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NEW EXPRESS E-MAIL STATIONS
by Dave Hecht

Have you ever wanted to just check your mail but had to wait for someone to write a paper before you could get on the computer? Or just the opposite, have you needed to write a paper and had to wait while someone read alt.stupid.newsgroup? Well, some relief is here. Three computers have been installed in the Reserve Area of the Library for the sole purpose of checking your mail. They "quick connect" to all the Shakespeare accounts and Rose. Law students should use these stations to reduce congestion in the Computer Center. If you have problems or comments about these machines please feel free to mail dahecht@indiana.edu.

SPECIAL CIRCULATION POLICIES
As you might expect, demand for a number of study materials dramatically increases during the exam period, and the Library has shortened circulation periods for these heavily used items. Hornbooks and nutshells, which usually circulate overnight, only circulate for four hours during exams, so please bear in mind that you must renew these materials on a frequent basis if you wish to keep them. However, due to the high demand, renewals are not guaranteed.

GOVERNMENT SHUT-DOWN IMPACTS LIBRARY
The budget dispute that closed "non-essential" government offices in mid-November also closed down certain aspects of the Government Documents Department in the Law Library. The bulk of the publications that make up our documents collection comes from the Government Printing Office which was locked-up tight during the shut-down. Without the usual shipments of congressional hearings, reports, and agency materials...
publications the Library staff found other aspects of maintaining the documents collection to attend to making the lack of government services barely noticeable. We may experience a dé jà vu, however, if a budget compromise is not achieved by the December deadline.

Marianne Mason,
Documents Librarian

NEW & NOTEWORTHY:
INTERNATIONAL STARTING POINTS


Need to find a good introduction and overview of a particular aspect of international law? A new library reference source may be just what you need. As Foreign and International Librarian Ralph Gaebler mentioned in an article in the October issue of Res Ipsa Loquitur, the Law Library recently began adding an encyclopedic set entitled The International Encyclopaedia of Laws to its Reference Collection. Under the general editorship of Roger Blanpain (Director of the International Labour Relations, Catholic University of Leuven), with the help of an advisory board of over fifty international law experts, the set currently consist of 8 looseleaf titles (15 physical volumes). Each volume will be updated by means of regular supplements, and several additional titles (marked with an asterisk below) will be published in the next year.

When complete, the set will consist of the following 14 looseleaf titles:

General

Civil Procedure (1 vol.)
Commercial and Economic Law (2 vols.)
Constitutional Law (3 vols.)
Contracts (1 vol.)
Corporations and Partnership (2 vols.)
Criminal Law (1 vol.)
Environmental Law (3 vols.)
Family and Succession Law *
Insurance Law *
Intellectual Property *

Labour Law and Industrial Relations *
Medical Law (2 vols.)
Social Security Law *
Transport Law *

In his introduction, Dr. Blanpain describes the publication’s aim as: "To provide students engaged in comparative legal research with the necessary information and insight and to provide teachers of comparative legal courses with the necessary background; to attempt to solve the information problems of national and international organizations, and especially the international business community, together with the design and administration of their policies; to contribute to the growing harmonization of legal standards in the international community, inter alia the Andean Group, the Asean Countries, the Nordic Counsel, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, the Organisation of American States, the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation and the like. While meeting academic standards, the encyclopaedias will also contain as much practical information as possible."

Dick Vaughan,
Acquisitions & Serials Control Librarian

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE WEB

Here are some URLs (web addresses) for information about Hanukkah and Christmas.

http://www.ort.org/ort/hanukkah/title.htm
ORTH's Hanukkah Section

Links for History, Lights, Family, Songs, Games, Art, Terms, Continuity

http://www.christmas.com/
Santa's Domain on the Web
*How many Days, Hours, Minutes and Seconds 'Til Christmas!!
*Find out what other cultures do during Christmas Around the World!
*Read about Santa's latest prototype - The MH-2600 Cyber-Sleigh!
*Email Santa

Santa says, “Here at the North Pole, as usual, we’ve been swamped with requests from all over the world. Don’t worry, kids, we’ll be able to handle all the work.
Since Mrs. Claus bought that 2000MHz SGI Extreme (with 64 gigs of RAM, 600 terabytes of storage), we can process everything just fine."

http://north.pole.org/
The North Pole
*Talk to Santa, Rudolph, and the Elves
*Good Help is Hard to Find
*Christmas in Our Village
*Decorate Your Digital Tree

http://www.execpc.com/~ncta/
National Christmas Tree Association Home Page
*Why use real Christmas trees?
*Recycling your real Christmas tree
*Selecting and caring for your real Christmas tree
*Christmas tree traditions and folklore

gopher://wiretap.spies.com/00/Library/Classic/carol.txt
Read Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol

Juliet Casper,
Electronic Services Librarian

HIDDEN JEWELS

In recent years, law students have increasingly become interested in the law of other countries. In large part, this is because computer resources such as NEXIS and the Internet have made it possible to track developments in even the most obscure jurisdictions.

However, despite the wealth of information about new laws that the computer places at our disposal, databases rarely provide access to authoritative statutory translations. Obviously, obtaining such translations is the indispensable first step to conducting research on new laws, and students are often disappointed to discover that they are not available.

However, the researcher's efforts needn't always end in frustration. There are a number of periodicals dedicated to providing authoritative translations of new statutes adopted by jurisdictions around the world. Many of these titles focus on a particular region, or a particular subject; all of them strive to provide authoritative, even authorized translations, if possible. The important point about these periodicals is that they are easily overlooked, because they are not segregated into a specifically foreign collection. In addition, they are not indexed for the most part, so that even the most alert researcher might miss them.

The following is a list of the titles available in the Library's periodical collection, organized by region or topic:

Middle East
Arab Law Quarterly

Central and Eastern Europe
Review of Central and East European Law
Survey of East European Law

Statutes and Decisions: The Laws of the USSR and its Successor States

The Suggestion Box

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

Suggestion: People using the Library need to watch the volume level of their conversations. This is a particular problem just inside the glass doors, when leaving conference rooms, and on the stairs. People don't realize that sound travels up the atrium area from the ground floor to the fourth floor! Also, someone sitting at a table was using a cellular phone. The phone rang, that person proceeded to have a phone conversation, and then repeated this 30 minutes later! Please ask Library users to remember to be quiet.

Response: Every once in a while, we need to remind patrons that conversations should be carried out in a conference room or the Library lobby. When people move from one area to another, such as when leaving a conference room, consideration for others requires that full-voice conversations cease. We have placed signs near the glass doors and on the stairs so that people may be more aware of the need for quiet. In reference to the cellular phone, consideration for others should be applied here, also. At a minimum, if it is possible to turn down the ringer volume, that should be done. If someone were expecting an urgent call or received an important call while in the Library, he/she should move to the Library lobby to carry out the conversation. Thank you for your suggestion.
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Parker School Journal of East European Law

East European Case Reporter (As the title implies, this title reprints translations of important decisions, rather than statutes.)

Pacific Rim
China Law and Practice (This title also provides a free fax service, through which one can obtain copies of laws summarized, but not reprinted in the monthly issues.)

Arbitration
Revue de l'Arbitrage (This title provides translations of new arbitration statutes into French, usually a more accessible language than the original.)

These titles are selective, in the sense that they can provide translation of only those new laws deemed most important. As these journals are aimed to a great extent at international law practitioners, statutes chosen are often commercial in nature. These titles are also selective in the sense that they provide coverage for only a portion of the world. There are a number of titles dedicated to eastern and central Europe because so much attention has been focused on that region since the collapse of the Soviet Union. But there are no similar titles for many other regions, which have not enjoyed the attention of international investors. Finally, for those who have become accustomed to the almost real-time reported afforded by computers, it will come as a shock that it often takes up to two years for new laws to appear in these journals. Nevertheless, because they are authoritative and citable, these periodicals constitute an important resource for those researchers lucky enough to have chosen a region or topic that they cover.

Ralph Gaebler,
Foreign and International Librarian

LAW LIBRARY
SEMESTER BREAK HOURS
December 16, 1995 - January 7, 1996

Dec. 16-17 Sat.-Sun. Closed
Dec. 18-21 Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Dec. 22 Fri. 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Dec. 23-25 Sat.-Mon. Closed
Dec. 26-29 Tues.-Fri. 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Dec. 30-Jan. 1 Sat.-Mon. Closed
Jan. 2-5 Tues.-Fri. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Jan. 6 Sat. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Jan. 7 Sun. Resume Regular Hours

WORKING THE HALLS

New Babies!

Congratulations to
Linda Fariss, who gave birth to a 7 lb., 11 oz. daughter, Kathleen Elizabeth, on November 9th. Katie is Linda and Jim’s first child.

Congratulations, also, to Alex Tanford. His wife, Philippa Guthrie, had an 8 lb., 3 oz. son, James Guthrie Tanford, on November 12th. Alex and Philippa also have a daughter.

Happy December Birthday to:
Professor Craig Bradley, on December 5th;
Professor Lauren Robel on the 8th;
Jennifer Underwood on the 3rd floor on the 14th; and
Professor Ann Gellis on the 22nd.

Happy Birthday to all those born in January:
Kristy Frye in the Admissions Office on the 10th;
Professor Lynne Henderson and Lisa Sharkey in the Library on the 13th;
Chris Zonkel on the 3rd floor on the 18th;
Professor Roger Dworkin on the 19th;
Jackie Hickey in the Library on the 22nd;
Professor Alex Tanford on the 23rd;
Library Director Colleen Pauwels on the 25th; and
Professor Aviva Orenstein on the 27th.

Happy Holidays!!!