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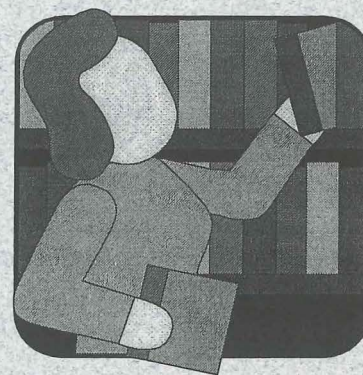
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TECHNICALLY SPEAKING: MEET THE TECHNICAL SERVICES STAFF

BY TIM EDWARDS

Ever wonder what actually goes on behind the door marked "Technical Services - Staff Only" that is by the library elevator on the first floor? The Technical Services area is where all of the library's processing (ordering and bill paying), cataloging (assigning newly arrived library materials a call number based on subject matter), bindery work (book repair and sending out of library materials to have them bound for future usage) and supplementation (updating of the library's looseleaf services and other resources with pocket parts) take place.



The Technical Services staff has a great deal of experience within each position in the department. Sally Wambold is the Technical Services Librarian and head cataloger. Sally supervises four of the positions within Technical Services (a full and part-time time cataloger, a collection management position, and a serials position) in addition to doing cataloging and working regular shifts at the Reference desk. Sally is active in the American Association of Law Libraries, the Virginia Association of Law Libraries, and the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries. Sally has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Old Dominion University and a Masters in Library Science from UNC-Chapel Hill. When not in the library, Sally devotes a great deal of time to caring for her three cats and keeping them out of mischief.

Bob Weertman is a full-time cataloger who has been with the library for eighteen years. Bob is responsible for cataloging of new library materials as they arrive and labeling of all materials with the call number before they are sent to the library stacks. He is currently working on a project to label all the journals in the basement of the library. Bob is an avid walker in his spare time and can often be seen walking around campus early each morning.

Leah Viar has been with the law library for five and one-half years and is responsible for collection management in the library. Leah handles the library's preservation needs for materials that require binding or re-binding for future use. Leah does all the shelving of new materials in the library after they have been fully processed and cataloged in Technical Services. Leah oversees the shelf spacing in the library to make sure adequate room exists when re-location or shelving of library materials requires shifting. Leah has recently become certified as a paralegal and is currently taking courses working toward a Sociology degree from the University of Richmond.

Fall 2000 Regular Library Hours

Sun.-10:00 a.m.-Midnight
 Mon.-Thurs.-7:30 a.m. - Midnight
 Fri. - 7:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
 Sat. - 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Break (Nov. 21-25)

Tues. Nov. 21 - Wed. Nov. 22: 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
 Thurs. Nov. 23: CLOSED
 Fri. Nov. 24: 1:00-6:00 p.m.
 Sat. Nov. 25—1:00-5:00 p.m.
 Sun. Nov. 26—Resume regular hours

Best Wishes

from the

Library

for a

Happy

Thanksgiving



Betty Cliborne has been with the law library for sixteen years working in serials. Betty's responsibilities deal with receiving (checking materials in on the library computer system) and keeping current all of the materials in the library stacks. Betty is just as busy in her spare time with interests in non-fiction books, needlework, and cooking. Betty has a great love of the mountains and loves to spend time driving to Western Virginia to take in the beauty of the area.

Janette Alsworth works with the library's acquisitions. She's responsible for the ordering of library resources and handling of the library's payments for those resources. Janette has a great love of cooking and trying new recipes. Janette is also a developing wine expert who enjoys touring vineyards and wineries in addition to trying different kinds of wine.

John Bric and Robert Avramescu are the library's two part-time supplementation employees. The part-timers' responsibilities are to do all of the library's supplementation (looseleaf filing, pocket parts, microfiche and microfilm, periodicals and newspapers) as it arrives. John Bric also works at the Tuckahoe Public Library and has interests in book collecting and aviation history. John Bric also has a mean recipe for Grape Nuts pudding if anyone is interested. Robert Avramescu is a history major who is a big baseball fan and enjoys reading literature.

Tim Edwards works in Technical Servicing running the audio-visual operation for the law school (with the help of two student assistants), overseeing the library's supplementation while supervising the two part-time positions, and working as a part-time cataloger. Tim is an avid sports fan who also enjoys learning more about wine.

At the Movies: *The Contender*
By Gail Zwirner

Just what *will* people do to become President? The latest political potboiler has all the elements of rough and tumble Washington at its best — the "I feel your pain" President, the aggressive staffers, the candidates with youthful indiscretions, and the nasty "vast right wing conspirators." Despite a couple of "oh please" twists to the plot line, *The Contender* keeps you interested despite its two hour, plus length.

Richmonders will find scenes in the movie particularly interesting, as much of it was filmed in Richmond. The White House scenes are actually in the State Capitol Building and grounds, and other areas focused on the Fan District, the Country Club of Virginia, and the Jefferson Hotel. Local media personalities played cameo roles.

Joan Allen plays the lead role very effectively as Ohio Senator Laine Hanson, who was nominated by the legacy-focused President (played by Jeff Bridges), to replace his late Vice President. She had just switched parties from Republican to Democrat. The Republican Chair of the confirmation committee, played brilliantly by Gary Oldman, is pushing another candidate, the more moderate Governor from Virginia.

Despite the "dirty tricks" release on the Internet of some alleged photographs of the contender in some compromising positions, rather than denying that the photos were of her, she maintained that the issue was basically none of their business.

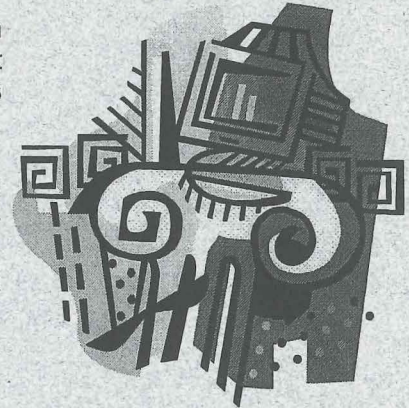
All performances were superb. Look for Oscar nominations from this cast. Regrettably, they did throw in a cheap twist at the end, but it was refreshing to have them portray Hanson as a person taking responsibility for her actions. 3 *Gavels*

New!!! Law School Exams Now Available Online!

By James Wirrell and Lois Brown

Reviewing old exams to prepare for your upcoming exam is a common exam preparation strategy. Currently at the law school, if you want to obtain past exams, you must go to the library Circulation Desk and check out the professor's exam file. This has not always been convenient. Just think:

- you are at home and have just settled in for a long evening of exam preparation and you decide to review past exams....whoops....gotta go back to the law library.
- when you ask for the exam file at the circulation desk, you have to come back two or three times before it's available for check out.
- you finally get the exam file, but the student before you removed the staples to photocopy and jammed the pages back in the folder in no particular order.
- you've got a jumble of dog-eared pages that are out of sequence!!!!
- there are 50 pages of exams in the file and you do not want to spend lots of money and time to copy pages you do not need.
- you are at school and you forgot your I.D.



Well, there is a solution. Beginning in November, the Law Library has created an **Electronic Exam Reserve Page**. We are adding new exams daily, most of which are first year fall exams and are available for viewing or downloading. Now you can connect your computer to the law school server and point your browser to <http://lobo.chmond.edu/examfile>. (NOTE - you must be logged into the law school server, as you will not have access to this site from other ISP's).

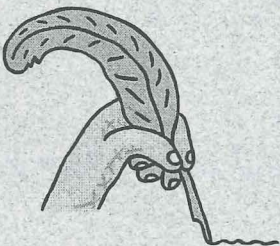
Exams are available in WordPerfect and Word formats. You can access past exams from home or school with no waiting in line. Electronic exams are never out of order and you can review the exams (on your computer), before deciding which to print.

The **Electronic Exam Reserve Room** concept arises from the law school's commitment to technological innovation. Library Director Timothy Coggins gave Circulation Librarian James Wirrell the task of co-ordinating the project with the assistance of Circulation Assistant Lois Brown. Ms. Brown contacted professors to obtain electronic copies of exams, and when such copies were not available, she scanned in the paper copies. She proofread the scanned versions to ensure accuracy. Those of you who have scanning experience know the difficulty and time commitment inherent in such a task. Mr. Wirrell designed the web site and uploaded the available exams.

Not all courses or professors will have exams online. Some professors choose not to publish their old exams. Others prefer not to make their exams available online. You will not find an online exam for every class. But the addition of the **Electronic Exam Reserve Room** will certainly make available past exams much easier to access for students.

Recent Faculty Publications :

John Paul Jones, *Into the Wind: Rhett Butler and the Law of War at Sea*.
31 Jr. Mar. L. & Com. 633 (2000).



Fall 2000 Computer Challenges

By Kim Wiseman

The Computer Services staff looks forward to every semester. We never know what new and exciting challenges will be in store. We have had a few challenges this fall:

1. Good news for the IBM 600 owners. IBM decided that indeed, the batteries that came in your computers should have lasted a lot longer than they did. The owners of these computers figured this out a long time ago. Although IBM did not announce a recall, word has gotten around that IBM will replace the battery through a "re-engineering" change (note this language). If you haven't already done so, call IBM 1-800-IBM-SERV and tell the technician you are calling because your battery is affected by a re-engineering change.
2. An interesting development for the Armada E500 owners. Compaq has issued a recall on these batteries. There was one reported instance where a battery heated up enough to cause a fire (not to one of our owners, thank goodness!). Compaq is replacing the affected batteries with TWO new ones! Check out Compaq's website at www.compaqordercenter.com/sbrp/cl.asp to ascertain if your battery has been recalled, and to place your order for your replacement batteries if need be.

3. We just got word from Iomega, the makers of the zip drives that a lot of our students own, that a version of their software, 2.5, has been known to cause the "blue screens of death" we have all seen from time to time. They highly recommend you download their newest version, 2.7, from their website: www.iomega.com. Even if you are not having problems with this software, it certainly cannot hurt to have the latest and greatest.

As we learn new and interesting information that may affect your computer, we will pass the information along. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to drop by the Computer Help Desk.

William Taylor Muse

November 27, 1906-October 31, 1971

Dean Muse, after whom the law library and this newsletter are named, was Richmond's law school Dean from 1947 until his death in 1971.

Dean Muse also served as President of the Virginia Bar Association and various commissions of the Virginia General Assembly, and authored the Virginia annotations to the *Restatement on Torts*.

A feature article in the November 15, 1999 *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* mentioned many stories about the fondness the students of the law school class of 1967 had for Dean Muse. One of five students in that class became a judge.

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