BEYOND THE TELEPHONE BOOK

While the Law Library maintains a collection of selected city telephone books, the Web may prove to be a more complete and efficient source for locating address information for persons and businesses. In addition, the Web can deliver additional features not possible in a printed directory.

*American Directory Assistance’s Lookup USA* (<http://www.abii.com>) is currently my favorite site for finding people because it combines the U.S. phone directories with a national road atlas. The site searches listings for 88 million households and 10 million businesses. Simply type in the name of the person or business (truncation available if unsure of the spelling) and provide the state and or city. Within seconds the address and telephone number will appear on your screen. You can then ask to have the address mapped. A very detailed map marking the location of the person or business searched will be retrieved. The map can be manipulated by zooming in or zooming out and printed to a laser printer for road use.

In addition to searching by name, *Lookup USA* allows you to search the yellow pages by headings or SIC codes, employee size, sales volume and more. For example, a search of restaurants in Bloomington, Indiana, will retrieve 183 listings. You can then highlight the name of a restaurant in order to view the address information and generate a map. *Lookup USA* will also provide you a credit rating and complete profile for the business. The credit scores are “practical indicators of probable ability to pay. They are based on business demographic factors such as number of employees, years in business, industry stability and barriers to entry, and government data.” For three dollars, you can order a Business Profile, which includes the company name, address and phone number, name of the owner or top decision-maker, number of employees, estimated annual sales, credit rating, and primary and secondary lines of business. More detailed information is available for many larger companies, including the names of top executives and directors, corporate linkages, stock exchange, and ticker symbol.

For additional information and web sites for finding people and businesses, go to:

http://www.hsic.org/~tyburski/gplla/nov1596.html

The Virtual Chase Web: The People Chase, by Genie Tyburski, Research Librarian for the Philadelphia law firm, Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll.

If you have any questions about these, or any other websites, please see me in the Reference Office.
Beginning December 2, 1996, the Supreme Court Decisions, 1937-1975 database will be available online via GPO Access. The database contains the full text of decisions issued between 1937 and 1975. It is provided through the efforts of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. These opinions were created from the U.S. Air Force historic file of Supreme Court decisions from its FLITE (Federal Legal Information Through Electronics) system. The database is made available to the public as a finding aid to the "official" version in the United States Reports, therefore, GPO does not guarantee the authenticity or completeness of the data.

The Supreme Court Decisions (1937-1975) online GPO Access is fully searchable via the World Wide Web. This database contains fields and therefore a specialized search page is available at:

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/supcrt/

Marianne Mason
Documents Librarian

NEW & NOTEWORTHY:
"But that was long ago..."


More often than not, acquiring materials for the Law School Library is a relatively routine matter. Recently, however, I managed to successfully procure a particular title that I have been trying to obtain for the past five years. Was the title an obscure court document from eastern Europe? Or, perhaps a report produced by an NGO on a small pacific island? No, actually the book in question is the 1965 autobiography of Law School alumni, Hoagland Howard Carmichael, A.K.A. Hoagy Carmichael.

Carmichael, named to the school’s Academy of Law Alumni Fellows in 1995, was born and raised in Bloomington and received his Bachelor of Law degree from IU in 1926. Best known as the composer of Stardust, Georgia on My Mind, and Skylark (to name just a few), Carmichael was a prominent figure in American popular culture throughout the 1930's, 40's, and 50's. Besides being one of the most successful composers and recording artists of the time, Carmichael appeared in several movies including, “To Have and Have Not,” “The Best Years of Our Lives,” “Canyon Passage,” and “Young Man with A Horn” (a film that many people inaccurately believe was based on the life of Hoagy’s good friend and jazz legend, Bix Beiderbecke). Perhaps the best illustration of Carmichael’s stature in American popular culture was that his image and voice appeared as a character on an episode of the cartoon television series, “The Flintstones.”

Sometimes I Wonder is more than just another celebrity autobiography. Although filled with reminiscences of his time in Hollywood and his performances and recordings with an impressive Who’s Who of the 1930-50's music industry, the real value in the book is as a history of Tin-Pan-Alley song writing and pre-WW II Jazz in the Midwest. For the local reader, there are also plenty of memories of Bloomington and the Law School (including Carmichael’s one year career as a practicing attorney). Below are a few excerpts:

ON GROWING UP IN BLOOMINGTON: We lived within a stone’s throw (a good-sized stone) of Indiana University. I could stand on our front porch and throw the stone across the road right into campus and I was tempted to do that on numerous occasions just to release some personal pressure within myself. With my cousins and the neighbor boys, we played in Dunn’s Meadow, just to one side of the bell tower on campus. There was a small creek (which we were warned could drown us) called the Jordan River. We waded and fished with bent pins for fish we never caught. There were pawpaw trees along the path next to the campus wall, and we lay in the tall grass and had big dreams about the future and ate green fruit.

ON THE CARMICHAEL FAMILY’S BRIEF MOVE TO INDIANAPOLIS: I was too young to understand fully the feeling for Bloomington that was always with me, the compulsion to get back there, to take from Bloomington the security it offered: things I knew later were more fundamental than just happy kids and safe streets and broad meadows where you could run and roll panting in the thick cool grass as you gasped “Safe!” I felt there were things there that I must have, and the more my father scattered his hopes afield, the more I wanted to go back.

ON BALANCING HIS MUSIC WITH HIS LAW STUDIES: My campus capers and my band interfered with
my studies, but my academic efforts were serious and brain battering and of some consequence. That other side of me, the one that had been taught that security was synonymous with solidity, kept plugging away at the law course--too erratically to be called doggedly, but I showed some progress. Yet I had to admit, as I cracked a volume of Blackstone, or Holmes on Torts, that the band came first.

ON RECEIVING HIS DEGREE: And at last I won a law degree. I had it—a Latin Bachelor, on stiff, fancy paper—just right to frame and hang on the wall while waiting for clients. I had made it; what could I do with it?

ON HIS DECISION TO GIVE UP HIS LAW PRACTICE FOR HIS MUSIC: The feeling of good old days was upon me once again. I had music, friends, joy, and poverty. The real life. No pleadings except to plead with Bix to do that again on his horn. . . . So I finished off Hoagland Carmichael, Attorney-At-Law. R.I. P. Let him rest with all those sharks’ heads the artist Daumier has left us of lawyers’ faces.

ON WRITING STARDUST: I sat down on the spooning wall at the edge of the campus, and all the things that the town and the University and friends meant flooded through my mind in a sentimental banal but powerful, gulping of the past gone, of time consumed, of pleasures still in memory. I thought of Kate again . . . and Dorothy . . . I sat on the lovers’ wall alone, looked up at the sky, and whistled a tune that became Stardust. The demon of creation was stronger than love. Excitement held me. I ran to the Nook (the Book Nook, today’s Gables restaurant), fearful of spilling the tune, as if it were water carried in a hat.

"Got to use your piano, Pete."
"Sure. But—"
"Very important."
"Gotta close up. But I give you a few minutes."
The notes sounded good and I played till I was tossed out, protesting, still groping for the full content of my music.

If you would like to see the Carmichael book, just ask a librarian for assistance, as it is kept in the Rare Book Room. If you would like to learn more about Carmichael, walk over to the Archives of Traditional Music’s (201 Bryan Hall) Hoagy Carmichael Room, where, among other things, you can see his Law School Diploma.

Dick Vaughan
Acquisitions & Serials Control Librarian

GAMES, TOYS AND REGULATIONS

Have a little shopping to do in December for kids? A game is always a good gift, or maybe a toy would be more appropriate. A well designed game or toy is fun to give as well as receive. But if you’re a bit unsure of the meaning of “well designed,” here are a few suggestions and standards from some knowledgable sources.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission says: watch out for squeeze toys with small parts (16 CFR 1145.10). Ever wonder what is considered a “small part” by the Commission? The size requirements and test procedures can be found at 16 CFR 1501.4. Mechanical and safety requirements for bicycles can be found at 16 CFR 1512. Beware of those toy guns that look like the real thing. See 15 CFR 1150 for regulatory information and Y4.En 2/3:100-165 for a congressional hearing on the safety hazards of toy guns.

Here are a few toys that you don’t need to worry about purchasing since they have been pulled from the market:
- the “Golfing Gizmo”, a device intended to improve golfing skills, but was likely to cause injury during normal
use by entangling the golf club with the cord attached to the ball. (96 ALR3d 22, sec.33)

- an automatic baseball-pitching machine which could deliver an unexpected "crippling blow" to the user. (96 ALR3d 22, sec.33)

- a long-tailed aluminized kite which conducted electricity a little too easily. (CCH, Consumer Product Safety Guide, paragraph 7620.50)

Another issue which you might want to be aware of involves rating of video games for unusual levels of violence (Senate hearing Y4.J89/2:103-887).


The December display in the hallway immediately across from the Library focuses on government influence and regulation of the toy industry.

Marianne Mason,
Documents Librarian

RESEARCH IN COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

Constitutional law has always been an area of great interest to legal comparativists. Journals dedicated to the constitutional law of particular countries or regions of the world should be an important source of information and analysis for those interested in a comparative approach to this area of law. The Law Library has a number of titles that fall into this category, listed below by country or region.

Europe:

Bulletin On Constitutional Case-Law, 1993-. Published three times per year by the European Commission for Democracy Through Law, this title summarizes constitutional court decisions from all countries that are members of the Council of Europe, as well as some additional countries. The summaries are quite good, and provide cross references to related decisions. (KJC4444.52 .B85)

East Europe:

East European Case Reporter of Constitutional Law, 1994-. Published twice each year, this title reprints the full text of important constitutional law cases. (Periodicals)

Journal of Constitutional Law in Eastern and Central Europe, 1994-. (Periodicals) (IFLP)

Germany:

Archiv des Öffentlichen Rechts, 1911-. The leading German journal on constitutional law and public law in general. Emphasis is placed on Germany, and to a lesser extent on other German-language jurisdictions. (Periodicals) (IFLP)

France:

Revue Française de Droit Constitutionnel, 1990-. Emphasis is placed on France, and to a lesser extent on other countries, including non-francophone jurisdictions. (Periodicals)

Belgium:

Revue Belge de Droit Constitutionnel, 1994-. Includes articles and case notes. (Periodicals)

Pacific Basin:

Asia-Pacific Constitutional Yearbook, 1995-. (On Order)

Canada:

Constitutional Forum, 1989-. Includes short articles and case notes. (Periodicals)

National Journal of Constitutional Law, 1991-. (Periodicals)

Review of Constitutional Studies, 1993-. (Periodicals)

Supreme Court Law Review, 1990-. (Periodicals)

While these journals are the most likely to contain articles and cases relevant to comparative constitutional law, the
Library also has a number of journals dedicated to public law more generally. These journals also offer substantial coverage of constitutional issues. To obtain a list of these titles, the researcher should search in IUCAT using the following query:

s=public law--[country or region]--periodicals

Ralph Gaebler
Foreign & International Librarian

YOU WANT STATISTICS? WE’VE GOT THEM

A couple of weeks ago, Associate Dean Joe Hoffmann devoted his column in the Indiana Law Annotated to the arduous task of filling out the questionnaire for the U.S. News and World Report’s annual law school rankings as well as the questionable results from such a survey. Here in the Law Library, we too are asked to fill out a number of questionnaires in the course of the year supposedly designed to measure our worth and determine how we “stack up” compared to other law school libraries. To this end, we count virtually everything we do and are often judged (and ranked) by organizations such as the American Bar Association by the numbers we report. The following statistics are just a small sampling of the totals we reported in our most recent surveys.

Circulation desk employees checked out 47,737 items to users last year.

The Library is open 115 hours per week during the regular school year.

The Reference staff provided tours to 1,059 people.

37,352 pieces of microfiche were added to the collection.

Our Preservation staff constructed 487 protective boxes to house old and brittle books.

We have 230 CD-ROM titles available to our patrons.

Almost 14,000 hours were spent searching LEXIS and WEST LAW.

We received 3,913 requests for interlibrary loans from other libraries.

Our shelves hold 52,012 linear feet of books.

The Library has 723 chairs for you to pick from for your seating enjoyment.

435,989 people passed through the turnstile last year. That averages out to around 1,200 people per day. Apparently a lot of you are going back and forth every day!

So, should anyone want to judge our collections, our services, or even our chairs just by looking at the totals, we are ready for them.

Nonie Watt
Head of Technical Services

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.

LAW LIBRARY FINAL EXAM HOURS
December 7-20, 1996

With the two-week final examination period, the Library has changed its schedule and procedures in order to accommodate students’ needs.

The Library’s extended hours are:

Dec. 7 Saturday 8:00 am - 12:00 midnight
Dec. 8 Sunday 9:00 am - 2:00 am
Dec. 9-13 Mon.-Fri. 7:30 am - 2:00 am
Dec. 14 Saturday 8:00 am - 12:00 midnight
Dec. 15 Sunday 9:00 am - 2:00 am
Dec. 16-19 Mon.-Thurs. 7:30 am - 2:00 am
Dec. 20 Friday 7:30 am - 6:00 pm
WORKING THE HALLS

New Baby!

Congratulations to Professors Susan and David Williams, who became the proud parents of 8 lb. baby Sarah Jordan, on December 3rd. Susan and David also have a son, Benjamin.

New Faculty Publications:


Happy December Birthday to:

Professor Craig Bradley, on December 5th; Professor Lauren Robel, on the 8th; Jennifer Walker on the 2nd floor, on the 14th; Professor Ann Gellis, on the 22nd; and, Kris Skjervold in the Library, on the 29th.

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 2nd floor, on the 18th; Professor Roger Dworkin, on the 19th; Professor Alex Tanford, on the 23rd; Library Director Colleen Pauwels on the 25th; and, Professor Aviva Orenstein, on the 27th.

Hope you all have a great day!!!

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SEMESTER BREAK HOURS

Dec. 21-22 Sat.-Sun. CLOSED
Dec. 23 Monday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Dec. 24 Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Dec. 25 Wednesday CLOSED
Dec. 26-27 Thurs.-Fri. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Dec. 28-29 Sat.-Sun. CLOSED
Dec. 30-31 Mon.-Tues. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
January 1 Wednesday CLOSED
January 2-3 Thurs.-Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
January 4-5 Sat.-Sun. CLOSED
January 6-10 Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
January 11 Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
January 12 Sunday Resume Reg. Hours

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!