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# MUSELETTER

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## WELCOME BACK!

The Museletter will try to maintain a monthly press schedule this year. Consult it for new library services, helpful research hints, changes in library policy, bibliographies, etc. Available free of charge at the circulation desk.

## AUTO-CITE ON SUNDAY!

Lawyer's Co-Op, the producer of Auto-Cite, recently announced that Auto-Cite is now available on Sunday. Auto-Cite will continue to take major holidays off, however.

## CHANGES IN THE LIBRARY

Personnel - Patricia Cowles began working for us on July 5. Pat is our new evening staff circulation assistant. Her hours are 12:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Bob Weertman, who formerly held this position, has become our new cataloging assistant to give needed help to our catalog librarians.

Plants - Thanks to the generous law school alumni, we have been able to add quite a bit of green to the library. New plants will surprise you in unexpected nooks and crannies as you walk through the library. A list telling what kind of plant is where will be ready for our next issue or as an addendum to this one, if time allows.

Journals on 2nd Floor - Over the summer we moved unbound issues of our law reviews to the Second Floor. The unbound ones are shelved immediately after the bound volumes in alphabetical order. We hope this self-service approach to the law reviews will be more convenient for our patrons.

New Hours - The library hours have been extended to 12 midnight Sunday through Thursday nights. Our hours are now:

Monday - Thursday	7:30 a.m. - 12 midnight
Friday	7:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Sunday	12 noon - 12 midnight

Shepard's - Shepard's Citators have been moved across the main floor to the counter-top shelving next to Am. Jur., CJS and the digests. The move was needed because our reference books outgrew their old space.



## RECREATIONAL READING

On top of the shelving where the Shepard's are located is a small book shelf labeled "Recreational Reading." These books have caused a great deal of confusion. Some people seem to think that the library has started buying Harlequin Romances, others are insulted that books dealing with serious social issues are being labeled "recreational." To put it simply, we are defining "recreational reading" as any book you are not required to read.

The books selected for recreational reading deal with the law and lawyers. Some of the books, such as Rape in Marriage, deal with controversial or new applications of the law. Biographies, like Gunning for Justice: The Gerry Spence Story and books on criminal justice make good recreational reading. About 15-20 books per month are selected for recreational reading. Some of the current books are:

Breaking Up Bell, edited by David Evans; Indecent Exposure: A True Story of Hollywood and Wall Street by David McClintock; The Criminally Insane by Terence P. Thornberry; Justice at Nuremburg by Robert Canot; Fear on Trial by John Henry Faulk; and A True Deliverance: The Joan Little Case by Fred Harwell.

## LEXIS TRAINING

No student is permitted to use LEXIS until trained by the library staff. First year students will be trained later in the school year after they have mastered non-automated research. Untrained 2nd and 3rd year students may sign up for training Monday through Friday at 8:00, 9:00 or 10:00 a.m. only. You should sign up at least a day in advance and read the LEXIS Primer and Handbook, which are on reserve. Each session lasts an hour.

### 1/2 Hour LEXIS Time Slots

Law Review and Moot Court season is LEXIS' high volume use time. We have more users that slots available, especially with our reserved training times. We have also noted inefficient use of the on-line time by most LEXIS users.

To ration LEXIS more equitably (and to force some efficiency in searching) we are instituting  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour use blocks on LEXIS during the daytime hours on weekdays. The weekends and late-night slots will remain at 1 hour. Our rule remains the same: you may not sign up for more than one slot in a row. However, if the next slot is vacant, and there is no one waiting to use LEXIS, you may carry over for an additional slot.

### Using LEXIS Efficiently

Efficiency on LEXIS involves two interrelated concerns. First is file selection. No matter how good your search, doing it in the wrong file will not find anything you can use. Second, think about your problem before you turn on the machine; that is, plan the strategy you will use in your search. Write out a list of key words and connectors. The more frequently you do this, the easier it is to get



good results from LEXIS and minimize time spent and frustrations on-line.

Beginning this fall, as an experiment, the library staff will conduct seminars on the efficient use of LEXIS. These will be open to all previously trained students. They are designed to help you plan your search before you turn the machine on. Consult the bulletin boards for further details.

#### Research Hint

How do you cite that? What to do if the Blue Book lets you down and doesn't have an example of the way to cite your source? And you cannot find an analogous example? You might consult:

Bieber, Doris M. Current American Legal Citations with  
2100 examples. Buffalo: Hein, 1983.

Location: Reference - KF/246/.D54/1983

This little book contains at least one example for each of its hundreds of entries. Each entry is listed in alphabetical order by the full title of the legal work to be cited.