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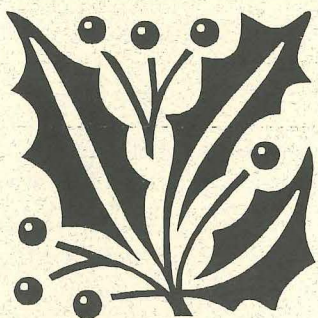
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**Best Wishes
for a Happy,
Healthy, and
Prosperous
Holiday
Season and
New Year.**

“A” IN PING-PONG, “F” IN TORTS: DEAN WILLIAM TAYLOR MUSE, 1906-1971

Dean Muse, after whom the UR Law School Library and this newsletter are named, would have celebrated his 94th birthday on November 27th. He became a member of the faculty in 1931 and was appointed Dean in 1947, a position he held until his death in 1971.

A native of Gloucester County, Dean Muse was a graduate of Richmond College (B.A.), and the Law School. His doctorate in juridical science (S.J.D.) was won in 1934 at Harvard Law School, which he attended on leave of absence from the University of Richmond. He again spent a year at Harvard Law School in 1940-41 as Research Fellow. He practiced for a year in Richmond before accepting the invitation of his Alma Mater to return to the University as a professor.

The November 15, 1999 *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* included a feature article about the 1967 Richmond Law School class, where one in five in the class became a Judge. Dean Muse influenced the class in a profound manner, and all alumni interviewed had stories to tell about the Dean. Glen A. Tyler, now Accomack County Circuit Judge, said Dean Muse “ruled with authority and a preference for the way he’d learned law himself. He made it plain and unmistakably clear that the expectations he had were unwavering.” All mentioned the coat and tie requirement — even in the library. Richmond County Judge J. Maston Davis said “I always thought he had a sense of fairness about him. . . that’s a quality that all of us picked up.”

The Class of ‘67 found enjoyment in simple ways, and ping-pong became the game of choice for the class. Dean W. Sword Jr., now Portsmouth Circuit Judge, recalled the time when Dean Muse observed a spirited game near the end of the school year and said “Ah, gentlemen, ‘A’ in ping-pong, ‘F’ in torts.”

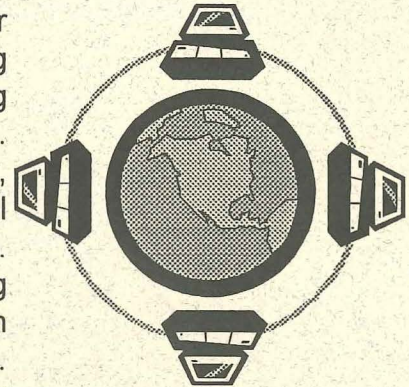
The Law Library will have abbreviated or modified hours between November 24, 1999 and January 9, 2000 due to the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s holidays and the December exam schedule. Please check page four for details. Thank you.

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Employees! We
couldn't exist
without you.*

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UR Readies for Y2K: System Shutdown to Occur December 31

Information Services has decided to stay on the cautious side over the New Year's holiday by powering down all servers on campus beginning at Noon on Friday, December 31st. Then the IS staff will return Saturday, January 1st at Noon to power up all the servers by approximately 5:00 p.m. The Law School network, also staying on the side of caution, will power down our servers during this time period. What this means is that you will not be able to dial-in from home, check e-mail, check notice boards, or browse the Internet during this time period. We apologize for any inconvenience.



Alison Merner
Network Administrator

Internet Sites Give Bookstores Competition

There could be an alternative to hiking to the bookstore, waiting in line, and paying a small fortune for next semester's book requirements — law book online shopping. Law students from George Washington and Harvard have created law book sites such as www.Varsitybooks.com and www.Barristerbooks.com to direct a shop-anytime, no-wait, discounted pitch to Internet-savvy students.

At this point it's uncertain whether Internet book sales will threaten traditional college bookstores. There are potential disadvantages of Internet shopping, including firms that don't permit returns, don't deliver books in a timely fashion, or don't buy back books at the semester's end.

As with any Internet shopping site, you lose the "personal touch" — advice from a clerk, the chance to leaf through a book, or purchase the non-book items that a store provides.

Two schools, Pace and Hastings, look at Internet purchases as an option for students and not competition. They will have Internet buying options available next semester. (Source: *The Jurist*, 9/99)

LAW LIBRARY DEDICATES VIRGINIA COLLECTION TO JAMES C. ROBERTS

The Law School recently dedicated its Virginia Collection for prominent attorney, lobbyist, and alumnus James C. Roberts. The Richmond law firm of Mays & Valentine, L.L.P., made a donation to name the collection for Roberts, who is one of its senior partners.

More than 125 area attorneys, officials, and legal scholars attended the dedication ceremony, which included an unveiling of Roberts' portrait which will hang permanently at the entrance to the Virginia Room on the first floor of the library. Mays & Valentine partner Robert D. Seabolt, University President William E. Cooper, and Law School Dean John R. Pagan, offered tributes to Roberts and led a champagne toast.

Roberts has been named to the annual publication, *The Best Lawyers in America*, business, litigation, corporate law, criminal defense, and personal injury litigation. He is also considered by many to be Virginia's foremost lobbyist. Roberts attended Hampden-Sydney College for one year on a football scholarship, until an injury ended his playing career. He transferred to the University of Richmond, graduating with a law degree in 1957. He now serves on the University's Board of Trustees.



Let's Talk Turkey: Census Bureau Facts for Features

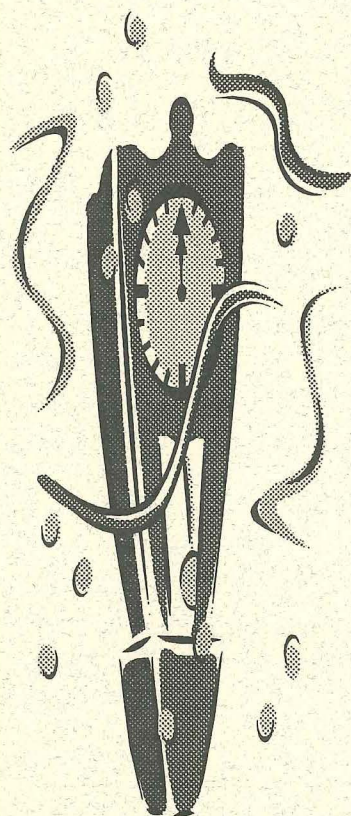


One valuable government Internet site for statistics is the Census Bureau's site at www.census.gov. Not only does it provide the latest census data and popular economic indicators such as housing starts, trade deficits, retail/wholesale sales figures, but also includes PDF versions of classic print tools, such as the *Statistical Abstract*.

The Press Release links at the site include seasonal information such as Thanksgiving Day. Did you know that:

- There are three incorporated places in the U.S. actually named "Turkey" — Turkey, TX and NC and Turkey Creek, LA.
- North Carolina is the nation's turkey capital, producing 1.4 billion lbs., about one-fifth of the U.S. total.
- The nation's farmers produce 549 million lbs. of cranberries. Wisconsin led the U.S. in production, followed by Massachusetts and New Jersey.
- Turkey imports totaled \$13 million — all from Canada. Our northern neighbors also accounted for all cranberry imports.

Holiday & Exam Period Library Hours: November 24, 1999-January 9, 2000



Thanksgiving Break (November 23-27, 1999)

Tuesday, November 23	7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 24	7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 25	CLOSED
Friday, November 26	1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 27	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 28	10:00 a.m. to Midnight

Fall Exam Period (December 3-16, 1999)

Friday, December 3	7:30 a.m. to Midnight
Saturday, December 4	9:00 a.m. to Midnight
Sunday, December 5	10:00 a.m. to Midnight
Monday, December 6-Thursday, December 9	7:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Friday, December 10	7:30 a.m. to Midnight
Saturday, December 11	9:00 a.m. to Midnight
Sunday, December 12	10:00 a.m. to Midnight
Monday, December 13-Thursday, December 16	7:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Fall Inter-Session Hours (December 17, 1999-January 9, 2000)

Friday, December 17	7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 18-Sunday, December 19	CLOSED
Monday, December 20-Thursday, December 23	7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday, December 24-Sunday, January 2	CLOSED
Monday, January 3-Friday, January 7	7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 8	CLOSED
Sunday, January 9	10:00 a.m. to Midnight

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