LAW SCHOOL SAYS FAREWELL TO 3Ls AT GRADUATION PARTY

The Law Library will again host the Law School’s annual Graduation Party, the place to be on Friday, May 6 from 8:00 p.m. until midnight. The graduating class and their families are invited to celebrate with a casual evening of live jazz, good food and cool drinks.

THIRD TIME’S A CHARM

Undaunted by previous episodes of failure and humiliation, the Law Library-sponsored team returned for the third consecutive year to the Monroe County Library’s VITAL Quiz Bowl. The annual event features teams from throughout Bloomington and raises a good deal of money to support the library’s literacy tutoring program. Perry and the Masons (disguised as Jennifer Bryan, Kevin Butterfield, Dick Vaughan, and Nonie Watt) entered the competition with a dubious 19th seed pitted against a team from Bloomington Hospital. Praying there would not be an abundance of health and medicine questions, we took the stage with a mixture of confidence and dread. Fielding questions on such diverse and important topics as the Beach Boys and 19th-century painkillers, we actually won the game with a stunning 20-point victory. Do you believe in miracles, indeed!

Returning again the second night of competition for the quarter-finals, we challenged a team from McDonalds. Off to a fast start, Perry and the Masons quickly gained a sizable lead early in the game. Then, out of nowhere, came a man from McDonalds who obviously does more than dispense french fries for a living, who single-handedly brought his team back in the waning minutes of the game. The time ran out with the score tied 105-105 and went into SUDDEN DEATH OVERTIME. The tension was so fierce my hands still shake when I think about it. With everything riding on that last very important question, the moderator mumbled something about a planet. Perry and the Masons hate planet questions. McAnswer Man blurted out "Mars" and the game was over. Our ten-plus minutes of fame were over.

But you can be sure, now that we’ve had a taste of victory, there will no stopping Perry and Company next year. We might even learn a thing or two about the planets by then.

Nonie Watt,
Head of Technical Services
LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF U.S. TREATIES

Lawyers and legal scholars often find it necessary to consult legislative history when considering the scope of a particular statute, or its applicability to a particular set of facts. Although treaties have the same status as statutes, and require Senate advice and consent before ratification, lawyers and scholars often forget that treaties have a legislative history as well.

The legislative history of a treaty is comprised of two documents, a Senate Treaty Document, and a Senate Executive Report. The former includes the text of the treaty as submitted to the Senate by the executive department, and includes a statement summarizing the reasons why the executive department believes the treaty should be adopted. These statements oftentimes reflect more or less explicitly the executive department’s understanding of what the treaty is intended to accomplish and by what means. Although executive department documents (e.g. presidential signing statements) are not usually accorded the status of legislative history, the statements included in Senate Executive Reports should be considered part of the legislative record because it is the executive department that negotiates, and signs treaties on behalf of the United States.

Senate Executive Reports are normally considered the more important of the two types of treaty documents. They are essentially like any other Senate report, summarizing the reasons why the Foreign Relations Committee has given favorable consideration to the legislation in question. However, both the reports and treaty documents are important not only for their value in determining legislative intent, but because they record the reservations, conditions, etc., which become part of the treaty.

The Library maintains a collection of Senate Treaty Documents and Senate Executive Reports, going back to 1979, in microfiche. Early Senate Treaty Documents (formerly called Executive Documents) and Executive Reports are found in a document entitled Reports of the Committee on Foreign Relations, 1789-1901, which the Library also has in microfiche.

There are several other document series that provide useful background information about treaties. The various editions of the Digest of International Law (now called the Digest of U.S. Practice in International Law), published by the Department of State, document the entire history of U.S. treaty-making. Another series published by the Department of State, entitled Foreign Relations of the United States, is useful for researching the negotiation of older treaties. This set seeks to document the entire history of U.S. foreign policy; it is a massive undertaking, and approximately 30 years out of date at this point.

All of these sources are storehouses of potentially useful, and interesting information. Quite aside from any specific research problem, Foreign Relations of the United States makes for engaging reading because it includes many long-classified documents and gives the reader an insider’s view of high level negotiations and crises of the past.

Ralph Gaebler,
Foreign & international Librarian

NEW & NOTEWORTHY: A BIO-DIVERSE SUMMERTIME READING LIST

The graduation display is up, rumors detailing the best techniques for studying for the Bar are rampant, and Phi Gamma Delta’s parties are threatening to break through the library’s south walls. It can only mean one thing, SUMMER IS HERE!

While some of our readers will be spending their summers hard at work interning at various locations, and others will be basking by pools and beaches, all will need a little reading material to help pass the time. Sure, you could spend your free time reading the latest Elmore Leonard crime novel, or perhaps a Sidney
Sheldon epic of lust and greed, but why not read about the lives of some of America’s most unique legal minds.

Below is a list of some of the biographies/autobiographies that were added to the Law Library’s collection over the last year. In addition to being available from our library, these books can be borrowed from most libraries or purchased at any bookstore.


During a rich and vigorous legal career as chief counsel for the Communist Party in the United States, Abt fought for civil liberties and remained an unremitting critic of American capitalism. His memoir, written with freelancer Myerson, offers little sensation, but describes his political development, as well as his social life with family and comrades. (PUBLISHERS WEEKLY)


A modest upright man, and an anti-ideological Republican, Brownell, as he emerges in this book written with University of Vermont political scientist Burke, portrays the more casual and genteel politics of the past. Readers will agree with John Chancellor’s observation (forward) that "the trouble with people like Herbert Brownell is... there are not enough of them." (PUBLISHER’S WEEKLY)


Clark and Michael Davis have produced a straightforward, workmanlike and useful biography of Marshall, written mostly from public sources and without any evident special access to Marshall himself. His life makes one of the great heroic stories of American history; next to it the pre-Court career of every other justice, even a former president like Taft, a leading intellectual like Frankfurter or a great reformer like Brandels, looks like a dull bourgeois progression up the ranks of society. What is awe inspiring about Marshall is what he did. (THE NEW REPUBLIC)


Of all the brilliant cast of characters who brought the United States into being, none is more noteworthy or more controversial than John Adams. In this biography, Ellis focuses on the last part of Adams’s life in an attempt to dissect and illuminate the contradictory nature of this great man. A man like Adams is heard loudly through the centuries; collections of his letters will always be invaluable, but Ellis’s work is an appropriate and well-researched adjunct to the original sources. (LIBRARY JOURNAL)


Friedman’s accounts of Bradwell’s fight to secure Mary Todd Lincoln’s release from an asylum and her efforts on behalf of women’s equality in various occupations are thoroughly absorbing, as are discussions of Bradwell’s controversies concerning Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony. This useful book restores an important figure to her rightful place in American history and indicates that even an imperfect human being can be a splendid role model. (LIBRARY JOURNAL)


A fascinating book about a dark time for civil liberties in America between WWI and prior to the Warren Court, and the role Carol Weiss King played in the events of that period. This is two books: one that documents treatment of the foreign-born political dissidents, labor, and labor unions; and two, a biography of King who played an influential role in this period. This is a general history of the treatment by the government and the judicial system of pacifists, immigrants, naturalized citizens, labor, and other elements of what is sometimes referred to as the underclass. At the same time it is a story about the evolution of case law and the role of Carol King - one of America’s unsung heroines. (CHOICE)


Controversial though she may be, Hillary Rodham
Clinton is and will continue to be an important role model for many in the years to come. In this thorough account of her life up through the Clintons' first few months in the White House, it is clear that the First Lady is quite different from most of her predecessors. We don't learn many details of her private life, but we do see how she is similar to many women professionals trying to juggle career and family. An important book about the most powerful woman in America. (LIBRARY JOURNAL)

In this biography, Radcliffe offers her views on this country's most controversial First Lady since Eleanor Roosevelt and her metamorphosis from a "Goldwater Girl" to the wife of a Democratic President. Interesting, insightful and at times intense, this biography provides important background on the First Lady. (PUBLISHERS WEEKLY)


In recent years the Holmes bookshelf has become increasingly crowded. This latest offering, provided by well-known and well-received judicial biographer White, belongs in a prominent spot in the library of any student of law in the United States. In the future, any treatment of this Brahmin from Boston will be judged against White's insightful account. (LIBRARY JOURNAL)

What distinguishes this volume from earlier Holmes biographies is the scope and sophistication of its legal analysis. (NEW YORK TIMES)

Dick Vaughan, Acquisitions & Serials Control Librarian

DOCUMENTS INSPECTION

Every five years or so each library that participates in the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) is inspected by a representative of the Government Printing Office, the agency that administers the program through which our government publications are received. Our number has come up and on June 14th our collection and documents operations will be evaluated through a day-long interview process. The purpose of this visit is to ensure that our library complies with our legal responsibilities as outlined in Title 44 of the United States Code.

Although Title 44 requirements are somewhat rigid, it conveys the general philosophy that government information must be accessible to the public. It defines what may be considered a government publication, limits the number of libraries that may participate in the FDLP, dictates how long the library is required to keep material in our collection, and determines who must

The Suggestion Box

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

Suggestion: More and more tables are occupied in the evenings by undergrads. Have someone patrol more regularly and ask visitors to leave if they aren't actively using the collection.

Response: As you know, the Library staff only asks those non-law students who are not using the collection to leave the Library. Those who are using the collection have an absolute right to be here. Even though we are currently in our exam period, there are still some non-law students finishing papers and term projects. These students are allowed to remain in the Library. I have asked our Library Assistants to increase patrols during the exam period. Although this may not keep out all those who are not using the collection, hopefully it will alleviate the problem of large numbers of non-law students using the Library as a study hall.

Suggestion: Macintoshes. Get more - no excuses.

Response: I am afraid that I can only offer what will be seen as an excuse. The computers in the student computer centers were supplied by University Computing Services. We had to do a great deal of negotiating in order to get the one Mac we currently have. At this time, I do not anticipate that we will be getting more in the near future. However, there are two Macintosh clusters within easy walking distance - one in Lindley Hall and one in the Student Building. The Student Building is the preferred cluster during the daytime, as the Lindley Hall cluster frequently has classes scheduled during this time.
have access to our federal documents. If a library is found to be in noncompliance it can ultimately be removed from the Depository Program.

The inspection process is generally thought to be a beneficial process. The Depository Inspectors realize the challenges faced in dealing with government documents. Since each Inspector is also a librarian, they can often provide advice and support for new initiatives to make the library administration of the FDLP more efficient. This is also an opportunity for the Library to conduct a self-study to determine what changes may need to take place to better utilize our documents collection.

Marianne Mason, Documents Librarian

BOOK OF THE MONTH


In my final column for this academic year, I would like to review and discuss the most recent scholarly biography of Harry S Truman, 33rd President of the United States. The author, David McCullough, is a highly respected author and historian. He was the narrator for the PBS series on the Civil War. This biography took McCullough 10 years to research and write, hence the comprehensiveness of the work.

McCullough begins with tracing Truman’s family history back several generations, focusing on his family’s arrival in Missouri in the 1840’s. Truman’s childhood, early adult life, and his service in the Army during World War I are discussed more extensively than almost any other biography. Upon his return to Kansas City, Missouri after the war, he opened a men’s clothing store. The business failed in 1922, the same year that Truman made his first entry into politics, winning the support of the Pendergast political machine and being elected county judge (the equivalent of the county council). His work for and support by the Pendergast machine led to his running for U.S. Senator from Missouri in 1934. The contrast between the incredibly corrupt Pendergast machine and the very honest Harry Truman is well detailed. Truman was elected, and then re-elected in 1940 in spite of the fall of the Pendergast organization. His work in the Senate is discussed, culminating with Franklin Roosevelt choosing Truman as his running mate in 1944. Roosevelt was very ill by this point and would only live 83 days into his 4th term.

The majority of the book then covers the 7 years and 9 months of Harry Truman’s presidency. All of the major issues are covered, including the end of World War II and the decision to drop the atomic bomb on Japan, the 1948 election, the Marshall Plan, the Truman Doctrine, and the Korean War—"decisions many of us would pale before," said Senator William Proxmire of Wisconsin." [p. 990] McCullough presents the many different aspects of President Truman, discussing not only his successes and positive points, but also his mistakes as well. The 20 years of his life after he left office in 1953 are also discussed at length.

I found this book to be the best I have ever read about the life and presidency of Harry S Truman. It is a compelling biography of a common man confronting the work and challenges of the presidency at a time of great change and transition. It presents a balanced view of Truman and his successes and failures. I highly recommend the book.

Michael Maben, Cataloging Librarian

LAW LIBRARY SEMESTER BREAK HOURS
MAY 7 - 22, 1994

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| MAY 8 | SUNDAY |
| MAY 9-13 | MON.-FRI. |
| MAY 14-15 | SAT.-SUN. |
| MAY 16-20 | MON.-FRI. |
| MAY 21 | SATURDAY |
| MAY 22 | SUNDAY |
LAW LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS
MAY 23 - AUGUST 2, 1994

SUNDAY
1:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight
MON.-THURS.
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 midnight
FRIDAY
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
SATURDAY
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

WORKING THE HALLS

Welcome to Anthony Warner who is the new Interview Coordinator in the Career Services Office.

Congratulations to Professors David and Susan Williams. Their son, Benjamin Jordan Williams was born on March 15th weighing 8 1/2 lbs and measuring 21 1/2 inches. Benjamin, a future academic, has already been seen at several lectures around the school with his proud parents.

Watch for Professor Rob Fischman’s two new books: Environmental Decisionmaking: NEPA and the Endangered Species Act released in April; and Environmental Law Anthology, to be released in August.

Belated Happy Birthday to all those born in April. No foolin’!!

Professor Pat Baude on April 7th;
Kim Bunge in the Business Office on the 8th;
Library Associate Director Linda Fariss on the 13th;
Professor Rob Fischman on the 17th;
Jan Turner, Assistant to the Dean, and Professor David Williams on the 25th; and
Professor Val Nolan on the 28th.

Happy May Birthday to:

Ralph Gaebler in the Library and Assistant Dean Art Lotz on May 3rd;
Assistant Dean Kelly Townes on the 5th;
Professor Alysa Rollock on the 10th;
Anita Barnes in the Development Office on the 13th;
Jeanne Brown in the Recorder’s Office on the 19th;
Professor Fred Cate on the 20th;
Professor Don Gjerdingen on the 22nd; and
Professor Mary Ellen O’Connell on the 25th.

Happy Birthday to all with June Birthdays:

Sheryl Lockridge in the Dean’s Office on June 2nd;
Kathy McCarnes, Business Manager, on the 3rd;
Professor Ilene Nagel on the 4th;
Will Sadler, Systems Coordinator, and Anthony Warner in Career Services on the 7th;
Ellen Ravens-Seger in the Library on the 12th;
Jennifer Bryan in the Library on the 22nd;
Professor Sarah Hughes on the 26th;
Jean Janisse on the 3rd floor on the 27th; and
Miki Bird in the Library and Jane Truax, Asst. Director of Alumni/Development, on the 30th.

Happy July Birthday to:

Dean Fred Aman on July 7th;
Ann Likes in the Library on the 9th;
Professor Susan Williams on the 12th;
Professor Perry Hodges and Professor John Scanlan on the 18th;
Shirley Walker on the 2nd floor on the 22nd;
Professor Mike Barron on the 24th; and
Marianne Mason in the Library on the 25th.

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

TO ALL THE GRADUATING STUDENTS:
We wish you the best in your futures. Come back and visit us sometime. Congratulations!