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JUMP START RETURNS!

The extremely popular "Jump Start" research program will return to the Law Library later on this spring. The program, designed by the Reference Librarians, will again work towards preparing law students for summer clerkships and the first year of practice. During last year's sessions, nearly 150 students learned the necessary research skills for dealing with materials such as legislative history, administrative law and the regulatory process, and computer-assisted legal research. This year will see a greater emphasis on practice materials and primary materials in different states.

Designed to address students' individual needs and prospective practice goals, the "Jump Start" classes are informal, small-group, research refresher and information sessions. The sessions will begin meeting in the Public Services Conference Room during the first weeks in April. Students will be able to sign up for the sessions in the Reference Office during the first week after spring break. Notice of the "Jump Start" sessions will be posted around the Law School.

Following the formula established in previous years, each of the "Jump Start" sessions will begin with a brief review of the basic legal resources so that every student has a complete grasp of the legal research process. The librarians will also provide information about more specialized types of reference books, including practice aids and form books, which are not covered in the first year writing and research classes. The "Jump Start" sessions will then focus on individual student problems and questions about legal research, with an emphasis on the type of practice student participants will be seeing in the summer. The Reference Librarians will also describe how the Law Library can continue to serve alumni through research assistance and the copying of hard-to-locate cases, briefs, articles, documents, etc..

If you have any questions about the "Jump Start" program, be sure to drop by the Reference Office and speak to me. I'd especially like to hear from those of you who already know in what jurisdiction you'll be working this summer and any special areas of law with which you'll be dealing. We plan to tailor the "Jump Start" sessions to your particular needs in order to make the program a continuing success.

BOOK OF THE MONTH


It is time once again for March madness. This is a special time here in Bloomington, with high hopes for

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the basketball Hoosiers as they play in the NCAA Tournament. If there was any doubt as to the importance of sports in today's academic environment, all you would have to do is look around at the television and other media during the month of March. College athletics have become extremely important in the minds of many people. Hence, the need for a book like this one from Murray Sperber, who is an English professor here at Indiana University. Professor Sperber has examined and, many would say, exposed athletic departments in colleges and universities. His contention is that they have become worlds unto themselves, operating without accountability to university administrators, making up their own rules, and usually losing money. Thus the title of the book: *College Sports Inc.: The Athletic Department vs. The University.*

Professor Sperber seeks to dispel the many myths that surround college athletics by discussing each one and contrasting it with reality. The book is of particular interest here in Bloomington because of Professor Sperber's ties with Indiana University (where he works) and Purdue University (where he did his undergraduate work). Professor Sperber discusses the myth that sports are part of the educational mission of American colleges and universities (in reality he points out that they are commercial entertainment); that college sports are very profitable (out of 2345 college sports programs in the U.S., only 10-20 at best make money while another 20-30 probably break even); and a variety of other myths related to graduation rates, opportunities for minorities and women, and the belief that the NCAA has the power to correct the problems in college sports.

After this introductory chapter, Professor Sperber then discusses these issues in more detail. The first section is devoted entirely to the financial operation of athletic departments. This is, according to Sperber, the bottom line of virtually everything that happens and results in college sports. The problem is that the athletic departments and athletic directors have no outside accountability, thus they are free to spend money as they see fit and that most lose money. Sperber points out that in the 1987-1988 academic year, Notre Dame's athletic department lost money. Sperber's point is: if Notre Dame loses money on athletics, then what other schools are immune from losing money?

Subsequent sections discuss coaches' salaries, perks, deals, and scams (titled "Greed City"); the recruiting battles and athletic scholarships (titled "Toxic Waste"); the role of the NCAA (i.e. "The Fox in the Henhouse"), and finally what Sperber believes should be done to correct the problems. The conclusion that he comes to is that colleges and universities should stop pretending that athletic departments are part of the institution, and that instead they should be made independent, pay their athletes, and make or lose money on their own. He does not advocate that college sports should be eliminated, but rather that reality should be acknowledged. This book is thought-provoking and will be of interest to anyone who follows college athletics.

Michael Maben,
Cataloging Librarian

**CD-ROM INDEX TO THE DOCUMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS**

International law research often requires the use of United Nations documents. However, anyone who has ever delved into this material knows just how difficult locating the proper documents can be. To begin with, the United Nations publishes an astonishing variety and quantity of documentation. To make matters worse, this documentation is organized according to a bewildering scheme, and is very poorly indexed by the United Nations itself. As a result, many are the researchers who have regretted their choice of topic when it led them to United Nations documents; and many are the librarians who have regretted their career choice when these researchers landed in their office.

Fortunately, Readex, a commercial publisher, has addressed this problem. For the past several years they have produced a CD-ROM index to United Nations documents, which greatly eases access to them. The Law Library has purchased coverage back to 1983, so our version of the CD-ROM now covers more than 10 years worth of United Nations records. The CD-ROM disk is kept at the circulation desk, and may be used...
with the computer nearest the periodical index table in the reserve area. After placing the CD-ROM disk in the disk drive, select option five on the menu, for "Index to UN Docs and Pubs."

The Readex index has two levels, one which is prompted for new users, and another for the experienced users. Level II is more powerful because it allows the searcher to specify which document fields in which the search terms are to be sought. Many different document fields are available, and may be combined. As in any CD-ROM application, the single greatest drawback to the Readex index is the slow speed at which it operates. However, compared to the alternative, Readex is a truly wonderful innovation. A typical search might be as follows: suppose you want to locate the report that Canada is required to submit to the U.N. as a signatory to the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights. When published by the U.N., these reports have a uniform title, "Consideration of Reports Submitted by States Parties Under Articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant," followed by the name of the country, whose report is printed as an addendum. To find all Canada's reports, one could enter the search, "consideration of reports and canada." Having once obtained a list of these reports, one could then print or download citations, in brief or long format.

The Library also subscribes to the Readex microfiche collection of United Nations documents. This special law library collection includes the records of the main U.N. organs, namely the General Assembly, Security Council, Economic and Social Council, and the Secretariat. It also includes documents of other, particularly relevant bodies, such as the International Law Commission and the International Court of Justice. The Law Library also subscribes to several optional segments of the collection, covering the topics of international trade, human rights, and disarmament. This microfiche collection goes back to the beginning of the United Nations.

Together, the Readex CD-ROM index and microfiche provide ready access to most documents that would be of potential use to legal researchers. This ought to be a great relief to researchers who have become crazed trying to work their way through the thicket of U.N. documents, not to mention librarians, who now have one less reason to regret their fate.

Ralph Gaebler,
Foreign & International Librarian

NEW & NOTEWORTHY: VOLUME 1, NUMBER 1

No doubt, you are all aware that the IU School of Law is now the home of three law reviews. While many law schools have produced multiple reviews for years, recent history has seen a tremendous growth in the number of law reviews being published by academia. There was a time when academic law school libraries subscribed to all academic law reviews, but those days may be a thing of the past. Rising subscription costs, for all periodicals and journals, combined with shrinking library budgets mean the growing number of law reviews are competing for a smaller number of subscribers.

Listed below are a few of the reviews that began in 1993, and that are currently received by the Law Library. All of these titles can be found in the library's periodicals collection. In addition to providing bibliographic citations to each new journal, I have quoted, or described, each journals' statement of purpose as it appears in the premier issue.


"The American University Journal of Gender and the Law focuses specifically on the impact the law has on women's lives, and more generally on how gender bias in the law and in legal studies affects all of us. Our intent is to fill a void in feminist legal scholarship by providing an opportunity for academic discussion that is otherwise overlooked by traditional journals. By focusing on gender issues, we are committed to creating a dialogue between the sexes - a dialogue that we hope will further advance the development of gender equality in the law."


"The object of the Journal is to advance the scholarly and intellectual understanding of peace and human rights through high quality contributions. The Journal will
primarily focus on the legal aspects of peace and human rights inquiry, but will emphasize the salience of comparative and international perspectives and will be partial to contributions that use multi-method frames of inquiry as well as interdisciplinary tools of analysis to inform the legal policy dimensions of peace and human rights concerns. The basic focus of the Journal will be the manner in which legal and policy interventions can effectively promote and enhance the struggle against underdeveloped, human rights and peace. The Journal aims to inform the African audience as well as the outside world on developments taking place within Africa."

The Elder Law Journal. Vol. 1, no. 1 (Spring 1993). Champaign, IL: College of Law, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1993-

"Many subject areas were suggested for consideration (for the development of a new journal), but one stood alone as an area of importance that has been heretofore neglected: the legal problems of the elderly. Although it might be naively supposed that the legal problems of the elderly are simply the legal problems everyone faces, albeit ones with a disproportionate body of legal materials - statutes, regulations, and case law - that are distinctly focused on specialized situations of older people. Federal antidiscrimination laws now create a specially protected class of older Americans, who were thought to be particularly likely to be damaged by age discrimination in employment. Many state and local statutes and ordinances provide special rules in housing codes, property tax codes, and many other areas, that are age-tested. With this issue, a scholarly journal is born that can enrich the analytical framework within which issues raised in this emerging area of law can be examined."


"The purpose of the Journal is to promote discussion and debate of issues related to law and public policy through publication of articles and commentary written by legal scholars, law students and prominent members of the legal, political and policy-making community."

Tulsa Journal of Comparative and International Law. Vol. 1, no. 1 (Fall 1993). Tulsa, OK: University of Tulsa College of Law, 1993-

"With the publication of this first issue The University of Tulsa College of Law announces that it has taken up the challenge to contribute to the understanding of comparative and international law in such a way as to promote appreciation, sharing, and growth among nations. We hope to provide an eclectic set of articles and student notes that will generate knowledge, encourage legal reform, break language barriers, facilitate transplantation of legal norms where desirable, and develop respect for the diverse ways in which different legal cultures operate."
IO NEWS

There are a couple of newsworthy items to report this month concerning the online catalog. You may have noticed some slight changes to the INDEXES menu. "Expanded Academic Index 1" has changed its name on the IO menu to "Magazine Index". In addition, "Expanded Academic Index 2" has been changed to "Academic and Magazine Index". These changes were made to reflect the different journal coverage of these two indexes. "Magazine Index, 1985-1988" covers 500 popular magazines. "Academic and Magazine Index, 1989-present" covers those PLUS an additional 500 scholarly journals. To search these indexes, type either ACAD or MAG. The Business Index and the National Newspaper Index have also been split into current and older files.

Another interesting development in IO is the upcoming addition of a significant number of connections to other libraries. During spring and summer of 1994, IO users will have the capability of connecting to the libraries at Notre Dame University, the University of Southern Indiana, and Vincennes University. Projected for next fall will be connections to the research libraries of all the Big 10 universities. All these catalogs will use the same search system and help screens as our IO system, thereby making the connections appear invisible to the user. We will be sure to keep you informed as these online libraries become available.

Nonie Watt, Head of Technical Services

SEARCHING IO FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

One of the advantages of including government publications in the online catalog is that when entering a query, particularly by key word or subject, U.S. government publications are automatically included in the search result. However, there may be instances when only government publications are needed. The following tips may help to insure more successful searches that are limited to government documents.

Dick Vaughan, Acquisitions & Serials Control Librarian
Remember that not all government publications are included in the online catalog. Publications from 1976 to the present are generally those found in IO. The majority of Law Library holdings begin with 1978 publication. Also, remember that documents from a variety of I.U. libraries appear in IO. "BW" is the location symbol for the Bloomington Law Library and will be adjacent to the title on the INDEX screen as well as on individual records.

Some terms are so common that they should never be used in the search query. These "stop words" are bureau, committee, department, dept., federal, government, institute, office, states, subcommittee, and united. If these terms were used the number of documents retrieved would be enormous and, therefore, have been rendered unsearchable.

A search may be refined by adding an author component to a key word search. For example, k=congress.au. and iran and bw. "BW" further limits the search to Law Library holdings.

Although it is difficult to second guess the government, try to use search terms that are likely to be used and published by the federal government rather than locally unique topics.

 Portions of SuDocs numbers (Superintendent of Documents classification numbers, call numbers used by the Government Printing Office) may be used to limit a search to a specific agency. For example: k=(y adj 4) and environment and bw. This search would retrieve a Congressional hearing (y adjacent 4) on the environment in the Law Library’s collection. Full SuDocs numbers may also be used to confirm that a particular document is held in the I.U. system by typing cs= followed by the SuDocs number (including punctuation). For example:

 cs=Y 4.B 85/3:103-14. The system will place you in the Call Number Browsing Index at the nearest match.

Marianne Mason,
Documents Librarian

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Happy March Birthday to:

Professor Joe Hoffmann on March 1st;
President Tom Ehrlich on the 4th;
Kris Nielsen-Mantz in the Community Legal Clinic on the 15th;
Matt Gullett in the Library and Assistant Dean Frank Motley on the 23rd;
Linda Rich in the Library on the 25th; and
Toni Sammy in the Library on the 26th.

Hope you all have a great day!!!