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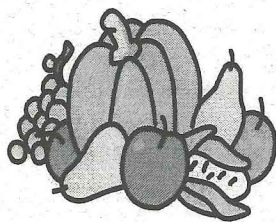
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Museletter

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Friday, Oct. 12—
Monday, Oct. 15



Fri., Oct. 12
7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 13
8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 14
1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 15
7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Who's Who Among the University of Richmond School of Law Student Associates

by Kim Wiseman

By this point in your law school careers, you've met or been introduced to the law library staff, whether it be through Lawyering Skills, computer and technology issues, checking out a book from the library, or other activity. But what do you know about all those truly great student associates who help the full-time staff? Here's your chance to find out more about the student associates who help us every day in keeping the library open, staffed, and frankly, make us all look good.

There are thirty-four (YES, 34!) student associates who help us meet your needs. They work in all areas of the Law Library – Circulation and Access Services; Reference and Research Services; Computer and Technology Services; Technical Services; and the Administration. Here are introductions to some of the thirty-four, and you can meet the rest in the next issue.

LexisNexis & Westlaw Student Representatives:

We are very happy to have student representatives who work for LexisNexis and Westlaw available for office hours in the Computer Lab. **Kristin Watts**, a LexisNexis representative for the second year, went to Longwood College. She's from Hamilton, Virginia, which is in the northwestern part of the state. Kristin didn't decide to come to law school until her senior year in college, when she became interested in corporate and tax law. Those areas are her career goals. Working as a LexisNexis representative has helped her hone her research skills, and she also enjoys working with other students.

Christina Parrish is the newest LexisNexis representative. Christina is from the other Virginia (you know - Northern Virginia) and spent four years in Charlottesville. Although she doesn't know where her career path may take her, she is enjoying the academic experience of law school and is learning as a LexisNexis representative. Working with her fellow students makes her job feel a lot less like work and much more like relationship building, which she enjoys. Stop in and say hi to Christina if you see her in the lab.

Rounding out our electronic research help are three student representatives who work with Westlaw. Like Kristin, you all have seen **Meg Ferris** working diligently for the last few years in the Computer Lab and at other tables in the law school. Maybe you've even participated in a Westlaw contest or two! Meg came to the University of Richmond from Winston-Salem, NC, and hasn't looked back. As a young girl, Meg's mom was the first to point out that she would be a good lawyer. Some would call it negotiating skills, while others might call it arguing. But Meg has a plan. She really enjoys her job and hopes to continue with Westlaw after graduation. Her other interests in law include family law, real estate and land use.

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Jonathan Moore is a local young man who completed his undergraduate degree in three years at Mr. Jefferson's University. He says he has always been intrigued by the legal profession, even from an early age. He enjoys working in the library and helping his fellow students. He also says that the other library staff members are great to work with. Once he's done his time here, he'd like to try his hand at litigation.

Stephen Gangemi spent his undergrad years in Vermont, attending Middlebury College. Contemplating "what will I do when I grow up," Stephen chose law school over medical school. Both options were better than going to work, he says. He enjoys litigating and hopes to do either criminal prosecution or civil defense work. When asked why he liked working in the library, Stephen responded that he couldn't think of any other place he'd rather be. We're glad he likes the library.

Computer Help Desk:

The library also has a staff of highly skilled computer services student associates. Whether it is a question on formatting a Word document, or a hard drive crash, or something else, the computer services student associates are here to help you.

With a name like Crook, what line of work exactly do you go into? Well, if you're **Chris Crook**, and you have a father, uncle and grandfather in law enforcement, you'd think that Chris might do that as well. But Chris decided to become a lawyer. Chris grew up in Richmond and earned an undergraduate education at Virginia Tech. He spent two years working with technology consulting before enrolling at the University of Richmond. He has proclaimed himself to be "married with children" (wife and furry kids).

Brittany Scott grew up in Greenville, South Carolina and spent her undergraduate years at Furman University. Since middle school, Brittany had her eyes on law school. She said that reality hit her after she took her LSAT; her dream would become a reality. She is enjoying her part-time job working with criminal defense (and, of course, her job at the help desk) and wants to work in litigation. We are also trying to train Brittany's daughter, Eden, at the help desk; but she just doesn't seem to love the job as much as her Mom does.

From Hampton, Virginia, **Shawn Lassiter** moved two hours west to attend undergrad at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, just north of Richmond. After working for several years, Shawn decided to return to school to become a lawyer. Being a lawyer wasn't an afterthought; he was thirteen when the thought first entered his mind. He spent a wonderful summer in the nation's capital and may find himself there after graduation. He more than likely will be practicing in either antitrust/international trade litigation or corporate/finance transactional. Shawn likes helping his fellow classmates and enjoys working at the Help Desk.

Zach Powell has spent a lot of money in tuition at the University of Richmond - he was an undergraduate here as well. His hometown is Williamsburg. Zach always knew he would do graduate work, but he decided on law school at the beginning of February in the year he applied (and with only two weeks to prep himself for the LSAT). Basically, Zach says that he chose law because he felt like he would have more options in terms of a career with a J.D. than any other graduate degree. He enjoyed his summer internship in legal aid and can see public interest as a possible career choice. Zach enjoys the atmosphere in the library - a nice place to be, he says.

Stephen Moncrieffe really did travel a good distance north to come to the University of Richmond. Growing up in Miami, he is an alum of "THE" Florida State University. Stephen is very honest about his decision to come to law school - he wasn't ready to be out in the working world. He hasn't decided what type of law he wants to practice yet, but he is enjoying his classes. He enjoys helping people at the Help Desk and likes the fact he doesn't have to go far to go to work.

Rounding out the Help Desk student associate staff is **Jarrold Blackwood**, whose hometown is Lucea, Hanover, Jamaica, West Indies. Jarrold spent his undergraduate years at Sewanee: University of the South in Tennessee. His sophomore year in college, Jarrold got caught up in the environmental movement and decided to direct his

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career path to make changes. So it is no surprise his career goals include environmental law and medical malpractice defense. He loves working in the library. He is able to multi-task - work and stay in the library to study.

Two of our student associates are taking sabbaticals from Computer Help Desk duty this semester. **Paul Nyffeler** comes from Nebraska and has spent a lot of time in higher education, having earned his Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry. So what brought Paul to Law School? His wife, Michelle, is a chemistry professor here at the University of Richmond. Paul achieved his patent law distinction before coming to law school. His future career includes patent law and general intellectual property litigation, not to mention raising his wonderful son Ryan. Although Paul enjoys working in the library, the library couldn't compete when he had an offer for another part-time job - at Hunton & Williams.

Jerrad Lee, an Arkansas young man, is one of the newest members of the staff; he worked at the Help Desk this summer. He helped the summer entry students, fielded questions from incoming students and handled many other Help Desk duties. He started thinking about law school during his sophomore year in college and wants to practice IP or patent law.

Next month, you'll get to meet many more of the student associates who help us - those who work at the Circulation Desk and those who help with other functions that are primarily in the "background." Stay tuned for part II of this list of famous "Who's Who."

New Database Review: *Making of Modern Law Digital Archive*

by Gail Zwirner

When I use a new product successfully a couple of times in as many days, it's worth sharing the good news with the masses. The *Making of Modern Law Digital Archive* (MOML) recently saved me from processing two interlibrary loan requests and saved my lending library colleagues an inevitable battle with fragile 19th century treatises.

MOML is a fully searchable database of more than 21,000 works from the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries on British Commonwealth and American law. It was compiled largely from Harvard Law School Library's Special Collections.

To access MOML, point your browser to <http://law.richmond.edu/librarytech/online.php>. Open up the database link. The search engine offers a "basic" and "advanced" option. I used both effectively, but considering the size of the database, the advanced search allowed me to find my title more quickly by using a combination of author and title keywords. Unlike other databases of this size such as the "Net Library" collection, MOML allows you to print multiple pages similar to the application in Lexis and Westlaw of "selected" pages. However, it does require some review to capture "image" numbers as opposed to page numbers.

Curious what brought me to the database? For Professor Heen, who has been researching the historical analysis and development of annuity tables, I used MOML to find Joshua Mile's *A Treatise on the Valuation of Annuities and Assurances on Lives and Survivorships* (1815).

In his words, Professor Jones prepared "a brief for several professors of admiralty law urging the Supreme Court not to overlook important issues of federal maritime law in the appeal by Exxon from the Ninth Circuit decision approving on due process grounds an award of punitive damages (\$2.5 billion) in a case treatise by Theophilus Parsons, entitled *A Treatise on the Law of Shipping and the Law and Practice of Admiralty*, prompted by the grounding of the Exxon Valdez in 1989." I used MOML to help him confirm a citation in an 1869 treatise by Theophilus Parsons, entitled *A Treatise on the Law of Shipping and the Law and Practice of Admiralty*.

Movin' On Up

Ms. Priscilla Greene has accepted a full-time position as the Special Events Coordinator with the University. In her new position, Ms. Greene will be planning and hosting the special events for University staff. Ms. Greene has done a wonderful job for us as Public Services Assistant, and we will miss her and her contributions to the Law Library. She will leave her position at the Law Library on Friday, September 28.

Please join us in wishing Priscilla the very best in her new position. Congratulations, and best wishes!

Protect Your Laptop, Books & Other Valuables

Please remember that you should protect your laptop, your casebooks and other valuables by placing them in the lockable compartment of your carrel when you leave the carrel, even for a short time. Although infrequent, there have been some instances of theft of pocket books, purses, textbooks and other items in the Law Library. You should also use the security cable to attach your laptop to the carrel when you are in the Law Library.

If you discover an item missing from your carrel, notify Deborah Barlett, Law Library Operations Manager, in room L-17 of the Law Library.

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