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MUSELETTER

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NANCY MARTIN RETIRES FROM LAW LIBRARY

Mrs. Nancy Martin, Circulation Manager, announced her retirement recently. She will retire from her position on May 31, 1999. Nancy joined the Law Library staff in April of 1981 and has been an incredibly valuable member since that time.

Nancy talked recently about her future plans and her years at the Law Library and the Law School. She plans to travel with her family after her retirement. She'll also work more with her church and be a driver for the Cancer Society as well as a second driver for one of her sons who does not drive. Nancy has two sons. George, her oldest, is the pastoral associate at St. James in Hopewell. Her other son John is a regional salesman for Soma and Maca. John's wife, Marie, is a manager for collections at Capital One. Nancy has a sister and brother-in-law who live in New Jersey, and she expects to spend more time with them. Recently, Nancy became a "mother" to another son. Daniel was in her son's youth group at church, but he was on his own and had no home. Nancy offered him a home. She says that it is wonderful to see Daniel trying to make a new life for himself.

During Nancy's approximately twenty years at the Law Library she has seen many changes in the Law Library and Law School. She believes that the renovations to the old building and the new addition are among the most important. She particularly was excited to see the library get so much additional space. The individual carrels for students has helped them enjoy their studying and research in the library much more. "Prior to the renovations," she says, "you saw very few students in the library, only those who were sent her for some type of punishment or those who really needed to use a book." She remembers that Dean Joe Harbaugh sent students to the library to work if they were caught drinking in the wrong areas of the building. One Saturday she supervised a student who had to clean the library mezzanine because he violated a rule. Another significant change, according to Nancy, was the implementation of the mandatory laptop program. She recounted the following story to illustrate the effect of computers now. Five students were talking at the Circulation Desk when one student asked where he needed to go to "write" his exam. The other four students looked at him and said, almost in unison, "Write your exam? Where's your computer?"

During Nancy's tenure at the Law School she developed special relationships with many present and former Law School employees. She notes with pleasure the relationships that she developed with former law library directors Susan English and Steven Hinckley. She mentions others, including Shena Dixon, Kim MacLeod, Terry Osborne, Dandridge Miles, Pia Trigiani, and Ann Cresap. Pia was one of her first student assistants. Nancy recalls: "We had an awful snow storm, and most roads were Closed to traffic. Pia took an old table leg, put a nail in it, and walked from the Law Trailers to the Law School to open for us because the University was open that day."

**Best Wishes
and
Congratulations
to
the
1999
Graduates!**



Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to the Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students of the Law School Community. It is because of each of you that I have been encouraged, enriched, and vitalized to complete my many tasks here. You make it a pleasure for me to look forward to each and every day. My decision to retire was a very difficult decision to make. I wish you all the best and will think of you often. Thanks for all the fond memories I will be taking with me.

--Nancy Martin

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Nancy describes a special relationship with one current library employee, Janette Alsworth, who is the library's Acquisitions Assistant. She describes Janette as a mentor, special friend, counselor, and listener. "I would not have been able to go on many times without her encouragement." She continues, "The library staff in general is my extended family, and all should be thanked for the support and love they have given to me and my family."

Nancy also describes special relationships with student assistants, many of whom still contact her regularly. She says that you have to learn to be more than a supervisor for the student assistants. "You must listen to them, offer encouragement, and help nurture a special relationship. Let them know you are there and that they can talk with you."

Nancy offers three pieces of advice to her replacement. First, she says you must be a good listener in the circulation position. Second, you need to be a self starter and take initiative. Finally, she says that you need to always be one step ahead of your student assistants.

Nancy concluded by saying that she has enjoyed each and every day of her work at the Law Library. She says that she was enriched by the experience and that she will miss everyone. The library staff encourages you to stop by and say "thanks" to Mrs. Martin. Also, please join us for a reception for Mrs. Martin, tentatively scheduled for May 27. You'll see more details about this shortly.

Best wishes Nancy!

Summer Regular Hours (May 16-July 1, 1999)

Sunday	10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Monday-Thursday	7:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Friday	7:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Exceptions to Regular Summer Semester Hours

Spring Inter-Session Hours (May 7-May 16, 1999)

Fri., May 7	7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Sat., May 8	9:30 a.m.-Noon (Graduation)
Sun., May 9	CLOSED
Mon., May 10-Fri., May 14	7:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Sat., May 15	CLOSED
Sun., May 16	Resume Regular Hours

Summer Exam Period (July 2-9, 1999)

Fri., July 2	7:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Sat., July 3	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Sun., July 4	10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Mon., July 5-	
Thu., July 8	7:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Friday, July 9	7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Summer Inter-Session (July 10-August 16, 1999)

Saturday	CLOSED
Sunday	CLOSED
Monday-Friday	7:30 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.

JOHN BARDEN JOINS REFERENCE STAFF FULL-TIME

On June 14, John Barden will join the Law Library staff as a Reference/Research Services Librarian in a full-time, permanent capacity. John has served on a part-time, interim basis since last October. He takes the position left open when Brandon Quarles left to join the law library staff at Baylor University School of Law.

John finishes his J.D. degree at the University of Virginia School of Law this semester. He also holds an M. S.L.S. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Prior to library and law school, John worked in museums, serving in curatorial and research positions at Colonial Williamsburg and Tryon Palace Historic Sites and Gardens in New Bern, N.C.

John's interest in the organization of and access to information is balanced by his love for historical research. He holds an M.A. in early American history from the College of William and Mary and a Ph.D. in the same field from Duke University. His dissertation traces the manumission of over 500 black Virginians from the Nomony Hall estate beginning in 1791, the largest single emancipation in pre-Civil War American history.

In recent years, John has spent more time researching the Civil War period. His scholarly edition of a Massachusetts soldier's letters, *Letters to the Home Circle: The North Carolina Service of Private Henry A. Clapp*, was published by the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources in February of this year. John has another Civil War project underway at present.

Due largely to his background in historical research, John has a special interest in the legal issues and policy incentives relating to expansion of access to historical knowledge and documents. "As things are presently structured," he observes, "there is little incentive for individuals to reformat materials in the public domain for distribution on the World Wide Web, since it is so difficult for them to protect their investment of labor in the reformatting process. While a number of institutions and projects have thrown files of public domain materials out there essentially for anyone to take, I would like to see a non-cumbersome system in place that would enable a single person to transform and distribute historical resources on the Web and still be assured of some modest remuneration in order that the good works may continue."

In addition to working shifts on the reference desk, John will also be part of the Lawyering Skills instruction team. He has already expanded the Admiralty and Maritime Law bibliography, which will be mounted over the summer as a Web publication, and he has agreed to serve as newsletter editor for the Virginia Association of Law Libraries. We welcome John and wish him well!

CARREL INFORMATION

Graduating 3L's who are not staying for the bar review, those students going into the clinics in the Fall, and students transferring or visiting out, must empty their carrels and return their keys to Mrs. Barlett in the Library Administrative office (L17) prior to leaving town after exams. Any student who has made arrangements through Mrs. Barlett to change carrels in the Fall must empty his or her present carrel and return the key prior to leaving for the summer break.

ALL OTHER STUDENTS should clean up their carrels prior to leaving for the summer. You may leave personal belongings in the LOCKED COMPARTMENT of your carrel ONLY. Nothing should be left on the work surface, side walls, the top of the carrel, or on the floor. Housekeeping will clean the carrels during the summer. Your cooperation is appreciated.

If you are not planning to use your carrel next year, please consider turning your carrel key in to Mrs. Barlett. There are other law students who may be able to use the carrel. You can still sign up for a carrel during the year for exams, etc. Thank you.

EXTENDING LEXIS AND WESTLAW PASSWORDS FOR SUMMER USE

Students who are engaged in academic pursuits this summer may extend their Lexis and/or Westlaw passwords to allow access to these systems. The procedure is fairly simple.

For Lexis, go to <http://lawschool.lexis.com>. Click on the link for "Summer Access to Lexis."

For Westlaw, go to <http://lawschool.westlaw.com>. Click on the link "Password Extension."

CAVEAT: Students may NOT use Lexis and/or Westlaw in an employment situation. Your Lexis/Westlaw usage is the byproduct of a contract signed by the University of Richmond School of Law with both vendors. Our contract explicitly limits use to academic matters. In addition, every student, when they first signed onto Lexis or signed for their Westlaw password, also agreed to limit usage to academic matters. To use either system in your summer employment would be both an ethical and legal violation. Both Lexis and Westlaw monitor the use of their systems. If they detect a violation of the contractual terms, they will prosecute.

A rule of thumb: If you are being paid in academic credit (i.e. a clinic or internship) you may use your passwords. If you are being paid in money, you can't.

Please contact Joyce Manna Janto if you have any questions.



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