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Regular Library Hours

January 13 - April 24

Sunday

10:00 a.m. - midnight

Monday-Thursday

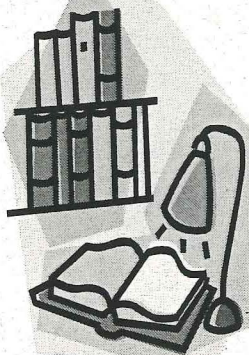
7:30 a.m. - midnight

Friday

7:30 a.m. - midnight

Saturday

9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.



Law Library Says Goodbye to John Barden

by Suzanne Corriell

John Barden has accepted a new position as Director of the Maine State Law & Legislative Reference Library in Augusta, Maine and began his duties there in early January, 2008. The Reference Library serves the people of Maine, its government branches and its legal community.

John began working at the Muse Law Library on a part-time basis in 1998 while he was in law school at the University of Virginia, filling in as a Reference and Research Services Librarian; upon graduating from UVA, he took on that position full-time. In 2003, he became the Head of Reference and Research Services. In addition to his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law, Mr. Barden holds a library science degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a B.A. from Augusta College, a M.A. in history from the College of William and Mary, and a Ph.D. in early American history from Duke University. John also researches and publishes in the fields of early American history and the Civil War.

“When the Law Library staff interviewed John for his position here at the Law Library, we heard incredible comments about his abilities, his knowledge and his extraordinary skills as a reference librarian. One previous supervisor described John as having ‘a boundless capacity for work’ and ‘peerless research skills,’” said Timothy Coggins, Associate Dean for Library and Information Services. Coggins continued, “Other references talked about John’s extraordinary intellectual curiosity and the tenacious way that he attacked research questions. As great as all those comments were, John’s work with us was even better than those comments. We will miss John tremendously, and his contributions to this Law Library will serve well current and coming generations of Law Library users.”

One of John’s more notable contributions was his diligence revolving around historical documents. Janette Alsworth, the library’s Acquisitions & Serials Manager, said, “I really appreciated John’s devotion to the library’s historical collection. The rare materials we had were ignored before John’s arrival, but he took charge and pushed for much needed improvements to the rare book room. He has an infectious enthusiasm for collecting, and I enjoyed working with him to fill the gaps he felt we had in our rare book holdings pertaining to

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Virginia legal history.” Professor Hamilton Bryson also praised John, remarking on John’s work with the archives and efforts to put Virginia legal information online.

In addition to teaching legal research to students, John also helped faculty members at the Law School conduct their own research. Professor Corinna Lain was one of the faculty members who benefited from John’s resourcefulness. “John is as adept as anyone I know at finding unusual sources,” said Professor Lain. “When I was researching my Warren Court article, I routinely came to John Barden to help find unusual sources from the 1960s (and earlier). His persistence, expertise and sincere willingness to help paid off time and time again. And when John found something we had been searching for, his joy almost surpassed mine. He has been a tremendous asset to the Law Library, and I for one hate to lose him, but he deserves every measure of success that comes his way and so I wish him luck.”

John’s work was not only valuable to all of us at Richmond, it was also beneficial to those around the state. He participated in many activities through the Virginia Association of Law Libraries and other library and archives organizations. “John Barden’s work was integral to the success of the law libraries’ consortium project involving the digitization of briefs of cases from the Virginia Supreme Court. His painstakingly crafted index that documents every brief ever submitted to the Supreme Court provides the backbone for the consortium’s digital project,” commented Jim Heller, Director of the Law Library & Professor of Law at the College of William and Mary’s Law Library. “John is much more than a meticulous bibliographer; he is a superb librarian, a wonderful colleague and a friend. We will miss him a great deal and wish him the very best,” continued Professor Heller.

So do we.

From the Suggestion Box

With the recent modifications in the entryway to the library, you may have noticed the missing suggestion box. You’ll be relieved to know that the suggestion box has returned - its new location is to the right of the entry to the library Computer Lab.

Suggestion: We could use more group study tables.

Response: We have plans to add more group study tables to the Law Library. If our recent request to the University is approved, we will add six, six-person group study tables in the reference hallway and three, larger tables to the front portion of the library. There will be electrical outlets for users at each table, and there will be increased wireless access points in the spaces. The reference hallway tables will have lamps on them. We hope to create a more traditional library reading room in the space.



Ask the Computer Guru

by Kim Wiseman



How do I get email on my new mobile computing device?

What great fun! Over the holidays, you got one of those neat mobile computing devices – a new cell phone, PDA or some combination thereof. So, what are the settings to receive University of Richmond email?

First, you need to choose what kind of mail you are setting up. A lot of devices include POP, IMAP, and sometimes Exchange. Even though our email is an Exchange account, the setting you want to choose is IMAP.

You will be asked for your ID and password. The ID is your Netid (the same one you use to log into your computer or the computers in the lab) and your password. When asked for an incoming mail address, type urmail.richmond.edu. You will also be asked about an outgoing mail address. That server is smtp.richmond.edu. If you are asked about SSL or other security settings for outgoing email, the answer is none (at this moment, anyway. If and when it changes, we'll be sure to let everyone know). Keep the security settings just as they are at default.

Because of how our outgoing email is set up, some people find that they can receive email fine, but they have issues sending or they can only send email to other richmond.edu email addresses. This problem is due to the security settings on the outgoing email server itself. Until the University resolves this issue, you may find the ability to send mail limiting.

Finally, if your new mobile computing device has wireless capabilities, it can be registered on the University's network. Just bring it by the Computer Help Desk, and we can get it registered for you.

Welcome!

Beginning January 14, the Law Library will have two temporary, part-time employees - Ms. Krista Mathis Samuels and Ms. Doris Morgan - helping to provide services at the library's Reference Desk while we are recruiting to fill the vacancy created by John Barden's departure.

Ms. Samuels graduated from the Law School several years ago and worked in the Law Library at the Circulation Desk during law school. She currently is a solo practitioner in Richmond. Ms. Morgan is a reference librarian at McGuireWoods LLP, where she has worked for more than five years as a reference librarian. Prior to joining McGuireWoods, she served as the law librarian at a county law library in Florida. Ms. Samuels will work at the Reference Desk on Monday and Wednesday nights, and Ms. Morgan will work at the Reference Desk on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Each of them will also provide reference services one weekend per month.

Please join us in welcoming Doris and Krista to the Law School.



Pentagon Papers Docudrama Comes to Modlin Center

On January 22 and 23, the Modlin Center presents *Top Secret: The Battle for the Pentagon Papers*, a production by L.A. Theatre Works. *Top Secret* is a docudrama that details the *Washington Post's* 1971 decision to publish the Defense Department's secret history of the Vietnam War. A trial resulted, examining the constraints of the First Amendment. The Supreme Court justices disagreed on substantive issues, and they wrote nine separate opinions.

How did they decide? Find out at the Modlin Center! (Or check out *New York Times Co. v. United States*, 403 U.S. 713 (1971).)

Much of the drama draws upon sources obtained via the Freedom of Information Act, including interviews and documents. The cast features Emmy Award-nominee John Heard (*Prison Break*, *The Sopranos*); Gregory Harrison (*Falcon Crest*, *Trapper John, M.D.*); John Vickery; and Shannon Cochran. UR students can purchase tickets for \$8; faculty and staff can purchase tickets for \$28. For more information, visit <http://modlin.richmond.edu/office/> or call the Modlin Center Box Office at (804) 289-8980.

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