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# Museletter

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**Best Wishes  
and  
Congratulations  
to the  
2003  
Graduates!**



## ID PLEASE: POLICY RESTRICTS ACCESS TO THE LAW LIBRARY DURING EXAM PERIOD EVENINGS FOR CERTAIN USERS

Beginning Sunday, April 20th the Law Library will once again limit access to the Library. The Library will be closed to outside patrons from 5:00 p.m. until closing. Only the following users will be permitted into the Law Library: law students, faculty, staff and their families; University of Richmond students and faculty; alumni of the Law School, and lawyers with a valid bar card.

The Library will set up a check station near the Circulation Desk. The check station will be staffed by law students, who will check the ID of EVERY person who enters the Library. The Library does not anticipate that this policy will cause any inconvenience for students. However, students' cooperation and patience are requested. Please do not be offended if asked for an ID. Although the Law School community is small, the law students at the check station will not recognize everyone.



There is one clarification to this policy that needs to be made. The Library will only stop outside patrons from entering the Library after 5:00 p.m. Any outside users who are here prior to 5:00 p.m. are allowed to stay in the Library. If they should leave the Library and attempt to return, only then will they be refused access. Library users who are here prior to 5:00 p.m. will only be asked to leave if they are creating a disturbance. The Library adopted this policy because the staff felt that it would be too disruptive to ALL library users if we attempted to evict outside patrons at 5:00 p.m. We felt that this compromise would be in the best interest of preserving quiet in the Library during the exam period.

## Library Opens Early for Registration

The Library will open at 6:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 10th and Monday, April 14th to accommodate early registration times. Registration for returning and third year students with advanced standing (those who will have at least 50 credits by the end of the current semester) begins at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 10th. Registration for rising third years begins at noon on Thursday. Registration for rising second years begins at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, April 14th. The Computer Help Desk will be staffed at this time to assist students with computer problems.



## Lexis and Westlaw Provide Summer Access for Students Involved in Law School Activities

Rising second and third year students who are involved in law school activities throughout the summer, such as Law Review or Research Assistants for faculty, are eligible for full access to Lexis and Westlaw. Remember, if you are employed this summer at a law firm or government position, such as the Attorney General's Office, you will obtain the appropriate passwords to the services from those institutions.

If you are eligible for summer access to Lexis or Westlaw, you will need to complete an online form from each vendor. Access [lawschool.lexis.com](http://lawschool.lexis.com) and click on the link under "Summer Access and I.D. Registration," or go to [lawschool.westlaw.com](http://lawschool.westlaw.com) and click on "Extend your password" for details.

### Spring Exam Schedule

4/21 8:30 am Flex Exam  
 4/22 1:00 pm Flex Exam  
 4/23 8:00 am Const. Law  
     Section 1 Rm 101  
     Section 2 Rm 102  
 4/23 8:30 am Flex Exam  
     Corps. Rm  
     102  
 4/23 1:00 pm Flex Exam  
 4/24 8:30 am Flex Exam  
     Legis. Rm  
     205  
 4/24 1:00 pm Flex Exam  
 4/25 8:30 am Flex Exam  
     Environ.  
     Sec. 1 Rm 101  
     Sec. 2 Rm 114  
     Sec. 3 Rm 102  
 4/28 1:00 pm Flex Exam  
 4/28 8:30 am Flex Exam  
 4/29 8:30 am Contracts  
     Sec. 1 Rm 101  
     Sec. 2 Rm 102  
     Sec. 3 Rm 114  
 4/29 1:00 pm Flex Exam  
 4/30 8:30 am Flex Exam  
     Corp. Tax  
     Rm. 205  
 4/30 1:00 pm Flex Exam  
 5/01 8:30 am Flex Exam  
 5/01 1:00 pm Flex Exam  
 5/02 8:30 am Flex Exam  
     Criminal Law  
     Sec. 1 Rm 101  
     Sec. 2 Rm. 102  
 5/3 1:00 pm Flex Exam

## Bridging the Gap Between Law School and Employment Saturday, April 16th

If you have forgotten basic legal research skills and feel you need a refresher to make the best impression as a summer associate, we have the answer for you! Join the Reference/Research Services Librarians, the librarian from the firm of McCandlish Holton, the state Law Librarian, and a 6th year associate from Hunton and Williams who will provide some inside information to make your summer employment successful.

The morning will include a review of research strategies sources necessary to complete research projects typically assigned to summer or first year associates. John Barden will walk you through finding Virginia cases using a variety of research techniques and sources. Gail Zwirner will show you the quickest way to find Virginia statutes and regulations either in print or via the Internet.

Cindy Smith, the librarian for the firm McCandlish Holton, will discuss the dos and don'ts of firm research. She will present the options available in the firm environment such as memo banks, in-house databases available through an intranet, use of alternative formats such as CD-ROM, the use of business resources and guidelines for on-line resources. Gail Warren, State Law Librarian, will provide ethical reminders for your firm experience. She'll share horror stories she has heard from the justices and other attorneys whose clerks, for example, have "slipped" and provided confidential information in party conversation.

Michael Begland, a 1998 graduate of the Law School and a sixth year associate at Hunton and Williams, will discuss firm expectations of associates and describe typical projects you may receive. He will provide insight on what to be looking for in a potential employer. Michael will also present guidelines for memoranda drafting.

The program begins with breakfast and registration at 8:30 a.m. and finishes with lunch at noon. The sign-up sheet for this program is at the Reference Desk.



## Happy National Library Week April 6th - April 12th

Know what the best kept secret in the world is? That librarians are party animals! How else do you explain a profession that sponsors week long celebrations two or three times a year. The most recent library related fete was the celebration of National Library Week from April 1st through April 7th. While we did not join in the general jollity, many law libraries took the opportunity to celebrate their place in their parent organization. What exactly is National Library Week you may be asking yourself. Basically, it is a week set aside by the American Library Association to celebrate the value of libraries and librarians. The value of librarians??? Before you scoff, think about the time Gail Zwirner was able to help you complete an assignment by finding that elusive book in a library thousands of miles away and having it delivered to you. Or the time John Barden saved your paper by locating that 18th century English case. Or the time.... get my point? Librarians are in the job of finding (as we like to say) the right piece of information for the right person at the right time. And the value of libraries? Think about this sometime. Imagine what your life would be like without access to the libraries you used (both school and public) while you were growing up. Or you could ask a realtor. They will tell you the three things that sell a house are good schools, convenient shopping and a good local library.

Aside from being party animals, librarians are also subversives. How else to explain Banned Books Week? This week, usually held in the late fall, celebrates those books that were banned by someone at some point in their history. Dangerous books like Snow White, Huck Finn, Harry Potter, and Catcher in the Rye. During this week librarians write editorials about the freedom of expression. They encourage the reading of banned books and the watching of banned movies. Censorship is a subject that librarians take very seriously. They have been at the forefront of movements challenging mandatory Internet filtering in public libraries. Librarians have fought and lost jobs over demands that "offensive" materials be removed from their libraries.

Librarian's love of freedom is not limited to the first amendment. Librarians are also passionate believers in the freedom of information. We have made a holiday of the birthday of James Madison, the author of the Bill of Rights. Every year on March 16th Freedom of Information Day is observed with the award of the "James Madison Award." This award is given to those who have championed the public's "right to know." Librarians have traditionally been active in the area of copyright, ensuring that provisions of fair use are not endangered. The American Association of Law Libraries, and many of its chapters, including the Virginia chapter, monitors federal and state legislation that deals with the provision of information to the public. On the national level, AALL was effective in lobbying for changes to the Database Protection Act. Locally, librarians in Virginia fought unsuccessfully against the passage of UCITA. It was felt by the library community that this legislation unfairly pre-empted many protections allowed by the federal copyright laws.

So the next time you think about libraries or librarians, update your image. Libraries are not musty, dusty storehouses of old and useless books. They are storehouses of knowledge, treasure chests just waiting to be explored. And librarians? Get rid of the idea that we wear buns and sensible shoes. In reality we are the guerilla warriors in the cause of bringing information to anyone who needs or wants it, no matter what.

# GOOD LUCK ON EXAMS!



## Spring Carrel Swap

The spring carrel swap is scheduled for April 14th through 16th. If you are content with your carrel, you need do nothing. Students may remain in a carrel for all of their time at the Law School. The only exception to this policy is for students enrolled in a clinic. When a student is registered for a clinic, he or she is assigned a carrel in the clinic during that semester. Consequently, the student must give up the library carrel until the following semester.

Carrels of December and May graduates and other vacant carrels are included in the swap process. On Friday, April 11th the list of available carrels will be posted on the glass front doors of the Library. The list will be updated daily during the swap process. If you would like to switch carrels, the following are the dates and times when you may request a new carrel:

Monday, April 14 - Current clinic students only  
Tuesday, April 15th - Rising third years only  
Wednesday, April 16th Rising second years only

In order to sign up for a new carrel you must go to the administrative office in the Library - L17. The times of the swaps are: 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Spring Interession & Summer Library Hours

### Spring Exam Period (Fri., Apr. 18 to Thurs., May 1)

Sunday:	10:00 am to Midnight
Monday-Thursday:	7:30 am to 1:00 am
Friday:	7:30 am to Midnight
Saturday:	9:00 am to Midnight

### Spring Inter-Session (Fri., May 2 to Sat., May 10)

Fri., May 2:	7:30 am to 6:00 pm
Sat., May 3:	9:30 am to Noon
Sun., May 4:	CLOSED
Mon, May 5-Fri., May 9	7:30 am to 6:00 pm
Sat., May 10	CLOSED

### Summer Session & Exam Week (Sun., May 11 to Thurs., July 3)

Sunday:	10:00 am to 10:00 pm
Monday to Thursday:	7:30 am to 10:00 pm
Friday:	7:30 am to 8:00 pm
Saturday:	9:00 am to 5:00 pm

CLOSED: Monday, May 26 (Memorial Day)  
Friday, July 4 (Independence Day)

## Carrel Information for Graduating Students, Transfers, Visitors, and Switches

Graduating students who are not studying for the Virginia Bar, those students registered for clinics in the Fall semester, and those students who are transferring out or visiting away next year must empty out their carrel and turn in the key to Mrs. Deborah Barlett in the Library Administrative Office (L17) prior to leaving town. Any student who has made arrangements to switch carrels in the Fall must empty his or her present carrel and return the key prior to leaving on summer break.

All students should clean their carrels before leaving for the summer. You may leave personal belongs in the locked portion of your carrel only. Nothing should be left on the carrel surface, the side walls, on the top of the carrel or on the floor under the carrel. Housekeeping will clean the carrels during the summer and the Library can not be responsible for damage to personal items left in the carrel. We especially request that students check the locker portion of the carrel and remove any leftover food or food wrappers. Your cooperation is greatly 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. Even if you do this, you will be able to obtain a carrel for exams during the year.