MAJOR CHANGES IN LIBRARY SERVICES FOR LAW STUDENTS BEGINNING THIS SEMESTER

by Linda Fariss

In response to numerous suggestions from you over the past year, we have made two major changes in the services provided for law students at the Law Library.

NO MORE KEYS FOR THE COMPUTER CENTER!

During the summer the procedure for gaining access to the Computer Center and the PLC was changed. In order to enter these rooms you will no longer have to sign out a key at the Circulation Desk in exchange for your ID. Instead, we have installed a security system at the door to each computer room (Rooms 208B and 208D) and the PLC (Room 208A). When you wish to use the computers in these rooms, simply insert the magnetic strip side of your University ID through the card reader located by each door. The card readers have been programmed to allow all law students with a valid University ID to enter these rooms. When you insert your ID the door will unlock and you may enter the room. Do not leave the door propped open, as an alarm will sound after a short period of time.

At the present time we have no system for reserving a computer in advance. The law students polled last year stated that there was no real need for a reservation system. We will monitor the use of the computer rooms this semester to determine if a reservation system or waiting list for certain times of the semester needs to be instituted. Your feedback on this will be appreciated.

We hope that you will find this new security system more compatible with your computing needs. If your University ID does not work properly in the card readers, please report it to Linda Rich or Jodi Graham in the Circulation Office. The Media Center Coordinator, Jackie Hickey, will be available to assist you with any problems you may encounter.

Please let us know how this system works for you.

LOAN PERIOD EXTENDED

We have also received a number of requests to allow students to check out home use materials for longer than two weeks. In response to this, we have extended the loan period for law students and other graduate students to thirty days. The loan period for undergraduate students and others remains at two weeks. This is only for regularly circulating materials. The loan period for reserves remains the same - overnight (24 hours) for...
permanent reserve items and four hours for class reserve materials.

The fine schedules for overdue materials have also been changed beginning with the fall semester. Overdue fines for home use materials will now accrue at a rate of $.25 per day. Reserve fines have been changed to $.02 per minute, with a $50.00 maximum. As usual, fines will not accrue when the Library is closed. If you need the materials beyond the loan period, you may avoid overdue fines by renewing your books on time. Renewals may be made by phone (855-6404) or in person.

We hope that these changes in the services of the Library will be of benefit to you. If you have any questions about these policies, please stop by my office any time (Room 105B in the Reference Office) and I will be happy to discuss them with you.

COMPUTING CLASSES OFFERED THIS FALL

Are you still paying to have your papers typed? Do the words, "vax" and "Internet" sound like some strange Nepalese dialect? Does the sight of a WordPerfect Help screen send your brain into momentary seizure? Do you worry about whether potential employers look at your resume and then only schedule an interview with you to "see if this bozo really exists?"

If the answer to any of the above is yes, or if you would just like to get a handle on the computing tools available in the Law School, then help is on its way. Three computing classes will be offered this fall in the Law Library's computing classroom, a.k.a. Room 208B. All classes will be an hour and a half in length and will be offered both during the day and in the evenings to accommodate as many students as possible. To sign up, see Jackie in the Media Center outside the computer clusters.

COMPOSING A RESUME WITH WORDPERFECT 5.1

This class will be taught by Kelly Toole, Assistant Dean for Career Services, and Will Sadler, Computing Systems Coordinator. Today's legal market demands a professional quality resume; be sure your resume provides the key information employers are seeking. Join us in a thorough, hands-on discussion of resume content (education, experience, skills), format/layout, creation, and production. Learn the resume writing process from the inside out to ensure that your resume makes the best impression on your prospective employers.

Prerequisite: 2nd or 3rd year students ONLY. Some knowledge of WP 5.1 is helpful

Offerings: 8/27 9:30-11:00 a.m. 8/27 1:30-3:00 p.m. 8/30 5:00-6:30 p.m. 8/31 5:00-6:30 p.m.

WRITING PAPERS WITH WORDPERFECT 5.1

This class covers the basics of starting, creating, saving, editing, and printing your papers, briefs, memos, outlines, and so forth with WordPerfect 5.1. It is designed for someone who has never used WP or even a computer before. Or, it might be a good refresher course if you are unsure of your WP skills.

Offerings: 9/7 5:00-6:30 p.m. 9/9 12:00-1:30 p.m. 9/15 5:00-6:30 p.m. 9/21 5:00-6:30 p.m. 9/23 12:00-1:30 p.m.

ELECTRONIC MAIL AND INTERNET RESOURCES

Devoted to understanding and using Vax electronic mail, Gopher, WWW, and other applications available in the Law cluster.

If you have never used the Vax this class will provide you with the tools you need to get going.

Offerings: 9/8 5:00-6:30 p.m. 9/14 5:00-6:30 p.m. 9/17 12:00-1:30 p.m. 9/22 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Will Sadler, Systems Coordinator
CARREL SIGN-UPS

As usual, sign-up for carrels will be held Monday - Wednesday of the first full week of classes in the following priority: Monday, August 30th - third year students and master's degree candidates; Tuesday, August 31st - second year students; Wednesday, September 1st - first year students. Sign-up will be at the Circulation Desk on these days from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Remember, if there is a line for carrels, you can only sign up for a friend by going to the end of the line. So, if you want a particular carrel mate, it is best if you sign up together.

Linda Fariss,
Associate Director

NEW & NOTEWORTHY:
Orienting the Law

Whether it is a discussion on the floor of the Senate Armed Services Committee, or a public hearing of the Bloomington City Council, the rights of homosexuals are a hot topic. While these two recent discussions have brought the subject "out of the closet" for many, publications pertaining to gay rights have been flourishing for several years.

The Law Library has a variety of materials which deal with the subject of gay rights. Listed below are a few examples of what you can find. For the sake of this article, I've arranged the works by type: materials written as scholarly studies; guide book materials written for a general audience; materials written for practicing attorneys; and related periodical titles. Just in case you are interested in more material, I've also listed a bibliography.

SCHOLARLY STUDIES:


GUIDES FOR NON-LEGAL AUDiences:


ATTORNEY PRACTICE MATERIALS:


PERIODICALS:


FAMILIAR FACES

You may know the face, but do you know the name attached to each of the portraits that were hung in the hallways, classrooms, and library during the last several months? The portraits are of legal scholars and former faculty members of our law school and represent pieces of I.U. history. A few of these portraits are included in the Catalog of American Portraits, an inventory of portraits of prominent individuals or executed by prominent artists, a project sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution, National Portrait Gallery. The goal of the Catalog is not to preserve fine works of art, but to preserve works of historical importance.

Here are the names to fit the faces:

David D. Banta, Dean, 1889-1896. Oil portrait painted by F.C. Greenman and presented to the School of Law by Judge Banta’s family in 1926. Location: 1st Floor Hallway Near Display Case.

Austin V. Clifford, Professor of Law, 1946-1967. Location: Room 124.


Bernard C. Gavit, Professor of Law, 1929-1933; Dean, 1933-1951. Oil portrait painted by Randolph Coate in 1952 and presented to the School of Law by the Law Alumni in 1952. Location: 1st Floor Hallway Near Room 123.

Charles M. Hepburn, Professor of Law, 1903-1918; Dean, 1918-1925. Location: 1st Floor Hallway Near Room 123.

Enoch Hogate, Professor of Law, 1903-1906; Dean, 1906-1918. Photograph. Location: Room 125.

Paul V. McNutt, Professor of Law, 1916-1932; Dean, 1925-1932. Location: 2nd Floor Alcove

Sherman Minton, Alumnus, 1915; U.S. Supreme Court Justice, 1949-1956. Location: Room 123.
SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED

The Library is pleased to announce that one of our accomplishments this past summer was the loading of cataloging records for one of our major microforms collections into IO. Almost 9,000 titles from the monumental set entitled Nineteenth-Century Legal Treatises are now accessible through the online catalog.

Nineteenth-Century Legal Treatises encompasses the vast range of practical legal literature produced during a period of irrevocable economic, political, and social change in both the Old and New Worlds. Unfortunately, relatively few books and manuscripts remain from this time and the number of copies retained by libraries is quite small. As a result, very few law libraries contain significant holdings of these materials. The largest collection is held by the Harvard Law School Library. It is primarily from this source, along with materials from other major libraries in the United Kingdom and the United States, that this definitive collection has been filmed.

The collection includes works by influential writers such as Bentham, Austin, Maine, Kent, Story, and Holmes as well as some who have faded into insignificance. Casebooks, local practice manuals, legal formbooks, and works for lay readers are also included. In addition, pamphlets, letters, and speeches are included as well as standard trade publications, providing an extensive range of materials for research into legal and general history.

The materials are now accessible online through all the standard indexes (author, title, subject, keyword). The location will contain the designation "Media Center, Nineteenth-Century Legal Treatises." In addition, the number of the particular microfiche that the material appears on will also be provided to assist you in locating the appropriate fiche. Please use this opportunity to take advantage of the wealth of information contained in this very important library collection.

Nonie Watt,
Head of Technical Services
JUDGING JUMPSTART

During the last few weeks of the 1993 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. Nearly 120 students attended one of the fourteen sessions, which consisted of a review of the basic research sources and a question and answer period for specific problems and areas of practice.

In order to expand the program and better prepare next summer's body of graduates and clerks, I would like to invite all returning Jumpstart students to drop by the Reference Office during the first few weeks of the semester and tell me about your research assignments. We are especially interested in whether or not you felt adequately prepared for most of your research tasks, how the Jumpstart sessions helped you and, most importantly, what else we could have told 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, I would appreciate it if you could jot down your ideas and criticisms of the sessions and leave your notes at the Reference Desk. Your comments will help me 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,
Reference Librarian

WORKING THE HALLS

Congratulations to Professor Julia Lamber who was recently named the Dean of Women's Affairs here at IU. They could not have chosen a more capable person.

Welcome to three employees who joined the Law School staff during the summer:

Lisa McClain who started with the secretarial staff in June;
Rosie Hunt who began in the Development Office in June; and
Christine Zonkel who joined the secretarial staff in July.

We are glad to have you with us!

Look for these recent publications:


Belated Happy Birthday to all those born in August:

Professor Gene Shreve on August 6th;
Dean Len Fromm on the 15th;
Professor Steve Conrad on the 16th;
Professors Ed Greenebaum and Jeff Stake, and Dale Calabrese in the Student Affairs Office on the 19th;
Amy Lynn in Career Services on the 22nd;
Rosie Hunt in the Development Office, Sherrilyn Lawrence in the Recorder's Office and Professor Harry Pratter on the 27th.

Happy September Birthday to:

Mike Maben in the Library on September 12th;
Keith Buckley in the Library on the 15th;
Professor Terry Bethel on the 18th; and
Shirley Wright in the Indiana Law Journal on the 29th.

Hope you all have (or had) a great day!!!