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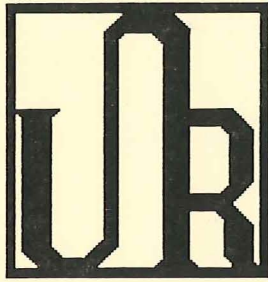


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MUSELETTER

CHANGES OVER THE SUMMER !!

As always there have been changes in the Library over the summer. Some of those changes include:

✉ The Virginia materials have been rearranged to put the Code, Miche's Jurisprudence, and the Digest on the counter-height shelving. This should allow greater convenience when trying to look up materials in these sources.

✉ Steve Hinckley is gone. Look for him at Georgetown, if you're ever in D.C.

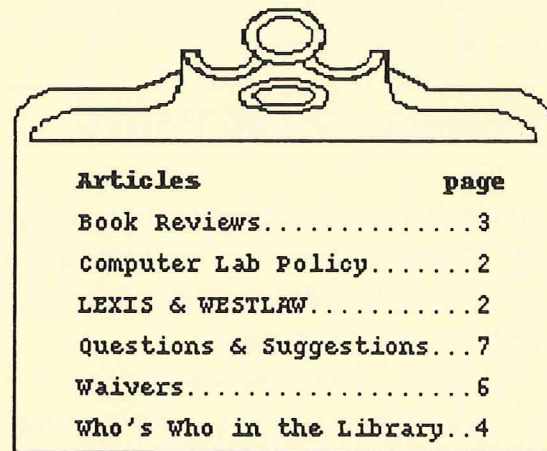
✉ The corner office will soon be occupied by Paul M. Birch, our new Associate Director for Public Services. He is coming here from the Law Library at Ohio Northern University. He received his B.A., M.A., and J.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin. He has also worked at the University of Wisconsin and at

the University of Alabama.

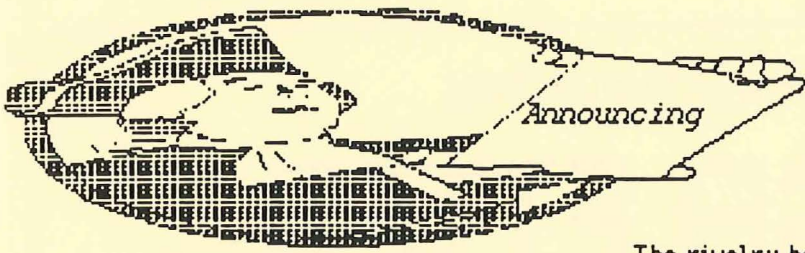
✉ Joyce Manna Janto was promoted to Associate Director for Collection Development.

MORE CHANGES TO COME !

There have also been some changes since the start of this school year. The Waiver policy and the Computer Reservation and Use policies have been revised.

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New Times for LEXIS and WESTLAW

The rivalry between LEXIS and WESTLAW has resulted in some nice bonuses for users here at the Law School. In early September, WESTLAW expanded its hours of availability to match the hours during which LEXIS was available. Then LEXIS removed all time restrictions on the use of peak IDs. Less than a week later, WESTLAW removed its time restrictions in the use of peak IDs.

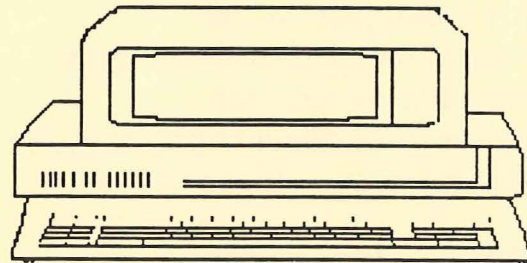
What does this mean? LEXIS and WESTLAW are now both available for use during all the hours that the Library is open. Happy searching!

SPEAKING OF LEXIS AND WESTLAW --

When you sign into either system, please do so properly. Use:

YOUR NAME, YOUR INSTRUCTOR or ORGANIZATION, TYPE OF RESEARCH

Some people have not been using this format and it could cause the Law School problems. We do keep track of who uses the systems and we get printouts from both services that allow us to know who is using the systems properly. If the proper identification format is not used, we will be forced to consider banning violators from using the systems. We cannot risk losing the right of the majority to have access to these systems by allowing a few people to put our contracts in jeopardy.



LEXIS and WESTLAW are great tools to aid you in your research. Help us keep them available for you to learn and use.

New Computer Lab Policy

As the result of student requests, the policy governing the Computer Lab has been revised. The revised policy for using the Computer Lab and for reserving time on the computers has been posted on the Computer Lab Bulletin board. The highlights of the changes from the old policy are:

1. Time blocks are now one hour each;
2. Law students may sign up for two time blocks per day;

see COMPUTER POLICY p.6

RECREATIONAL READING REVIEWS

by Joyce Manna Janto,

Associate Director for Collection Development



The Last Billable Hour

by Susan Wolf

(PS/3573/.05256/L38/1989). Life in a Silicon Valley law firm is explored as new associate Howard Rickover tries to discover who killed name partner Leo Slyde of Tweedmore & Slyde. The author, a California attorney, paints a vivid picture of life in a fast track, corporate practice.



Public Prayer and the Constitution

by Rodney K. Smith

(KF/4162/.S63/1987). The proper relationship between religion and government is the subject of this book. Smith traces two traditions of constitutional interpretation that are informed by the intent of the framers of the First Amendment.



Murder in Little Egypt

by Darcy O'Brien

(HV/6533/.I4/027/1989). In 1984, a respected doctor was arrested and charged with the murder of his son.

During the investigation and subsequent trial, it was discovered that the doctor had murdered his firstborn son several years earlier. Even with these revelations, many in the community clung to their belief that the doctor was innocent.



Similar to this is the book Blind Faith by Joe McGinniss (KF/9306/.M33/1989). As in his book Fatal Vision, Mr. McGinniss

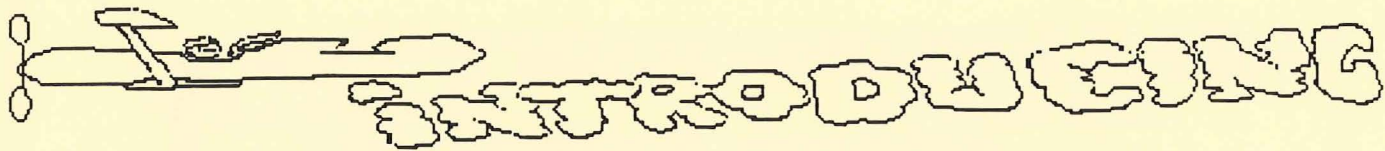
investigates a complex murder case in which the crime was committed by a supposedly devoted husband.



On Trial: Law, Lawyers and the Legal System by Benjamin

Becker (KF/300/.B43/1987). A discussion of the law and the American legal system, this book is intended to help people understand how to make the legal system work for them.

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INTRODUCING

Who's Who in the Law Library

Part I - Public Services

For those of you who have (in all your spare time) wondered who the people working in the Library are and what they do, this column should answer those questions.

First, a description of Public Services. Public Services includes: reference (getting answers to your questions); circulation (checking out materials); interlibrary loan (getting materials for you from other libraries when we do not have those materials); reserves (all those books that if left on the open shelves might disappear); publications (this newsletter and the Library Guide, etc.); physical upkeep of the library (lighting, equipment, etc.); and, the Computer Lab. Now to introduce the people.

★ Paul M. Birch, Associate Director for Public Services -- When he arrives on September 21st, Mr. Birch will be in charge of everything that is connected to Public Services. In addition to his supervisory duties, he will be developing new programs and services, teaching legal research, working on the library/law school renovations program, working on

the implementation of the Dynix on-line library system, and answering reference questions.

★ Lucinda D. Harrison, Reference Librarian -- Ms. Harrison has been here since September 1986. Her first job priority is to assist the members of the Law School community in using the Library. This includes: answering questions; teaching legal research to first-year students; teaching the use of specific tools to all students; giving tours; preparing bibliographies; teaching computer skills (WESTLAW, LEXIS, and WordPerfect); generally supervising the Library on Sundays and evenings; and, in her spare time, anything else that needs doing to help keep the Library functioning for the patrons.

★ Nancy A. Martin, Circulation Supervisor -- Mrs. Martin started working for us in April 1981. She is the white-haired lady at Circulation who is often mistakenly believed to be the Director of the Library. Mrs. Martin's responsibilities include: supervising approximately 24 student assistants (this includes

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hiring, training, scheduling, and payroll for these people); supervising the Library Specialist and two part-time Library Clerks; overseeing the filing of the looseleaf services; arranging audio/visual set-ups; obtaining and loaning materials through interlibrary loan; assisting patrons with questions about the Library's procedures and collection; and, generally keeping the Circulation area running as smoothly as possible.

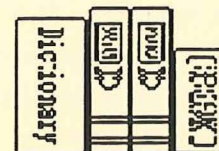
★ Tim Edwards, Circulation Specialist -- Mr. Edwards began working in the Law Library in Spring of 1987. His main duties include: assisting the patrons at the Circulation Desk; processing overdue books; filing looseleaf materials; assisting in the Computer Lab; assisting with maintenance of the equipment in the Library; setting up audio/visual equipment; and, assisting Mrs. Martin.

★ Jean S. Hamilton and Kathleen Philip, Library Clerks -- Ms. Hamilton and Ms. Philip joined

the Library in October, 1988. They each work ten hours per week. Their primary duty is filing looseleaf services and updating Library materials. When the mail cannot keep up with them, they help with other services in the Library.

★ Finally, a brief mention of the many student assistants who work at the Circulation Desk. In addition to filing looseleaf services, these students allow the Library to be open the number of hours it currently offers. They keep the Library neat and they direct patrons to materials in the Library.

Now you know who the people working in Public Services are. In future Museletters, you will be introduced to the people working in Collection Development/Technical Services and to the Library's Administrative people.



Law Library Hours

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

3. Students are limited to making 6 advance time block reservations;
4. Advance reservations must be made using your last name;
5. Initials must be used when holding over or signing into an unoccupied time block at the time of use;
6. WESTLAW 2 and LEXIS 2 are now WP5 and WP6 -- they may be used for any software application available on their menus; and,
7. LEXIS 1 and WESTLAW 1 may not be used for wordprocessing at any time.

One additional point needs to be made regarding the use of the computers. Some individuals have not shown any consideration for the needs of their colleagues. PLEASE only sign up for the time you need so that others may also reserve time blocks.

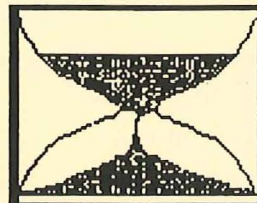
WAIVERS

Many of you have had occasion to lose, misplace, or forget your student IDs. When that happened and you needed to use the computers in the Library, you were sent to one of the Librarians for a waiver. Because so many of you have lost, misplaced, or forgotten your IDs, the waiver situation has gotten out of hand.

From now on, you will be limited to one (1) waiver per semester. That waiver will be issued for a maximum of two weeks. Moreover, there will be no waivers for lost waivers. To get a waiver, you need to see Lucinda Harrison, the Reference Librarian.

Some of you will think this policy is harsh. However, when you are issued your student ID, you are expected to carry it at all times. That ID will be absolutely necessary when our new online system for the Library is

installed (the installation process has already begun). There will be no waivers once that system is operational. Most importantly, once you are an attorney, you will be issued an ID that will allow you into courthouses without being searched, allow you into the Virginia Supreme Court Library, and allow you to visit your clients in jail without being searched, among other things. You cannot just "forget" or "lose" that ID without major consequences. If you want a waiver because you are too tired to remember or retrieve your ID, that is your decision. BUT that will be your only waiver that semester.





QUESTIONS &



SUGGESTIONS

Question:

What is happening to the United States Code? I went to check something in the Constitution and that volume was gone.

Answer:

The United States Code of 1982 is being replaced by the Code of 1988. As the 1988 volumes arrive in the Library, they are being shelved at the end of the current United States Code volumes. At the same time, the 1982 volumes of the Code and its supplements are being placed in the superceded collection in the Southwest Basement of the Library as the appropriate 1988 volumes arrive. For this year, the release of the 1988 Code will make using the United States Code easier to use as there will not be five years of supplement volumes to check in addition to the main code volume.

Question:

This place is getting to me. Is there anything in the Library which might help me cope with Law School?

Answer:

The Library has four items which may be of some assistance. Two of those items are videotapes, one is the transcript of a ABA Continuing Legal Education program, and one is a book in a series on

succeeding in law school.

The two videotapes are both the taped lectures given at Richmond Legal Forum presentations. They are Coping With Stress in Law School, by Dr. Warren P. Hopkins (KF/287/.H67/1985), and Napoleon Peoples on Stress Management (KF/287/.N36/1987). Both are kept on reserve.

The ABA CLE course was sponsored by the Section of General Practice. It is entitled Coping With Stress (KF/298/.A5). While this panel discussion was intended to benefit practicing lawyers, many of the techniques for coping suggested by the panelists can be equally useful to law students.

Finally, Winning In Law School: Stress Reduction by David H. Barber (KF/287/.B37/1983) was written to specifically address the needs of law students. This work presents a concept of "relaxed attention" as a means of managing the stress of law school.

