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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 175 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 two 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.

In commemoration of Women's History Month during March, the Library has composed a display with the help of each Congresswoman in the current 104th Congress. That's right, we telephoned and wrote to every woman Representative and asked her to participate in our March display. We asked each Congresswoman to contribute...
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a statement in response to our question, "What is the greatest challenge/benefit of being a woman/member of Congress, an historically male dominated organization?"

We received a variety of responses, some disappointing, some amusing, some pointed, many reluctant. Does the hesitation to address this issue come from a fear of igniting "white male rage" in Congress? I don't think so. It's more likely that politicians are politicians whether they wear trousers or skirts.

We're sure that you'll enjoy reading the display as much as we did constructing it.

Marianne Mason,
Documents Librarian

BOOK OF THE MONTH


This is a very interesting book, written by a member (at the time) of the Oregon State Senate. The author, Richard L. Neuberger, went on to be elected to the United States Senate, and then tragically die while in office in 1960 at the age of 48. This book contains his views and reflections on state government and politics. Although much information in the book is quite dated, it is amazing how relevant many of his observation are to today, particularly with the changes occurring between the federal and state governments. The book is a combination of personal experiences along with philosophical musings of the future of state government from the perspective of the early 1950's.

The basic discussion of the book is based on what Neuberger states are the five fundamental reasons for the decline of state government in the United States. Those five reasons are—

1. The part-time status and negligible salaries of state legislators and most state district attorneys.

2. The failure to reapportion legislatures so they will represent a state's population as it exists today, not as it did in the frontier past.

3. Detailed and cluttered state constitutions that lace state government in a rigid strait jacket.

4. The one-party political domination which prevails in nearly half the states.

5. The fact that state elections are held simultaneously with Presidential elections and congressional elections. [p. 11]

In looking at these five reasons, at least one of the them is no longer relevant to today—the one-party political domination is not nearly as pronounced. Neuberger cites the Democratic control of southern states, along with Republican control of states such as Oregon, Iowa, and Kansas (among others). This has changed dramatically since the 1950s. However, reapportionment is still a hot issue, although not from Neuberger's point of view. His concern was how rural areas dominated state legislatures in the 1950s. That changed with Baker v. Carr in 1962. Now the concern is the gerrymandering of districts to an extreme. The author makes compelling arguments on all five of these reasons, along with numerous personal experiences from his service in the Oregon Legislature.

Even though much of the information contained in this book is quite dated, I found the book very interesting. I recommend it for the time perspective it provides, and as an illustration of how issues as current as our daily newspapers of 1995 were being discussed over 40 years ago.

Michael Maben,
Cataloging Librarian

NEW & NOTEWORTHY: THE LEGAL PROCESS (again)

Three and one half years ago (v.2 no.2), this columnist told readers of the bizarre story of the publication The Legal Process: Basic Problems in the Making and Application of Law. I originally learned of this publication when a faculty member requested it be added to the library collection. Upon investigating where this "classic text" could be purchased I learned that it had never been published. The authors, Henry Hart and Albert Sacks, had been long time teachers at the Harvard Law School and the title in question was their looseleaf notebooks of teaching materials. The scholars used the materials when introducing their students to the major themes of American public law.
Although Hart and Sacks had discussed publishing the book, and went so far as to have a contract with the Foundation Press drafted in 1956, it somehow never happened. Despite never being published, copies of the notebooks circulated to law schools all over the country and the text soon became known as one of the most important unpublished sources in legal education. Harvard was still selling photocopies of the notebooks as recently as 1991, and ultimately, that is how the Law Library ended up with our copy.

And so the story ends . . . NOT.

Imagine my surprise when I learned, this fall, that the Foundation Press was finally formally publishing the Hart and Sacks work. The Foundation edition has been edited by William Eskridge, Jr. and Philip Frickey, and includes a Preface by Erwin Griswold who, as Dean of the Harvard Law School, had urged Hart & Sacks to publish their notebooks 40 years ago. This new edition also includes a "Historical and Critical Introduction to The Legal Process," authored by Eskridge and Frickey. Despite the manuscript's age, Eskridge and Frickey decided not to attempt to revise or update the text, rather "we decided to publish the materials in their last comprehensive form, the famous 'tentative edition' of 1958. The main reason for our decision is to preserve the integrity of what we consider a momentous achievement by Professors Hart and Sacks."

The more one investigates the influence of these notebooks on legal education, the more one finds superlatives and praise for the text and its authors. Former Executive Director of the Association of American Law Schools, Betsy Levin, called the text, "one of the truly seminal course books published in legal education." Legal scholar J.D. Hyman called The Legal Process, "the most influential book not produced in movable type since Gutenberg." Legal Historian Morton J. Horwitz said that "the most influential and widely used text in American law schools during the 1950s was The Legal Process."

The library now owns both the "tentative edition" (two volumes of photocopied pages from the original notebooks) and the Foundation Press' single volume edition. If you'd like to read, or at least browse through, either edition of this influential monograph, you can find them in the Library's classified collection (KF 386 .H3 v.1&2 and KF 386 .H3 1994).

Dick Vaughan, Acquisitions & Serials Control Librarian

NEW SOFTWARE FOR U.N. CD-ROM INDEX

Many of those whose research has involved the United Nations already know about READEX, the Library's CD-ROM index to U.N. documentation. This index provides subject and keyword access to documents published from 1979 to the present. Recently, both the data on the CD and the software that drives it have been enhanced in ways that will make the product even more valuable to researchers.

Most importantly, the CD now includes the full text of all resolutions adopted by the main bodies of the United Nations. General Assembly resolutions begin with the year 1981, and Security Council resolutions go all the way back to 1979. Economic and Social Council resolutions have recently been added for 1993, and the next release will include resolutions of this body from 1992 to the present. This is noteworthy because the
resolutions of ECOSOC, unlike those of the G.A. and S.C., are not available via Internet at present.

The software for the READEX index has also been upgraded. It is now possible to select terms from a subject index, as well as enter keyword searches in the subject field. It is also possible to search date ranges in the date field. Finally, there are now WESTLAW and LEXIS-type proximity connectors, which allow the searcher to select terms within so many words of each other in any or all fields, and truncation characters that permit retrieval of all forms of a given word.

There is one final detail about the READEX CD-ROM, which even experienced researchers may not know. The United Nations Treaty Series, which has not produced an index in many years, is indexed by the READEX CD-ROM. To my knowledge, no other comprehensive, up-to-date index of the U.N.T.S. exists.

Those wishing to become familiar with the READEX CD-ROM are welcome to try it out by themselves, or to make an appointment with me for a more systematic introduction.

Ralph Gaebler,
Foreign & International Librarian

ATTENTION 3D YEARS

If you go home for spring break, remember to bring back pictures and memorabilia from your three years of Law School. We will once again be putting up the graduation display during the first week of April. So, dig out those great souvenirs - pictures, memorabilia, clippings, etc. If you are not going home, but instead are going on a great vacation, take your camera! Please turn in your items for the display to Ellen in the Library Office or to a Reference Librarian. Remember, the success of this display depends on you!

Linda Fariss,
Associate Director

LAW LIBRARY SPRING BREAK HOURS
MARCH 10 - 19, 1995

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WORKING THE HALLS

Happy March Birthday to:

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

Happy Birthday to all those born in April:

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 in the Dean's Suite and Professor David Williams on the 25th; and
Professor Val Nolan on the 28th.

Hope you all have a great day!!!