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Museletter

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Regular Hours

Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Midnight

Monday - Thursday

7:30 a.m. - Midnight

Friday

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday

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

Fall Break Hours

Friday, October 10

7:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 11

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 12

CLOSED

Monday, October 13

7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

A Blast From the Past...

Though we are hearing some complaints this semester about the Law Library's enforcement of the food and drink policy, we thought that you would enjoy this Museletter announcement from twenty years ago!

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Chewing Tobacco

Let's forget for a moment that many people find this to be one of the most repulsive and vile habits known to man. Let's forget that any of us have ever read that the "little pinch between your cheek and gums" may someday rot half of your face off. Let's talk instead about things that you do not do in a public facility like a library. Like this library. The Library's policy regarding the use of tobacco is clear: SMOKING is allowed only in the Southwest Basement. We have ashtrays in that area for those individuals who must smoke while working in the Library. You will notice, however, that we do not have spittoons anywhere in the Library, and never will have. That is because chewing tobacco in the Law Library is not allowed. We think that the reasons for this, aside from the good taste and proper public behavior, are obvious. (Those individuals with weak stomachs may want to stop reading now). People who chew usually spit into an open cup which they leave on their carrel or table until they are finished studying. Obviously, the whole mess has the potential to spill on books, carpets, carrels, and tables. Worse yet, when "chewers" leave the Library, they are dumping their unsavory spit cups directly into the wastebaskets inside the Library. Think about what you are doing, folks! Think about the custodians who empty wastebaskets that they assume contain paper, only to have your repulsive drools spill out on their hands. PLEASE "couth up" a bit and save your tobacco chewing for a more appropriate place than the Law Library.

Food and Drinks

We have said it before, and we will say it again: our policy on drinks is as library as you can get in a library. You can enjoy a drink while studying if you use a library-approved, spill-proof cup. If you do not know what those are by now, please stop by the Circulation Desk and we will show you. At the present time, there are no more T.C. Williams cups for sale - P.A.D sold them last year and is out of them. The Library is planning to reorder cups soon, and they should go on sale again in July. "Big Gulp" or similar cups with plastic lids do not meet our definition of spill-proof.

As for food, we simply cannot allow patrons to eat anywhere in the Library. Insects and other pests that love to attack the paper in books are often attracted, initially, to the crumbs left by people who eat in the Library. If you get hungry, go to the Down Under, or just leave - Don't bring food into the Library.

Blast from the Past, Part 2

This feature was published in *Juris Publici* twenty years ago. Six professors were featured; this excerpt contains the four who are still teaching at the Law School today. Can you guess the professor?

Guess the Professor
By June Echols

Through the fog of first year law school rise many mists. Some learned professors spend their days trying to cut through the fog with rays of sunlight. See if you can identify the professors and their classes from the following hypothetical lectures:

I. **No. Stop.** I don't want to hear that. Now, go back and tell me what you started to tell me three weeks ago about what was on that table. And then tell me *why*. And then tell me how you got that.

Stop. Don't ever say "obviously" in this class, or "definitely," "fine," "yes," or "no," or "the G word." I don't ever want to hear any of those words again. For tomorrow look at the third case in your book and be prepared to tell me how that brooch got up there in that crevice. Then someone needs to tell me what to do with this wad of bills here on the floor and what about this 10,000 bearer bond I found in Mr. Smith's coat pocket the last time I went to the barber shop.

Don't forget, your final exam is next week. You'll be responsible for everything in your casebook through page 56, including the three cases we've discussed and the five sitting on the table. Your joys and sorrows are made before they're lived.

IV. Well, I see a few of you here in the front rows are bored by this tame stuff. That's all right, so am I.

Let's forget larceny, embezzlement, cheats and frauds. Let's get back to lust, rape, and murder.

Here's a hypo for you to work on this weekend. Get some hands-on experience and we'll choose sides on Monday. "If A fights with B and C consents, is D guilty of the 4th, 5th, or 6th degree voluntary or involuntary murder or manslaughter? See if you can sort this out. Have a busy weekend."

V. Let me jump into the nearest phone booth and when I emerge in my red cape with the blue graffiti on the back I will wave my magic wand and you will all immediately absorb the concepts that Willie and Hank write songs about, things like restitution, consideration, enforcement, reliance, and how life isn't fair, and then we'll only be 313 pages behind, and so for tomorrow, read and brief the next 183 pages except for note 6(a) on page 235, and then we'll see where the fickle finger of fate falls. (Deep breath).

VI. Hypothetical handed out in class. TO: New Associates: Scum, Skuz, and Skoot. I appreciate your recent superhuman efforts to try to drum up business for our staggering firm, but they weren't nearly good enough.

Another mortgage payment is due November 18th so I will dig a bit deeper into my infamously fertile mind and add this fascinating fact to our riveting case - "Paul now recalls that the firm paid for his beer."

In analyzing this fact don't draw from the double yellow chalk lines of the twin circles. Restrain yourself to 5 7/8 pages since my T.A.'s are getting tired of reading about Paul. Any deviation from the margin requirements of 4 1/4 inches on all sides will result in the violators being summarily returned to the ranks of the unaccepted.

Sincerely: Senior Partner.

A Banned Books Week Quiz

The American Library Association first observed Banned Books Week in 1982, in order to remind Americans that they should not take the Freedom to Read for granted. According to the ALA, Banned Books Week “celebrates the freedom to choose or the freedom to express one’s opinion even if that opinion might be considered unorthodox or unpopular and stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of those unorthodox or unpopular viewpoints to all who wish to read them.” Banned Books Week is observed during the last week of September each year.

1. Which author said, “Every burned book enlightens the world”?
 - a. Ralph Waldo Emerson
 - b. Granville Hicks
 - c. Stephen King
 - d. Oscar Wilde

2. Why was an illustrated edition of *Little Red Riding Hood* banned in two California school districts in 1989?
 - a. wolf cross-dressing as grandma
 - b. little girl traveling alone in forest
 - c. little girl carrying wine to grandma
 - d. woodcutter attacks wolf with axe

3. What author wrote in a letter that his two most famous books were written “for adults exclusively” and that he was “distressed” when children were given access to them?
 - a. Mark Twain
 - b. Stephen King
 - c. Roald Dahl
 - d. Jack London

4. What children’s classic was banned for several years (until a revised edition was published) due to a “racist” chatty parrot’s remarks?
 - a. Treasure Island
 - b. Kim
 - c. Doctor Dolittle
 - d. Kon-Tiki

5. Shakespeare's works have been controversial. Which of the following statements is true?
 - a. “Macbeth” was banned because it dealt with witchcraft and black magic.
 - b. “The Merchant of Venice” was the only Shakespearean play that Hitler banned.
 - c. “Twelfth Night” was banned on the grounds that it encouraged homosexuality.
 - d. All of these statements are true.

6. This author won both a Pulitzer Prize and a Nobel Prize for Literature for his works. However, his Pulitzer prize-winning book was banned for blasphemy and vulgarity: “The book uses the name of God and Jesus in a vain and profane manner along with inappropriate sexual references.” Who is this author?
 - a. John Steinbeck
 - b. Nathaniel Hawthorne
 - c. Mark Twain
 - d. Truman Capote

7. Banned Books Week is intended to emphasize people's:
 - a. right to go to the library
 - b. freedom to chose what they read
 - c. right to buy a book
 - d. none of the above



From the Suggestion Box

Suggestion:

Can we get a printer upstairs for convenience?

Answer:

The primary reason that we have elected not to put printers on other floors in the Law Library is noise. We try and maintain the other floors of the Law Library as quiet study spaces and have attempted to keep equipment (except for online catalog access computers) off those floors. Printers can be noisy, and the upkeep and maintenance of printers to keep them operating efficiently causes noise above and beyond the noise of the printer itself.

Law at the Movies: *Bottle Shock*
By Gail Zwirner

Wine enthusiasts and *Sideways* fans will enjoy this true story of a lawyer who leaves his high-powered firm to open a winery. Despite some viticultural challenges, Château Montelena's chardonnay wins a 1976 blind-tasting competition against some renowned French vineyards. It was this competition that launched Napa Valley wineries into the big leagues. Anyone interested in retro cars, clothing or the Doobie Brothers' tunes will also find a reason to smile with this movie.

It begins in Paris with Englishman Steven Spurrier, a struggling wine merchant. One of his few regular customers, an American played by Dennis Farina, encourages Spurrier to go see what the Californians have to offer. He thought the shop would attract more customers if it offered more wines of geographic diversity. Spurrier encouraged the French Wine Institute to create the competition, and he was charged with selecting the competitors.

Spurrier rides around gorgeous Napa Valley in a yellow Gremlin to taste and select wines for the competition. The cinematography alone made me bump up a Napa trip higher on my wish list. The vintners meet to decide whether in fact to participate in the competition and who will represent them. Their decision had positive results.

Bottle Shock was interesting historically. The relationships they tried to develop between father and son, for example, and other issues such as migrant workers, were weak, but overall it was an entertaining film. Anyone wanting to read more about the event can look at *Judgment of Paris: California vs. France and the Historic 1976 Paris Tasting That Revolutionized Wine* by George M. Taber. It's available at public libraries and on Amazon.

Corriell Promoted to Head of Reference/Research Services

The Law Library staff is pleased to announce that Suzanne B. Corriell, formerly Reference and Research Services Librarian, was promoted to Head of Reference and Research Services, effective October 1, 2008. Ms. Corriell joined the Law Library staff in August, 2007. Prior to joining the Law Library staff, she was the Circulation and Reference Librarian at the University of Iowa College of Law Library. Ms. Corriell received her J.D. degree from The University of Iowa College of Law, and her master's in Library and Information Science from The University of Iowa. She served as the Senior Managing Editor of the Iowa Law Review during her third year of law school.

Congratulations, Suzanne!

Suzanne B. Corriell, Editor

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Quiz Answers

A Banned Books Week Quiz

1. a 2. c 3. a 4. c 5. d 6. a 7. b

Guess the Professor

- I. Professor Berryhill (Property)
- IV. Professor (Ron) Bacigal (Criminal Law)
- V. Professor Shepherd (Contract Law)
- VI. Professor Williams (Legal Writing)