed in a white coat and cap and the words "CREAM OF WHEAT." Used since March 1, 1895.

In the fall, the Depository was invited to participate in a once in a lifetime event. Nabisco held a 100th birthday party for Cream of Wheat, in the city of its birth, Grand Forks North Dakota. The one day extravaganza featured musical entertainment, artwork by local students free t-shirts for all participants who brought in an empty box of Cream of Wheat and of course a free breakfast. The Depository was asked to bring copies of the Cream of Wheat Trademarks, to display with Nabisco's collection of original advertising art and Cream of Wheat boxes. The event which was covered on national TV, radio and newspapers, was great fun for all who attended.

--Nancy Mulhern

HONOLULU, HI

On March 25, 1993, the Honolulu PTDL hosted a well attended and well received "Accessing Patent and Trademark Information" seminar presented by the PTDL's Ms. Amanda Putnam and Mr. James Arshem. Planning assistance for the seminar was generously provided by the Hawaii State

Bar Association Intellectual Property Section and the University of Hawaii Office of Technology Transfer and Economic Development.

I also demonstrated the CASSIS CD System at a day long seminar on "Making Inventions Pay" hosted by the University of Hawaii Office of Technology Transfer and Economic Development.

The Trademark Registration and Pending Files on CASSIS have received steadily increasing use and we have developed a brief guide for trademark searching which is easy for most computer literate users to read and follow. We are working on a similar guide for patent searching.

--Jan Tawarahara

HOUSTON, TX

1993 was a busy year at the Patent & Trademark Depository Library at Rice University in Houston, Texas. Our free patent search training classes continue to be very popular. In 1993, 569 people attended these classes. We installed the new Pioneer CD-Rom drive which is getting rave reviews from staff and users alike. We also welcomed a new librarian to our staff. Amy Spare joined us full-time on August 1, 1993, filling a position that had been vacant for over a year. She is looking forward to meeting you at the Patent and Trademark Depository Library Training Conference in March.

INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Because of so much activity the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library does not need to promote the patent and trademark collection to a great degree. The Indiana Inventors Club were demonstrated CASSIS in some detail. Also, I spoke to the Indiana Documents Librarians about what is involved in being a PTDL and reviewed what patents,

trademarks and copyrights are. They were glad to finally be in the same room with a PTDLer, because



they've always had lots of questions they couldn't answer, and this talk and the question/ answer period gave them the information they needed.

--Phyllis Karrh

KANSAS CITY, MO

1993 brought changes to Linda Hall Library. Mr. Louis Martin, director, retired. Mr. C. Lee Jones is the new president. Mr. Jones fully supports Linda Hall Library as a PTDL and we look forward to being an APS site.

Although the Library does not promote our status as a PTDL, the number of patent and trademark searchers has increased. We have gone from all patrons being assisted by the two staff members at the reference desk to Shannon Stipe and Sandy Vaughn taking appointments. Of course, all walk-in searchers are assisted too.

Sandy Vaughn has been promoted to Documents/Patents Librarian.

--Sandy Vaughn

LITTLE ROCK, AR

Everything proceeded as normal throughout the year with our usual tours from gifted and talented classes from local schools.

By the time fall was here we were really into the swing of things!

In September, with help from the Small Business Development Center and the UALR

Graduate Institute of Technology, we were able to hold a two day workshop. September 23 was titled "Patents: Learn from the Experts" and September 24 was a "Discussion of the Innovation Commercialization Process." Our experts on the 23rd were Martha and Mande from PTDLP and Al Smith, a patent examining group director. Also on the program was local patent attorney, Stephen Carver, Marcia Rorks, founder of Mohawk Research Corp. and Brian K. O'Riorden, President of University Technology, Inc. at Case Western reserve University conducted the workshop on the 24th. The workshop was a huge success with rave reviews on our experts from Washington.

In October, Davis Bullwinkle gave a presentation at the Annual Conference of the Arkansas Library Association on the Patent and Trademark Depository Library. According to a report in ARKANSAS LIBRARIES, his presentation was "both enlightening and informative".

By November we started getting engineering students from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. A professor gave an assignment of doing a patent search. This was the first time for a class assignment on patents from UALR.

We are now in the process for planning a tour to be given on February 1st for a class of 4th and 5th graders from Hot Springs.

So far this year its business as usual.
--Deborah Hall

LOS ANGELES, CA

The big event for the Los Angeles Public Library during 1993 was the move into our newly expanded, renovated building in October. It is so wonderful to be back home in our old location! The public has been very appreciative to have the "old" library back - an estimated 80,000 people attended our opening on Sunday, October 3, 1993. We

made it to television, radio, newspapers and even the covers of October 1st's Library Journal and November's American Libraries (where if you look, you'll see Jim Arshem!)

The Patent and Trademark Office sent us Jim Arshem to help with our move-in and he was great!

We were also fortunate to host an "Accessing Patent and Trademark Information" seminar on December 1. The seminar given by Jim Arshem, Mande Putnam, and Marie Moisdon, was warmly received by the 250 attendees. The next day, most of our staff was able to attend staff training sessions. It was fun to have them visit our new building and Mande and Marie even got to see Angela Lansbury filming "Murder She Wrote" across the street. How L.A....

We look forward to seeing any of you ALA attendees soon. [Since the newsletter went to press after ALA, the editor would like to note that those of us who did make it to this PTDL received the VIP treatment and were very impressed with the beautiful building!]
--Donna Cooper

MADISON, WI

The PTDL in Madison, Wisconsin, part of the University of Wisconsin Wendt Engineering Library's Technical Reports Center, welcomed Amy Kindschi as a second Patents/Reports librarian in August, 1993. During the fall, a new series of handouts was developed for patent and trademark searching and a workshop on CASSIS searching was held for library staff. Plans are progressing for a one-credit College of Engineering course to be offered in fall, 1994 which will include a patents component. Staff will conduct patents workshops for interested students in the Law School and the School of Library and Information Science in February, 1994.
--Sarah Calcese



MIAMI, FL

Miami-Dade Public Library has recently completed our reissue patent collection, filling in a gap from 1973-1982. Our patent collection usage continues to grow, in large part due to the availability of APS and the completeness of our

patent collection. We have also started receiving a second subscription to the trademark discs, which gives us a copy for reference desk use.

--Bob Klein

MILWAUKEE, WI

The Milwaukee Public Library continues to experience an extraordinary increase in patent and trademark patrons; about all of them are "small entity" inventors and students. We attribute this to increased word-of-mouth publicity and to increasing referrals from governmental agencies, such as the Department of Commerce, local Federal and State agencies and SCORE. Most patrons are still satisfied with CASSIS, but regular users tend towards APS. Our experience seems to indicate that APS and CASSIS are complementary services and both very useful.

APS is a marvelous system; staff find less tedium in getting the public on track with their classifications quickly. Other search strategies are wonderful when looking for a patent with very little information. Regular users are concerned with this APS service becoming a fee-base service at PTDL's.

Our audience continues to be very pleased with the trademark CD's. On the whole, they have few problems with self searching of U.S.P.T.O. CD's, and are surprisingly amenable to the necessity of using classification for patent searches. Due to the fact that the majority of our patent patrons

are amateur (first-time, independent) inventors, we tend to use APS as a supplement to the CASSIS disks and the index, manual, etc. As our APS became available to more attorneys, patent agents, and academic/corporate inventors, our usage showed a continual growth. The staff finds APS nice to have, especially when a patron gets stuck with a difficult query, but are still concerned about how fees will be collected.

--Ted Cebula

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

While it was another busy year of helping eager patent searchers, providing APS access (which is wonderful), doing 26 "How To Search..." lectures, and several outreach presentations, the big news was our departmental merger. The Technology and Science Department, the patent collection's home, was merged with the Government Documents Department and the Minneapolis City governments Municipal Information Library and raised to Division status. I was promoted to the new Division Manager position. It will probably be a year before the merger is fully realized, but patent service continues unabated as another 4.2 librarians are trained to serve patent patrons. Now Minneapolis Public can fit in both columns whenever we look at whether the patent collections are in Tec/Sci, Documents, or other areas.

--Tom Smisek

MOSCOW, ID

This has been a mixed year for the University of Idaho PTDL. We have finally moved into our home in the newly renovated building. We still have to rearrange the film cabinets and the reader stations, but other than that we are set. We have created a patent area within fifty feet of the new centralized Reference Desk. This new area includes the OGs, the patent microfilm, the CASSIS work station, everything from GPO which

originates with the PTO, and almost all of the books in the Reference Collection that relate to patents, trademarks and copyright. This should make it easier for everyone to locate and use related materials.

Gov. Andrus declared May 31 to June 5 and "Idaho Inventors Week". The week culminated with the annual inventors conference in Idaho Falls. Once again the University participated. Two sessions on patent searching were presented. We also used our laptop computer and portable disk drive to provide CASSIS searches for interested inventors. Over 200 people attended the conference.

We have also continued working with students in the engineering and mechanization classes at both the University of Idaho and Washington State University. For the third time in four years teams from these two institutions have made it to the final rounds for the engineering design competition.

Thanks to the folks from the PTO, including one generous person who stopped by during her vacation to help us, we were able to resurrect our CASSIS work station. We are now operating with eight CD-ROM drives, two internal NEC drives and the Pioneer disc changer. Thanks to Brian, Jeff and Mark for helping us get it set up correctly. It certainly makes life easier when we don't have to swap discs every time someone wants to switch from patents to trademarks.

--Donna M. Hanson

NASHVILLE, TN

The big news the past year at the Vanderbilt University PTDL in Nashville, Tennessee was the formation of an inventors club, the official name being the INVENTORS ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE. The seed was planted in early Summer, 1993, and the initial meeting was held the fourth Saturday of September.

"The Association was formed for the purpose of exchange of information with regard to inventions and patents in order to facilitate the commercialization of products originating from the invention process.

"The Association exists to inform the inventor about the correct process to follow in the development of his patent from the initial conception to final commercialization. Knowledge of what to do and how to do it will save the inventor money and time."
(Excerpts from goals and objective of the Association.)

The Officers consist of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary Treasurer. The Committees, at present, are Program/Publicity, Constitution and By-Laws, and Membership (I chair this committee).

The Association meets the fourth Saturday of each month 10 a.m.-12 noon in the Stevenson Science Library on the Vanderbilt University campus. The Agenda consist of at least one speaker, sometimes two. The speakers come from all walks of the business and industry world--consultants, computer gurus (and some not), and inventors. Happy to report the Association never lacks for interesting speakers and the program is never dull. Variety best describes the program speakers.

The Association's business meeting is far from dull or mediocre. On the contrary, the distinctive character is the SHOW AND TELL program segment. Members are invited to bring their inventions and show and tell about their protected inventions. It's the "greatest show on earth" - well, at least once a month in Music City U.S.A.

If you have a inventors club in your area, get involved. If not, think about starting one. Yes, a lot of hard work, at first, but your reward is getting to meet those indomitable inventors, and truly meeting some very nice, friendly, and interesting individuals.

The use of the PTDL program at Vanderbilt

continues to increase. The usage of the Trademark database far out numbers the Patent database. The enhancements being made to CASSIS CD's is just super and greatly appreciated by Tennessee inventors.

It's just great to be a member of the PTDL Program "family."

--Paul Murphy

NEW HAVEN, CT

The Science Park Patent Library moved in 1993 to a different building. One of Science Park's fast growing bio-tech companies expanded into our space - the kind of success story we are delighted to have. Our new quarters in Building Five are working out well, and we seem to be at the end of a series of hardware/software problems for which we received excellent help from Martha and her staff.

Looking ahead, I hope to position the library at the center of a growing cluster of Science Park business and technology activities which include small business development, Federal procurement assistance, and technology transfer opportunities.

I am eagerly awaiting some exposure to APS at the March conference. The public has certainly had its expectations raised about all aspects of the electronic highway. Once every network is linked and accessible to every other one, the prize will go to whoever figures out how to discriminate amidst all this data!

--Jean Rozett

NEW YORK, NY

We do no significant outreach, but it has been a busy year. Even though the Patents collection is located "far off the beaten path," we still have many users. The APS workstation and our two CD-ROM



workstations are almost constantly in use (many times with several people waiting). We also have many law firms who send clerks to make copies of patents, so the new reader/printers we received in June have been put to good use.

The most notable change here is that there is a new Patents librarian (after nearly a year without one). Although most of my time must go to public service, I have enjoyed exploring the extensive collection.

In the next few months, the library is planning to move the Patents section to the Central Research Library. We have been busy determining which part of our collection will relocate with us, and also mark a major change in our daily responsibilities. Not only will the other Science librarians and technical assistants need to be trained, but we will no longer be so remote. Consequently, many more potential users will find us "by accident." My two assistants and I expect to have our hands full!

--Donna Hopkins

PHILADELPHIA, PA

On May 1, just one day after Conference XVI, the Philadelphia PTDL was thrown into chaos by the announcement of a major patent exhibition for the lobby of the Central Library to open October 1. In just five short months, an exhibition for 12 6 foot cases had to be developed, an opening reception planned, and an exhibition brochure and bookmark designed and printed. Soon life in the Patent Collection became so frantic it was like working an 8 day week with a 9 day work schedule. As far as reference services were concerned, it was to be business as usual.

The exhibition grew out of ideas presented to the Exhibits Committee in 1991, but there was a big jump these original ideas on paper to what was realistically possible. At times it was like walking the fine line of world diplomacy. Flexibility was required, while at

the same time making sure that certain ideas were presented.

After signing away our first-born, an 1840 patent model was secured from the Smithsonian, as well as three models by Philadelphia inventors from the Hagley Museum in Wilmington, DE. Signing away the second-born secured from Nabisco the right to use FIG NEWTON in the exhibition title. In addition, Coats and Clark generously lent some old zippers to celebrate the centennial of the zipper and Nabisco supplied materials for the case on the FIG NEWTON cookie. Smith, Kline and Beocham represented the Delaware Valley pharmaceutical industry with excellent display materials.

Ser. No. 75,684. (CLASS 46. FOODS AND INGREDIENTS OF FOODS.) NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY, Jersey City, N. J., and New York, N. Y. Filed Feb. 4, 1914.

FIG NEWTONS

No claim of trade-mark ownership is made with respect to the word "Fig."

Particular description of goods.—Biscuit.

Claims use since at least Sept. 1, 1892.

The exhibition finally opened with a special reception on October 21. Even though we had to compete with the World Series, the reception was well attended by representatives from the Smithsonian Institution, Hagley Museum, local and state governments, as well as the area legal and business communities. Marie Moisdon and Brian Carpenter represented the PTDL Office. In recognizing the centennial of the moving-picture machine, Philadelphia inventor Garrett Brown was honored for his Oscar-winning invention, the Steadicam. This invention revolutionized the film industry. Brown is also one of Philadelphia's most prolific modern inventors, who is often compared to the inventive Benjamin Franklin.

In conjunction with the exhibit, two special program were scheduled. On November 13, 160 people attended a program to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the American Society of Inventors, the nation's oldest inventor's association. Lou Falasco a PTO classifier spoke on the steps involved in patent searching with Alan Tripp, author of *Millions from the Mind* speaking on how to market the idea.

On November 18, the PTDL hosted a program on women inventors with Anne Macdonald, the author of *Feminine Ingenuity*. Mrs. Macdonald spent the day in Philadelphia and in addition to her evening presentation, made a television appearance and was interviewed on a local news radio station.

In the middle of all of this hubbub, camera crews from ABC Nightly News spent 2 hours filming patent patrons as part of research for a news segment on libraries of the 90's. When the 4 minute spot was shown the Patent Collection was featured for 6.5 seconds - so much for Andy Warhol's 15 minutes of fame.

It was with mixed feeling that the exhibition was taken down on January 4, for it had been 8 months that had been exhilarating, frustrating, exhausting, but also highly rewarding. This was not a solo performance for it took many fine, wonderful people to make this exhibition a success. I am sure that once the post-exhibition depression goes away it will be time to think up another project which will necessitate a padded cell.

--Betsy Lowther

PISCATAWAY, NJ

It has been a busy year. According to our usage tracking program, searches for the patent and trademark CDs have reached 8,946 in 1993 compared with 6,146 in 1992. Our CD-ROM station has been consistently busy especially nights and weekends. Local inventors and engineering students at Rutgers University have

continued to utilize the patent and trademark resources for their research and study.

In April, Connie Wu and Ellen Calhoun received a Research Award from New Jersey Library Association, College and University Section for their article entitled "Patents: A Valuable Resource in the Information Age" published in the Winter 1992 issue of *Special Libraries*. The citation reads: "for the outstanding contribution of research published by a New Jersey Librarian."

Also in April, Connie Wu gave a two-hour lecture on engineering and patent information for 25 librarians enrolled in the "Rutgers Continuing Education Workshop for Sci-Tech Information."

In June, Connie Wu presented a poster presentation entitled "Popularizing and Utilizing Patent Resources" at the ASEE 1993 Annual Conference in Urbana-Champaign and another poster presentation entitled "Making Hidden Treasures Visible: Promoting Public Awareness of Patent Resources." at the ALA 1993 Annual Conference in New Orleans.

In October, Connie Wu was invited to present a poster presentation entitled "Promoting Use of Patent Resources -- Rutgers Experience" at the Joint-Conference of NY/NJ Chapter of MLA and NJ Chapter of ASIS in Somerset, NJ.

At present, we are planning to provide a special workshop on how to search patents for member of National Inventors Association, a New Jersey based association.
--Connie Wu

PITTSBURGH, PA

Pittsburgh's patent community is salivating over the coming of APS. Every day we get "when's it coming?" We say "In the Spring of '94." And they say "you mean March 21st?" Many of our people have been travelling to Cleveland Public to satisfy their

APS needs. (Our friends in Cleveland need never return this favor).

CLP's Science & Technology Department conducted 8 Monday evening workshops for the general public in 1993. These 2 hour sessions continue to be popular and are typically oversubscribed. The Department held a 3 hour seminar with the University of Pittsburgh's Library School on CASSIS. We also conducted 2 seminars for Carnegie Mellon University, one for their office to Technology Transfer and one for the University's library staff. Finally, we presented one talk to the Pittsburgh chapter of the Special Libraries Association.
--David Murdock

RALEIGH, NC

We wish we had a dollar for every time we received a phone call beginning with the words, "I need to find out if anyone has already patented my idea," or words very similar! We feel we've done a whole day's work by the time we explain how to do a search in our library, give the patron the detailed directions to our library (including where to park), plus the hours when we are available. During the calendar year 1993, the Raleigh PTDL, located in the Documents Department of the library at North Carolina State University, tallied nearly 2200 instances of patent assistance in person and over the telephone. We also perform trademark searches upon request, so the CASSIS/Trademarks CD-ROM gets a real workout.

In addition to introducing our walk-in users one-on-one to the intricacies of patent searching, the Raleigh PTDL representative, Jean Porter, made presentations to classes in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Biological and Agricultural Engineering, Design, and Patent Law (students from North Carolina Central University). Approximately 90 students received this training.

The Raleigh PTDL has been a site for access to the Automated Patent System (APS) since August of 1991. The service continues to be extremely popular. During 1993, over 1400 sessions were logged on APS, with users making nearly 10,700 search requests. We are looking forward to working with the Patent and Trademark Office to test Internet access to the Automated Patent System text files in late spring 1994.

Several special presentations were delivered by Ms. Porter. Biennially the library sponsors a major seminar on a subject of current interest. Last year's topic was document delivery. In February 1993, Ms. Porter exhibited at the I.T. Littleton Seminar in Raleigh, demonstrating access to patent information through APS. A tabletop display about APS and PTDLs was developed for this event. Later in the spring of 1993, Ms. Porter had the opportunity to demonstrate APS for the Textile Information Users Council, a group of librarians and information managers from the major textile firms and textile schools in the United States. In December, Ms. Porter was asked to address the North Carolina chapter of the Special Libraries Association on the topic of the "Value of Patents." The talk focused on the many uses for patent information. Nearly 100 corporate and university librarians attended that meeting. In contrast, early in 1994, Ms. Porter had a new experience, speaking about patents to a group of gifted and talented fourth grade students. It looks like 1994 will be just as busy and exciting for the Raleigh PTDL as 1993.

--Jean Porter

SALT LAKE CITY, UT

This has been a year more for maintaining than expanding at the Salt Lake City PTDL.

The APS workstation continues to be wildly popular here in Salt Lake City. More and more inventors seek us out or are referred to us by local groups and agencies. Local patent attorneys have begun to see the

power and flexibility APS has over Lexis/Nexis, and increasingly come up to the university to use the system.

We continue to provide patent copies to the community, but aggressive pricing by commercial copy services with 800 numbers has somewhat reduced the total number of copies we've made for off-campus patrons this year.

I continue to serve the University of Utah on the Patent Review Committee. This is an advisory group to the University's Technology Transfer Office, which pursues patents for university-owned inventions and markets those technologies to industry. The PTDL continues a strong ongoing relationship with the Office, providing full-text U.S. patent copies and assistance in locating foreign patents.

As in previous years, I presented my annual introduction to searching patents for technical information to students from the University of Utah's Mechanical Engineering design class.

The highlight of this year's community outreach has to be the two sections on "Searching Patents for the Independent Inventor and Small Business Owner" I presented at the National Innovation Workshop, a two-day regional conference co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and the Utah Small Business Development Center last June.

I also participated in the annual Invent America Invention Convention for the third time, serving as judge last winter for competitions at three local elementary schools, with prior presentations at two. I also presented in-service training on inventing and the resources of the Salt Lake City PTDL to teachers from a local elementary school district last spring.

Once again, a rewarding year!
--Dave Morrison

March 1994



SAN DIEGO, CA

A spectacular year of patent and trademark activity characterized 1993 at San Diego Public Library. After surviving a mid-year budget nosedive, SDPL made a strong recovery, especially as a PTDL. We zoomed into a new zone spelled BUSY, leading all

PTDLs in CD-ROM usage during the summer months. LAPL's inactivity, of course, coincided with our burst. We were pleased that so many of our southern California intellectual property users continued to get good service at our library. We appreciated getting a congratulatory letter from Martha Crockett Sneed for our heroics.

SDPL's outreach and promotional activities also began to flourish in 1993. I continued to participate in local inventors' bi-monthly meetings, and in November the Central Library launched its own patent workshop series. Sixty people attended our first workshop. The programs are divided into two parts--a quest speaker's presentation, and a how to do a patent search by library staff. Our first workshop featured a marketing expert; John Kaufmann and I wrapped it up. These workshops are offered quarterly on Saturday mornings, between 10:00 and noon. A patent attorney will present "Drafting a Patent for the Novice" at our February workshop. Many people have signed up. It's been surprisingly easy to line up good speakers for this series.

John and I participated in two small business seminars in the summer and fall where considerable interest centered on intellectual properties.

In October SDPL began to issue a quarterly business news/bibliography, titled Tideline, which highlights the Central Library's business resources. The first issue profiled our patent depository; I will write several

more articles on our PTDL resources and services. Copies are sent to all of our 31 branch libraries for reference use in three-ring binders, and to various business agencies in the city for distribution. The single-page issues also serve as excellent library handouts.

We at SDPL are eager to tackle the challenges of APS in 1994. I'm pleased that this year John Kaufmann, our computer whiz, will have an opportunity to attend the PTDL Conference as SDPL's representative. I will miss seeing you all.

--Matt Katka

SEATTLE, WA

It has been a busy year for the Seattle PTDL at the University of Washington Engineering Library...the patent and trademark business is booming. The number of people coming in to do trademark searches continues to rise. We are happy to have our second CASSIS workstation up and running to handle the growing demand. We are calling it the "Express" station for quick searching needs, since we do not have a printer attached to it. The second computer has also become the downloading station. We encourage downloading in the Library, and patent patrons are increasingly using that options. Of course, there are days when 2 CASSIS stations are not enough, and the sign-up sheet is booked for the day! With the renovation of the Patent and Trademark Research Area, we have been able to accommodate our patrons in an attractive environment. The materials are closer to the Reference Desk, so the staff is more accessible to answer questions.

In an effort to demystify the patent search and help people to follow the step-by-step process, we developed a patent search workbook. It has been a resounding success. The staff uses this instructional booklet that includes concrete examples to explain the search strategy. On busy days, we can hand

patrons the workbook to get started and check in with them as they proceed. It is particularly useful in training new staff and in assisting those searchers who arrive when the reference desk is closed. We are continuing to evaluate and upgrade all our user guides.

One of our librarians is currently working on a hypertext patent and trademark tutorial for our patent area. He is utilizing X-Mosaic and the World Wide Web to construct an in-depth reference resource and guide to patent and trademark searching: an information kiosk to provide patent and trademark assistance.

We continue to incorporate patents into our regular tour and bibliographic instruction sessions in order to increase on-campus awareness of patents as a research tool and as a source of scientific design and mechanical engineering courses. Last spring, we hosted a group of elementary school students from Sedro Wooley, Washington who were investigating innovation, patents, and inventing in general. They had each written to the PTO to obtain beginning class and subclass numbers describing their ideas and came to the Engineering Library to continue their search. The young inventors had a good time exploring their ideas, as well as their visit to the campus virtual reality laboratory!

On a staffing note, Pamela Yorks, the former Engineering Information Services Librarian and PTDL Representative, is now Head of the Physics/Astronomy Library here at the UW. She is in the midst of planning a move into new quarters in the new Physics Building currently under construction.

--Christina Byrne

SPRINGFIELD, IL

Activity at the Illinois State Library PTDL during the 93/94 year has been very somewhat hectic for its staff. At the beginning of the Illinois fiscal year, an old PTDL friend, Bruce Brown took advantage of

a splendid opportunity to move to the Illinois' Administrative Code Unit. His responsibilities are just as varied and interesting there as they had been with the PTDL.

Immediate appointment of a new PTDL representative was made and the torch was passed to Jane Running. In addition, appointment of an administrative assistant, Cheryl Rowland and additional librarian, Pat Willmore, was accomplished by the end of October.

The end of October also brought another welcome addition. The space occupied by the PTDL was, to all intents and purposes, doubled. This allows space for teaching, research and examining in a conveniently organized manner.

--Jane Running

ST. LOUIS, MO

As in previous years, patent and trademark usage is increasing. In fiscal year 1990/91 there were 1,584 patent reference questions. In 1991/92 there were 1,672 and in 1992/93 there were 1,795. These figures do not include requests for copies of patents made by staff in our Microfilm Department. On an average they make between 4,000 and 4,500 copies of patents a month.

For the same three fiscal years there were 377, 540, and 669 trademark reference questions respectively.

In January and October of 1993, I spoke to meetings of the Inventors Association of St. Louis on patent searching. Both groups were interested not only in the mechanics of searching but concerned about invention marketing firms and how to avoid invention marketing scams.

On December 20th, 1993, I did a brief presentation to the Library's Board of Directors on the Patent and Trademark collections. It was a good opportunity to note who uses the collections, the increase in

usage, and the last several years worth of outreach efforts. Many thanks to the PTDLP Office for putting together packets of information on the PTDL Program to give to the Board members.

--Carol Giles

STILLWATER, OK

Like everyone else, we have experienced another large increase in the number of people using our PTDL. Just when you think you've hit capacity, you find that there are things you can do to accommodate the larger numbers and still provide quality service. One thing that has helped is a second subscription to CASSIS. Now if we only had a third CASSIS workstation that could be just for staff usage, we might feel like we were on top of things.

We have finished our second full year of offering free preliminary federal trademark searches. This service has become so popular and consumes so much staff time, that we are planning a cost study to find out if we really can continue offering this free service. In October we began offering free copyright searches using the Library of Congress's LOCIS through the Internet. When our state library lost their dial-in access to LC, we saw this as a way to expand our "intellectual property information domain" within Oklahoma.

My colleague Steve Johnson and I are co-chairing the Stillwater/OSU chapter of the Oklahoma Inventors Congress this year. Attendance at monthly meetings has increased by 500% since we began holding the meetings and we are having as many and sometimes more people than the Tulsa or Oklahoma City chapters. It's amazing how far a little publicity will go.

We are in the final stages of implementing a plan for a cost recovery information and document delivery service in the patent, trademark, and copyright areas. We plan to

officially begin business on May 15. The big challenge right now is thinking of a name that we all like and someone else isn't using. This gives us great empathy for our trademark patrons.

--Jennifer Paustenbaugh

SUNNYVALE, CA

Sunnyvale's patent library was busier than ever last year. More than 50,000 people came to the library to do a patentability search, copy documents or find trademark information. Efforts to improve services include making arrangements with the British Library to get foreign patents for clients, adding a Micropatent CD-ROM workstation for searching bibliographic information and accepting credit cards in payment for photocopying services. Supervising librarian George Glushenok, librarians Marjorie Cameron and Janet Berkeley, and Senior Library Assistant Dottie Hamilton all received high marks in a patron satisfaction survey. Since the library is located in a city park, one patron commented that all that is needed for perfection is to sell cappuccino and biscotti. Since we operate in an entrepreneurial mode, we just might do that.

--Mary Clare Sprott

TAMPA, FL

The patent library is located in the government documents unit. An excellent support staff enables me to provide reference service to an avalanche of CD-ROM products from GPO, to try to control the dump of GPO cataloging records into the online catalog, and to promote the patent library.

New Lexis-Nexis terminals have somewhat alleviated the crunch at the CASSIS terminals. Since Lexis-Nexis is an "educational service" only faculty, staff, and classes can make use of the facility.

The chemistry department has equated

computer languages with foreign languages in their graduate programs. Chemistry classes in online searching will include both CASSIS and Lexis-Nexis this year. Lectures are also given to the government documents courses in the graduate school of library and information sciences and to the many sections of the "use of the library" course.

The number of referrals from the small business development center continue to grow. The SBDC's location next door to the library enables their clients to drop in for an introduction to patents and to make a reservation to do their search.

--Julia Schwartz

TOLEDO, OH

Former PTDL Representative Dora St. Martin left the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library in March, 1993 for travel. Lisa Hoenig was named the new PTDL Rep just in time to attend the April conference. Since then she's been learning the ins and out of the library's extensive collection and starting some new outreach programs.

Toledo's patrons make heavy use of the library's patent and trademark resources. Staff training has increased to meet the demand for quick information, including more requests for state trademark searches on Dialog. Presentations to students interested in inventing continue.

Two new handouts for the patent collection were published this year. One focuses on conducting a subject search; the other covers the library's patent collection and services. A newsletter (*Patent & Trademark Update*) was also started, with the first issue released in June. It was mailed to local patent attorneys, inventors, and more recently, students, and teachers involved in inventive thinking groups.

--Lisa Hoenig

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA

The University Park, PA PTDL serves The Pennsylvania State University, which continues to be the main source of users, especially students and research faculty from the various engineering disciplines. With two other PTDLs in the state, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, University Park tends to pick up the less populated "middle ground" in the state. We also receive regular contact from the Pennsylvania Inventors Association, whose membership is drawn mainly from Erie, PA. I will be traveling to Erie in February to speak at the Erie Inventors Exposition and to provide some training to librarians in the Erie area who are interested in patents.

I have been compiling data gathered in a survey of all PTDLs which sought information about the outreach efforts of each PTDL. Nearly all of the PTDLs have responded. For that, I am very thankful. I am preparing to give a preliminary report of the results during "PTDLA Day" at the annual PTDL Program Conference. I am encouraged and amazed at the amount of work that I have discovered that the PTDLs do together.

--Kevin Harwell

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY NEWS



News concerning copyrights, patents and trademarks

(Articles as of 1/22/94)

Does Your Springsteen Album Sound Funny? It May Be Counterfeit

The following account is food for thought. One recent October night Berlin authorities cut off power to thirteen buildings and conducted a raid. Their reward? A cache of six gigabytes (two million pages of typed

information) of bootleg software. Berlin law enforcement officials stated the bootleg software included "nearly all the world's 250 most widely used computer programs." Some of the diskettes found contained computer viruses. Other software found included Beta versions of software not yet released. Almost all of the software found by authorities had been obtained through Fortress of Files and twelve other computer bulletin boards which police turned off after the raid.

The staggering amount of evidence found is just one example of counterfeiting operations which have been exposed since American software publishers, movie studios, book publishers, and record companies have asked foreign governments to act against this piracy. Despite these impressive victories, the battle is an uphill one. As more foreign countries demand more U.S. goods, the supply of bootleg goods increases. The U.S. is now trying to aggressively go after these bootleggers, but there are added elements which make this difficult. First is the lack of enthusiasm foreign governments express in pursuing these pirates and second, most of these pirates have ties with organized crime.

Even countries which pledge to shut down these illegal operations face an almost insurmountable task. The demand for these goods is just too strong. Countries which the U.S. cites as gross offenders include Thailand and Taiwan. China has also been listed as a top offender. America has gotten tougher with most of these countries, but is afraid of looking like a bully and is reluctant to impose stricter measures that U.S. manufacturers have been asking for. There is however, some relief on the horizon--most offenders have begun to realize the only way to become innovative is to stop copying other countries' copyrighted works.
(From *USA Today*, Money, James Cox, March 3, 1993)

If You Put It Online, Be Sure To Pay The Writer

The National Writers Union is planning to sue several of the nation's largest computer information services and newspapers in an effort to discover if writers of articles should be paid every time their materials are read or reproduced electronically. Currently, "writers sell stories to newspapers, which then sell the stories to online computer services."
(From *USA Today*, Money, Moneyline, Alex Pham, November 9, 1993)

Father of the Microchip

Yesterday, the Japanese awarded their coveted \$425,000 Kyoto prize for engineering to an inventor from Dallas, Texas. The inventor is known as the "co-inventor" of the semiconductor chip, popularly called the microchip. Jack Kilby, a former employee of Texas Instruments Inc., was awarded the Japanese "equivalent of the Nobel Peace Prize" for his work in conceiving and creating the chip in 1958. Another employee of Texas Instruments, Robert Noyce, is credited with "having developed a process of manufacturing microchips". Together, they share credit for the development and production of the chip. The semiconductor chip is the "brain" of every computerized appliance and toy found in homes today. Kilby, who is now an independent inventor, "lives comfortably" but never became wealthy as a result of his invention. Noyce is deceased.
(From the *Washington Post*, T.R. Reid, November 11, 1993)

Honoring the "Bakelizer" and Its Inventor

In a ceremony sponsored by the American Chemical Society, Smithsonian head curator, Arthur P. Molella of the National Museum of American History's science and technology section, accepted honors for a little known inventor and what the curator conceded was

a homely invention. The inventor was Leo Hendrik Baekeland and his homely invention was the "original bakelizer" used to make the first plastic--bakelite. The November 9th ceremony designated the bakelizer as the "First National Historic Landmark" and the American Chemical Society provided a plaque to honor the inventor and his invention. No monetary award was provided.

Baekeland, a Belgian who immigrated to New York in 1888 and settled in Yonkers, invented Velox photographic paper. He is also credited with inventing synthetic shellac and 400 other patented inventions. The inventor died in 1944. The bakelizer, used to make bakelite was created during the period 1908-1909. Bakelite plastic was used for everything from bracelets to telephones.

Union Carbide Corporation, which bought Baekeland's original company, sent the bakelizer to the Smithsonian in 1983. Molella stated while it appreciated the honor, it could not guarantee Baekeland's invention would be available for public viewing.
(From the *Washington Post*, Capital Notebook, Guy Gugliotta, November 17, 1993)

'After Dark' Maker Tells Software Company To Get Rid of Flying Toasters

Delrina, a software company marketing Berke Breathed's Bloom County comic strip characters as screen savers, was ordered last month, stop producing a screen saver program in which Bloom County characters

SN 74-228,001. BERKELEY SYSTEMS, INC., BERKELEY, CA. FILED 12-6-1991.



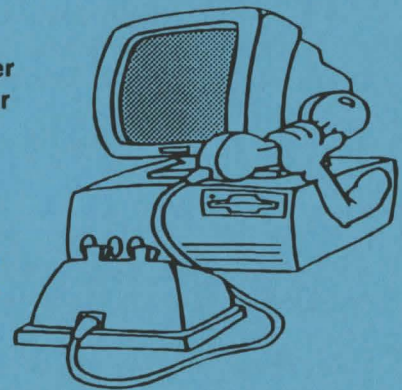
Opus the penguin and Bill the cat shot at winged toasters. Berkeley Systems, who owns the toaster with wings image, filed suit, claiming Delrina's program infringed on their trademarked program. This month Delrina came out with a new version of the Bill and Opus screen saver--without the winged toasters.
(From the *Washington Post*, Business, Digest, Staff News Services and Reports, November 17, 1993)

Does Compton's Really Hold the Patent For Multimedia?

Compton's has come under fire for its claim to having a patent on multimedia. Software developers and experts say Compton's claim is without merit. The patent and its owner were castigated at a breakfast meeting called to discuss Compton's patent and its product, NewMedia. Compton's maintains that the patent "covers just about any product that mixes computerized words, sounds, and images and can be searched to find specific information." The company stated it will ask for one percent of a company's revenue unless they use Compton's product or develop a partnership with the company. Multimedia developers have vowed to fight the patent or refuse to acknowledge its existence.
(From *USA Today*, Money, Kevin Maney, November 17, 1993)

A Patent for Sending Computer Data Over Cellular Networks?

Spectrum Information Technologies has had its patent for wireless communication technology declared valid by a U.S. District Court judge. Spectrum's patent strengthens the



company's claim to ownership of key methods used to send computer data over cellular networks. The ruling allows the company to license the technology and collect royalties.

(From *USA Today*, Money, Moneyline, Alex Pham, November 18, 1993)

"It's A Wonderful Life", Three Times Only, Please

Remember how it used to be during the holiday season, when you could turn to almost any television station and see "Its A Wonderful Life"? Well, that's no longer going to happen. Republic Pictures, owner of the 1946 classic, authorized only three showings of the movie in 1993.

The move comes as a result of a 1991 Supreme Court ruling in which Republic's copyright ownership was "re-established" after it had lapsed in 1974. Republic owns the negative and the rights to the original short story, the basis for the movie. Not only have television broadcasts of the motion picture been limited, but the production company is also exchanging unauthorized copies of the movie held by video retailers for a \$5 authorized version.

Spokesmen for Republic stated they were not trying to limit access to the movie by limiting the number of showings, they just want the showings to be more meaningful. As for the exchange program, Republic stated it "just [wants people] to see it as it was created to be."

(From *USA Today*, Life, David Landis, November 26, 1993)

Washington Post Says This Will Be A Banner Year For Intellectual Property Lawsuits

The Washington Post as part of its New Year business forecasts, is predicting that this will be a bountiful year for intellectual property lawsuits. Citing the change in presidential

administrations and a subsequent change from free market economic policies which protected the patent holder to economic policies which favor the inventor, legal firms including Wineburg, Pennie & Edmonds believe the number of suits filed on behalf of inventors will rise dramatically. These firms have already begun to see an increase in the number of inventors willing to file suit. It is believed as more companies invest more money in fast-moving technology fields such as computers, these companies will spend more to protect their intellectual property from rivals.

(From the *Washington Post*, Business, Lawyers, Sandra Torry, January 3, 1994)

Unusual Hair Style Leads to "TopsyTail"

Ideas for inventions can come from anywhere.

Tomina Edmark got her idea as she was standing in line at a theater behind a woman who had "an unusual roll in her hair"

Edmark, intrigued by this roll--an inside out ponytail--began working on an invention that would easily create this hair style; the result is the plastic hairstyling loop, TopsyTail®.

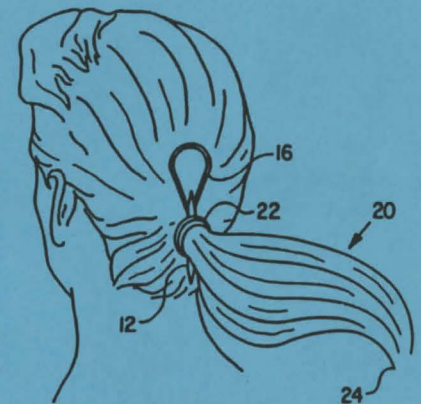


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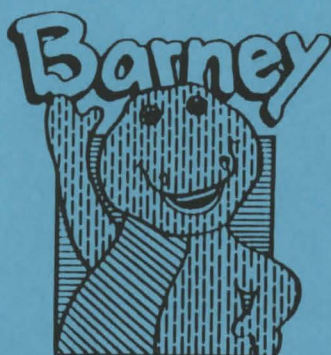
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The inventor, a former mainframe computer retailer in Dallas, knows the risks involved in marketing a product and the fickleness of the market. To offset that, Ms. Edmark has advertised her product overseas, produced accessories to go with the hairstyles created by this invention, and made different versions of the invention for different types of hair. Edmark's company is still small and she has

not begun to buy expensive items for herself despite the unusual success of the invention. This is probably a good idea, considering her patent has just been ordered to be reexamined.

(From the *Dallas Morning News*, Pat Baldwin, July 21, 1993; special thanks to Jennifer Paustenbaugh, Stillwater PTDL)

I Love You, Don't Sue Me...



Barney just cannot seem to win these days. Producers of the popular "Barney & Friends" children show have settled out of court with a Schererville, Indiana woman who claimed she wrote the song "I

Love You, You Love Me" ten years ago in a songbook entitled "Piggyback Songs". A spokesman for the show said they made a "very friendly settlement" with the songwriter, Lee Bernstein.

(From the *Tulsa World*, January 25, 1993; special thanks to Jennifer Paustenbaugh, Stillwater PTDL)

Florida High School Senior Invents Novel Oil Drilling Rig

Not all teenagers sit around listening to rock music or hanging out. Kurt Beswick, a high school senior at Cooper High School in Florida was working on a better way to pump oil from the ocean floor, lessening the danger of oil spills. His invention is best described as "Exxon meets Jacques Cousteau". Beswick's invention has won in science fairs at the county, state, and national level and the inventor had been given a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond from Motorola as well as a U.S. Army Achievement Award. Beswick began working on the invention as a science project for his science research class. The oil drilling rig sits

1,200 feet beneath the ocean and consists of four pods arranged around a central pod. The seventeen-year old recently presented his drilling rig at the 1993 National Creative and Inventive Thinking Skills Conference, held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

(From the *Fort Lauderdale Sun Sentinel*, John Gittelsohn, October 2, 1993; special thanks to Chris Marhenke and Marie Moisdon, Fort Lauderdale PTDL)

Divine Inspiration On Human Preservation



G.H. HAMRICK

Method of Preserving Corpses

No. 466,524 (No Model) Pat. Jan 5, 1892

Divine inspiration is what inventor Graham H. Hamrick called his method to preserve human bodies. The inventor from Philippi, West Virginia claims he was reading the bible one day and received his divine inspiration. In order to perfect his method, Hamrick used bodies he had obtained from a local insane asylum. Using his method, which is akin to smoking meat, he mummified the bodies and "presented them to the town" where they remain to this day. Hamrick was granted a patent for his method on January 5, 1892, US 466,524.

The town has not forgotten about his contribution. They are getting ready for the town's sesquicentennial and are hoping "the mummies...draw lots of people to the town." (From Paul Harvey, "News of the Day," KRMG-AM Tulsa, OK, May 17, 1993; special thanks to Jennifer Paustenbaugh, Stillwater PTDL)

Three-Peat Allows Riley To Rake In The Dough



During the 1988-89 NBA Basketball season, Pat Riley, coach of Los Angeles Lakers, had the idea to trademark the term "Three-Peat". Though his team did not win the NBA title for the third time, his idea of registering the mark did pay off when the Chicago Bulls made it into the NBA playoffs for the third year in a row. Riley, currently the coach of the New York Knicks cleaned up, raking in

the royalties from merchandisers who wanted to use the mark. Riley, however, may be the first and last coach to do something like this. The NBA is now considering a policy which would prohibit coaches and other officials from business dealings which may present a conflict of interest.

(From *Sports Illustrated*, Scorecard, Richard O'Brien, June 21, 1993; special thanks to Steve Johnson, Stillwater PTDL)

China Tries Its Hand At Reigning In Intellectual Property Pirates

One of the most flagrant violators of copying authorized versions of intellectual property is trying to change its image. China has begun hearing cases in its Intellectual Property court against persons accused of pirating computer software and other intellectual property. Microsoft Corporation is the first of these companies to go to this court and challenge these pirates and is one of several companies to test the ability of the Chinese intellectual property courts to enforce their rulings. If it is found they cannot enforce their rulings, it will probably ruin their relationship with other nations including the U.S.

So far most other companies are taking a wait and see attitude. If Microsoft succeeds in its case, this may strengthen the belief that the Chinese intellectual property courts will

favor intellectual property owners over the pirates.

(From the *Washington Post*, WashTech, Mike Laris, January 3, 1994)

--Prepared by Brian Carpenter ■

COPYRIGHT OFFICE APPLICATION FORMS, CIRCULARS, AND REGULATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Revised February 15, 1994)

Many PTDLs attempt to maintain a current, complete set of applications, circulars, etc. from the U.S. Copyright Office. Following is a list of these forms with the most recent version date noted. Forms can be ordered at no cost on the Copyright Hotline by calling (202) 707-3000. Copyright Circular 2, "Publications on Copyright," published April 1993, provides a comprehensive listing of publications current through March 1993.

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For Original Registration: TX, SE, Short Form/SE, SE/Group, PA, VA, and SR

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