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Important Changes Announced for Printing in the Computer Labs

Those of you who are returning students are aware that last year University Information Technology Services (UITS) implemented print limits for students using the printing facilities in their student computer clusters. Although the computer labs in the Law Library are not part of the UITS clusters, last year we negotiated an agreement with them to furnish and maintain the printers in our labs and law students were able to use their University printing allotment in the Law Library labs. This year we were unable to arrive at a satisfactory agreement with UITS to provide printing in the Law Library labs. As a result, the Law School is now providing the printing resources in these labs. I am sure you remember that UITS would only provide one printer to be shared by the labs. Because we found this arrangement to be unacceptable, during the summer we purchased two high speed laser printers for use in the computer labs. Please read the following information about printing carefully. It is the responsibility of each law student to understand the rules.

- **There are limits to how many pages each student may print in these labs without incurring costs. Each law student may print up to 1000 pages per year free of charge in the Law Library computer labs only.** The year begins in August with the start of the fall semester. This is your allotment from the Law School; it does not affect your printing allotment from UITS. If you choose to use it, each student also has a 650 page per semester limit from UITS to be used in UITS computer clusters only. Your UITS allotment may not be used in the Law Library computer labs. For a list of public clusters, see the Student Technology website at <http://www.indiana.edu/~stiu/>

By Linda Fariss

- **After the 1,000 page limit has been reached, students will be billed by the Law School for each additional page printed in the Law Library computer labs, at the rate of \$.05 per page.** Billing will be done through the Bursar and will appear on your bursar account.
- **If the printer makes a bad copy it is very important that you present that copy to Dave Lankford, the Media Center Supervisor.** He will keep a log of bad copies and we will credit those copies to your allotment. If you choose to make copies for friends, they will be deducted from your printing allotment, we cannot give you credit for these. Of course, accidentally making too many copies does not count as a bad copy!
- **Each student is responsible for monitoring their individual printing account; we will not notify you when you are approaching your limit.** Although UITS is no longer providing the printers in our labs, they are still monitoring the printing for us. You may check your printing activity through the Student

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Technology website at the following URL:
<http://www.indiana.edu/~stiu/> From here click on
 <STC Printing Services>. Then choose <Check Your
 Printing Allotment>. At this point you will be asked
 to enter your username and password. A screen will
 then appear giving you your total printing use.
 Remember, this includes your general University
 allotment. In order to determine how much printing
 you have done on the Law School printers, it is
 necessary to go to an additional page. Click on
 <Black and White Detail>. Here you will see a list
 of the printers you have used. The Law School
 printers are "1w208b" and "1w208d." Add these
 numbers together to determine your total use from
 our printers. Bad copies will not be deducted from
 these numbers. We will keep track of those and
 deduct them manually.

Since this is the first year for this policy, I am sure some
 problems will surface. Please report any concerns or
 questions to Linda Fariss (fariss@indiana.edu),
 Associate Director, or Colleen Pauwels
 (pauwels@indiana.edu), Director of the Law Library.

MAKING CHOICES



On November 7th voters will make a major
 political choice. Some commentators believe
 that this year's presidential election marks the
 most important in decades due to distinctly
 different candidate priorities and the long
 range impact of potential Supreme Court appointments.
 Even if you've already made your decision for election
 day new focus issues will certainly appear that could
 change the political landscape. By its nature, the Internet
 can reflect those changes very quickly.

A collection of Web sites has been compiled that covers
 a variety of aspects of the upcoming national and state
 elections from political advertizing and polls, fund
 raising activities and election history, to party platforms
 and voting statistics. Something for everyone is included
 no matter what their political affiliation. You can find
 the collection at:
<http://php.ucs.indiana.edu/~masonm/elect.html>

Marianne Mason
Documents Librarian

NEW IUCAT IS COMING SOON

In January 2001, the IU Libraries online catalog, IUCAT,
 will have a new look—and many new features. A new
 World Wide Web-based catalog will provide you with:

- a fully integrated system that allows you to move
 easily between IUCAT, resources on the Web, and
 Windows applications
- the ability to search the resources of the IU Libraries
 on all campuses
- links to electronic journals and indexes
- the ability to limit searches by campus or department
 library
- a graphical interface that allows you to cut and paste
 information to other Web and Windows applications,
 such as e-mail and word processing programs

The new record management system will also affect how
 we order, catalog, and loan books and other materials.
 Not since the IU Libraries launched IUCAT ten years
 ago have we undertaken such a full-scale project to
 increase your ability to use and access the library
 catalog.

As the IU Libraries prepare for the migration of more
 than 5.5. million records from one data management
 system to another, we anticipate some temporary
 limitations on certain functions. We hope to make the
 transition as seamless as possible and will try to make
 those limitations minimal and short-lived. Watch this
 newsletter for regular updates and progress reports.

Nonie Watt
Head of Technical Services

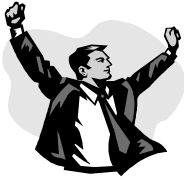
The Suggestion Box

(Each month in this space the Associate Director
 Linda Fariss replies to suggestions received by the Library)

Suggestion: We have "LA Law" and "Star Trek" and
 "Jurassic Park", BUT we do not have "The Chant of
 Jimmie Blacksmith," an Australian film from the 80's
 about crime, culture and colonialism. Who chooses the
 movies???

Response: Each year we purchase a few movies with law
 related themes for the enjoyment of our faculty, students
 and staff. We are always pleased to accept suggestions for
 relevant films. Our Acquisitions Librarian, Dick Vaughan,
 looked into purchasing the movie you suggested and so far
 he has been unable to find a U.S. distributor, but he will
 continue looking. All films are cataloged and available
 through the online catalog. We also keep a list of the
 movies we own at the circulation desk. As for who
 chooses the movies - the library staff - over popcorn, of
 course!

Thanks for the suggestion.



PARDON THE NOISE

Everything in the Law School shifts into high-gear with the beginning of another academic year, and the Law Library's Public Services staff is no exception. Starting with orientation tours for the entire incoming first-year class, the Public Services librarians expect to provide lectures, tours, bibliographic and computer instruction to well over 2000 students this semester. In-library discussions and demonstrations for the first-year writing and research classes begin the week of September 11 and continue for the following four weeks. The librarians will also be guiding a substantial number of non-law students in the use of the Law Library and its collection. Students from a wide range of disciplines, such as Journalism, Business, SPEA, Telecommunications and Political Science will be receiving training in the use of periodicals indexes, legal encyclopedias and the reporter systems during the months of September and October.

In order to make tours of Library less disruptive to students studying in the Reading Room and on the First Floor, the Public Services staff will post notices of upcoming tours so that students can seek other study areas during those times.

Keith Buckley
Collection Development Librarian

NEW TITLE OF NOTE

Walsh, John Evangelist. *Moonlight: Abraham Lincoln and the Almanac Trial*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 2000. [KF 223 .A47 W35 2000]

The quantity of literature of pertaining to Abraham Lincoln is astounding. A quick search in *Books-in-Print* (<http://www.booksinprint.com/bip/default.asp> reveals that there are more than 800 titles currently in print dealing with some aspect of the life of our 16th president. Lincoln's career as a circuit lawyer in Illinois has itself been the subject of several books, and was a major part of Donald David Herbert's award winning 1995 biography *Lincoln* [E 457 .D66 1995]. To this list can be added John Walsh's *Moonlight: Abraham Lincoln and the Almanac Trial*.

Although hardly a legal or scholarly work, this small book (the actual body of the book is only 106 pages) details one of the great Lincoln legends – his role in a the 1858 murder trial of Duff Armstrong. Anyone familiar with the life (real or fictionalized) of Abraham Lincoln is probably familiar with the trial -- it even makes a dramatic (not to mention embellished) appearance in the film *Young Mr. Lincoln* [Circ. Desk PN 1997 Y678 1988]. Walsh accurately argues that the folklore surrounding the trial has blurred any objective attempt to answer the questions that surround it. Did Lincoln tamper with the evidence (the almanac)? Did he sway the jury by ignoring the facts and focusing on his (Lincoln's) personal relationship with Duff's family? Was there enough moonlight that August night to allow the witnesses to really witness anything (and just where was the moon in the sky?) Did, years later, President Lincoln engineer a pardon for the individual who was convicted of the murder?

The questions surrounding the trial have been circulating almost since the day the verdict was read -- only months before the first of Lincoln's debates with Stephen Douglas -- and proved to be fodder for Lincoln's political enemies. Walsh, whose 1993 book *Shadows Rise: Abraham Lincoln and the Ann Rutledge Legend* was a finalist for the prestigious Lincoln Prize (Gettysburg College), provides a provocative new look at the trial and the characters involved. Unfortunately, Walsh's tendency to tell the reader just how unique his research is only distracts from the quality of that research. This, combined with his awkward style of documenting his sources, leaves the reader wanting more. Perhaps the most interesting features of the book are its three Appendices: A) The Watkins Testimony and the Brady Letter (secondhand accounts of two of the key players in the case), B) The Armstrong Jury (brief profiles of the jury members), and C) Duff Armstrong's Statement (a 1896 newspaper interview with the defendant).

While it is hard to draw too many conclusions about the trial after reading Walsh's work, I suspect I'll flinch the next time I hear Lincoln referred to as "Honest Abe."

Dick Vaughan
Acquisitions & Serials Control Librarian

EVALUATING JUMPSTART

During the last few weeks of the 2000 Spring Semester, the Law Library conducted the Jumpstart Legal Research Program, providing concentrated remedial research skills training for law students who were either beginning their professional careers or working as summer associates and clerks. In order to expand the program and better prepare next summer's body of graduates and clerks, the Reference Staff would like to invite all returning Jumpstart students to drop by the Reference Office during the first few weeks of the semester and tell them about your work-related research experiences. We are especially interested in whether or not you felt adequately prepared for most of your research tasks, how the Jumpstart sessions helped you

or what we should be telling you about research in the practicing environment. If you don't have time to sit down with us during this hectic period of the semester, we would appreciate it if you could jot down your ideas and leave your notes at the Reference Desk. Your comments will help us in structuring next spring's Jumpstart Program and find new ways of making I.U. law students better researchers, better lawyers, and better prospects in an extremely competitive job market.

Finally, remember that if you discover that you've forgotten some of your newly-acquired research skills by the end of the school year, we'll be more than happy to see you at next spring's Jumpstart sessions.

Keith Buckley
Collection Development Librarian

WORKING THE HALLS

Welcome to several new faces and a few familiar faces in new places:

Professor John Rogers joins the faculty to teach Legal Research and Writing. He is a 1979 graduate of this law school. Professor Rogers was a commercial lawyer in Indianapolis prior to returning to the Law School.

Rachel Kearney is the new Assistant Dean for Career Services. She has a JD from New York University. Dean Kearney was previously the Director of Career Services at the University of Arkansas School of Law and Assistant Dean for Student Affairs at Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis.

Kevin Robling has returned to the Law School as the Assistant Dean for Admissions. Dean Robling is a 1997 graduate of this law school and practiced law in Phoenix, Arizona before returning to Indiana.

Judge Nancy Vaidek is a new adjunct professor. Judge Vaidek is a member of the Indiana Court of Appeals and will be teaching Trial Process this semester.

Kim Bunge joins the Career Services Office as the new Assistant Director of Career Services. Kim has been working at the law school since 1982, most recently as the business manager.

Katherine Johnston has joined the staff of the Alumni and Development office as Development Secretary.

Amy Yamashita joins the staff of the Career Services Office as the On-Campus Interview Coordinator. Amy was formerly the assistant dean for career services at the UCLA Business School.

Heather Rayl joins the staff of the Library as the new Administrative Secretary.

Congratulations to the following new parents:

Kaitlyn Dae Cazee was born on June 8 to the proud parents Christy Cazee (our Computer Support Technician) and Kevin Cazee.

On June 9 Tracey McGookey (the Night Circulation Supervisor) welcomed her new son, James Campbell McGookey, into the world.

Happy June birthdays to:

Jennifer Bryan on June 22 ❖ Prof. Hughes on June 26 ❖ Jean Janisse on June 27



Happy July birthdays to:

Prof. Farnsworth on July 1 ❖ Amy Cheek on July 2 ❖ Tim Martin on July 4 ❖ Dean Aman on July 7 ❖ Ann Likes on July 9 ❖ Prof. Goodman and Prof. Susan Williams on July 12 ❖ Prof. Hodges and Prof. Scanlan on July 18 ❖ Marianne Mason on July 25 ❖ Prof. Johnson on July 27

Happy August birthdays to:

Prof. Daghe and Beth Plew on August 5 ❖ Prof. Shreve on August 6 ❖ Prof. Johnsen on August 14 ❖ Assoc. Dean Fromm on August 15 ❖ Prof. Conrad on August 16 ❖ Prof. Lahn on August 17 ❖ Dale Calabrese, Prof. Greenebaum and Prof. Stake on August 19 ❖ Prof. Bell on August 20 ❖ Sherrilyn McCoy-Lawrence and Prof. Pratter on August 27

Happy September Birthdays to:

Melanie Turner on September 6 ❖ Mike Maben on September 12 ❖ Keith Buckley and Deborah Westerfield on September 15 ❖ Prof. Bethel on September 18 ❖ Shirley Wright on September 29