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## TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER: THE LIBRARY'S ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

BY DEBORAH BARLETT

Last, but not necessarily least, in the series introducing the Law School Library staff, is the Administration Office. For those of you who have successfully forged your way to the hidden entrance to the office on the first floor of the Library, congratulations. The Administration Office is the hub of the very diverse wheel that makes up the Law Library. The staff is made up of the Director Timothy Coggins, Deputy Director Joyce Manna Janto, and Administrative Assistant III Deborah Barlett.

Tim Coggins is the oil that keeps everything running smoothly in the Library. As well as directing the Library, Coggins is an Associate Professor of Law, teaching *Advanced Legal Research* and serving as Director of Law Skills I and II. He received his B.A. at North Carolina Wesleyan College, M.L.S. from Simmons College, and J.D. from North Carolina Central University. Prof. Coggins' strong organizational skills work well in an area as diverse as the library, which functions as an education, research, information and network systems tool and serves an equally diverse patron group, including students, faculty, staff, practitioners, educational institutions, other libraries and associations. Coggins and his wife, Hazel Johnson, have been in Richmond since 1997, relocating from Alabama where he had served as Director and Associate Professor of Law at the University of Alabama. They have a shared interest in law libraries by their work with associations such as the ABA and the American Association of Law Libraries. Johnson is a Reference Librarian at McGuireWoods. He and Hazel recently realized a lifelong dream and purchased a beach house in North Carolina.

Joyce Manna Janto has filled many roles in her 18 years of service at the Law School and is, in the truest sense "one of our own," having earned her J.D. at UR, while working as a full-time librarian here. Janto received her B.S. from Clarion State College and M.L.S. from the University of Pittsburgh. She and husband Andy have a full schedule, participating in Girl Scouts with daughter Emily, and following whichever sport Andy is currently coaching at St. Vincent de Paul High School where he teaches. Janto is active in Chesterfield County's Christmas Mother organization. If you haven't already had the opportunity in her Law Skills class, you can experience Janto's teaching during the summer session, when she teaches *Professional Responsibility*.

Deborah Barlett has been with the University since 1987 and is the only staff member to have worked in other departments on campus prior to working at the Law Library. The exposure to other departments and personnel on campus is a great help in fulfilling her duties in the Library. She finds the variety of responsibilities and the contact she has with the students and staff very satisfying. Ms. Barlett attended Lynchburg College and has enjoyed taking classes in UR's Continuing Studies program. Barlett, her husband Ric, and two sons reside in Glen Allen along with their two "spoiled rotten" dogs. For relaxation, she enjoys reading and gardening, but her focus is decorating and remodeling her home (much to her husband's frustration).

Best Wishes  
from the  
Library  
for a  
Happy Holiday  
Season and  
New Year!





## Under Construction!

Occasionally there are needs to shift or expand sections of a library. That time has come for the Virginia Collection. The Government Documents have been incorporated into the 2nd floor collection, and the Virginia materials will expand to the hallway. Look for these changes after the break.

## How We Stack Up: The *National Jurist* Releases Law School Library Rankings

The November/December *National Jurist* reported law library rankings, and Richmond did very well, placing 43rd on the list of 178 law school libraries. The journal used recent ABA data to calculate the scores based on a mix of categories measuring collection, facility and staff resources. In Virginia, only UVA and Washington and Lee ranked higher.

The article analyzing the rankings entitled "How Good Is Your Library?" quotes feedback from student interviews at various locations. Rankings improved for some schools due to the "comfort zone" factor. Space was important to students, who rely on the library as a "second home." Carrels, study rooms, and table space all contributed to favorable rankings. The volume count number, a critical category in law school rankings in the *U.S. News* list, was unimportant to students unless there was adequate staffing to assist students in using the collection.

Despite complaints from some UR students about a perceived inflexible food and drink policy, T.C. Williams was cited specifically as only one of three libraries nationally allowing food (snacks). We also fell in the group of only eighteen schools allowing drinks in spill-proof containers.

## At the Movies: *Men of Honor*

By Gail Zwirner

*Men of Honor* is based on a true story of Carl Brashear, the first black student to be accepted into the Navy's Dive School in the 1950. The School trained "hard hat" divers, who are responsible for rescue and salvage missions, such as those used recently in the tragic Russian submarine accident. Cuba Gooding Jr. plays the Brashear roll brilliantly, and Robert DeNiro (who never has a bad role) plays Billy Sunday, an alcoholic and racist who thinks a lot of himself, and challenges Brashear to near-unbearable lengths. Sunday ends up being Brashears unlikely ally.

The movie develops the Gooding character from a young boy on a southern farm, who follows his father's "never give up" advice, to reach his goal of Navy Master Diver. It's a heroic story of persistence overcoming racial barriers and physical hardships to gain the respect and rank of his dreams.

Supporting roles added effectively to the plot. Charlize Theron (she's everywhere!) played Billy Sunday's oh-so-patient wife, and Aunjanue Ellis was a librarian/medical student, who tutored Brashears with the diving school scientific coursework. Hal Holbrook played the crazy captain in charge of the diving school, who makes it his mission to create every obstacle possible so Brashears will not pass the master diver requirements.

The hearing where Brashears had to prove his ability to perform the diving tasks despite an accident that left him with an amputated leg, was disappointing. Apparently "creative liberties" were taken to enhance the scene, but it didn't fly. The acting was good throughout, but the story could have stood on its own without unnecessary embellishments.

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## *There's a Nip in the Air: Nip Computer Problems with Preventative Maintenance*

By Kim Wiseman

Don't you just love this time of year? All the festive decorations, crowded malls, holiday purchases, hot chocolate – and the food! What? You haven't even thought about the holiday season yet? Something about EXAMS??

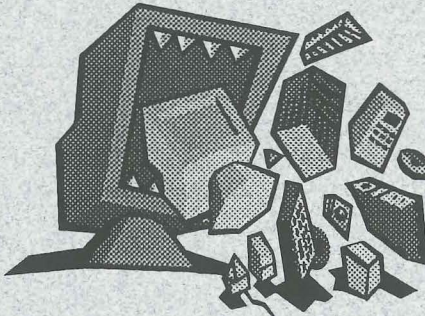
That one word could put fear in any mortal being. Worse than the word Exams is the phrase, "I've got a computer problem." Couple these two and things around the law school can get very interesting.

We may not be able to help you with your exams, but we certainly can help try to prevent some of the problems some students see with their computers and printers during exams.

Your computer needs an oil change about once a month. Three things happen during an oil change. First, you delete temporary files off your hard drive. These come from scan disks after bad shutdowns, backup files that you no longer need, internet files "caching" on the hard drive, etc. After you've deleted unnecessary files, a thorough scandisk is run to ascertain if there are any corrupt or "bad" (bad, bad file!) files that need to be fixed. After the bad becomes good again, Defragmenter is run. When files are saved to your hard drive, they are placed there arbitrarily. You would think engineers would have figured out a way for this not to happen. In any event, it does. Your hard drive becomes fragmented. By running Defrag (slang for Defragmenter), all like files are grouped back together. In theory, your computer will run faster because it only needs to look in certain areas for certain files, instead of all over the place. This entire process takes about two to two and a half hours. For step-by-step instructions, or if you would like a computer help desk person help you with this, just stop by.

Similarly, your printer needs a tune-up. A number of students only use their printers during exams, and have no idea it isn't working properly until they have two minutes to print an exam and turn it in. Talk about a high stress situation! Take a few minutes and plug your printer in. To print a test page, double-click on the My Computer icon, then Printers. RIGHT click on your printer (1L's option one is a Canon S450, 2L's option one is a Canon BJ-80, and the 3L option one is a HP Portable 340) and choose "properties." A menu will appear and one of the options is to print a test page. Option two students can do the same thing with the printer they have. With a number of printers, there is a "maintenance" tab. This tab usually has diagnostic options, including cleaning the print heads. If your printer does not print, try to resolve the problem by using the maintenance tab. Remember, too, that the ink will dry up if left in the printer and not used. If all else fails, and the printer works except you see no ink on your paper, it may very well be that you are out of ink.

Don't let your computer or printer add any more stress to your holiday season. Good luck on your exams, and feel free to come by the help desk if you have any problems or concerns.



Exam Prep!

"Your computer needs an oil change about once a month. . ."

"Similarly, your printer needs a tune-up."

—K.W.



**Fall 2000  
Library Hours**

**Exam Period** (Friday, Dec. 8 to Thurs., Dec. 21)

Fri., Dec. 8: 7:30 am to Midnight  
 Sat. Dec. 9: 9:00 am to Midnight  
 Sun. Dec. 10: 10:00 am to Midnight  
 Mon. Dec. 11 to Thurs. Dec. 14: 7:30 am to Midnight  
 Fri. Dec. 15: 7:30 am to Midnight  
 Sat. Dec. 16: 9:00 am to Midnight  
 Sun. Dec. 17: 10:00 to Midnight  
 Mon. Dec. 18 to Thurs. Dec. 21: 7:30 am to 1:00 am

**Inter-Session** (Friday, Dec. 22 to Saturday, Jan. 13, 2001)

Fri, Dec. 22: 7:30 am to 6:00 pm  
 Sat., Dec. 23 to Mon., Jan. 1: CLOSED  
 Tues, Jan. 2 to Fri., Jan. 5: 7:30 am to 6:00 pm  
 Sat., Jan. 6 to Sun., Jan. 7: CLOSED  
 Mon., Jan. 8 to Fri., Jan. 12: 7:30 am to 6:00 pm  
 Sat., Jan. 13: CLOSED  
 Sun., Jan. 14: Regular hours resume for Spring Semester

**Spring 2001  
Library Hours**

**Regular Hours** (Sunday, Jan. 14 to Thurs. April 26)

Sunday: 10:00 am to Midnight  
 Monday to Thursday: 7:30 am to Midnight  
 Friday: 7:30 am to 9:00 pm  
 Saturday: 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

**Exceptions:**

**Spring Break** (Fri., Mar. 9 to Sat., Mar. 17)

Fri., Mar. 9: 7:30 am to 6:00 pm  
 Sat., Mar. 10 to Sun., Mar. 11: CLOSED  
 Mon., Mar. 12 to Fri., Mar. 16: 7:30 am to 6:00 pm  
 Sat., Mar. 17: 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Spring Exam Period** (Fri., Apr. 27 to Thurs., May 10)

Fri., Apr. 27: 7:30 am to Midnight  
 Sat., Apr. 28: 9:00 am to Midnight  
 Sun., Apr. 29: 10:00 am to Midnight  
 Mon., Apr. 30 to Thurs., May 3: 7:30 am to 1:00 am  
 Fri., May 4: 7:30 am to Midnight  
 Sat., May 5: 9:00 am to Midnight  
 Sun., May 6: 10:00 am to Midnight  
 Mon., May 7 to Thurs., May 10: 7:30 am to 1:00 am

**Spring Inter-Session** (Fri., May 11 to Sun., May 13)

Fri., May 11: 7:30 am to 6:00 pm  
 Sat., May 12: 9:30 am to Noon  
 Sun., May 13: CLOSED

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