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IU LAW SCHOOL EXAMS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB

Are you tired of stalking the circulation desk for hours on end, only to discover upon its return that the frayed Tort’s exam folder is missing exactly the pages you need? Do you suffer from the deleterious effects of the blinking lights and noxious toner fumes of copy machines? Idle gossip no longer, the rumors are true! The IU Law School Exam File is now available online through the Library’s web site at a link under Library Services and Publications. You may also visit the Exam File online at the following address: <http://www.law.indiana.edu/exams/>

The online Exam File contains selected exams from the past 10 years. Exams will be added as they become available. In order to get this important service to you in time for this semester’s exams, some files are complete but some are not yet in their final format. You can print these exams from the convenience of your own home or from the Library computing facility. A downloading feature is forthcoming as well.

Accessible exclusively to IU Law School students and faculty, the Exam File is password protected. The Library will e-mail the password to you. However, if you forget the password or do not receive the e-mail, you can also contact me in the Library, and I will provide you with the necessary information.

SUMMER ACCESS TO WESTLAW AND LEXIS

Students taking summer classes or working on summer research projects can have their Westlaw and Lexis passwords extended for the summer. Student passwords are to be used for educational purposes only, not for law firm research. To extend the Westlaw password, fill out one of the forms available at the Reference Desk or fill out the online form, which is available at the following web site: <http://www.westpub.com/pswdextn.htm>. To extend the Lexis password, sign on to Lexis and select the CAREER library. Then choose the SUMMER file and complete the online registration form. Remember the laser printing options for both Westlaw and Lexis are tied to the printers located in the Permanent Learning Center of the Library, so use the attached printer option if you are working outside Bloomington.

Juliet Casper Smith
Electronic Services Librarian
PERRY AND THE MASON'S RETURN

For the sixth consecutive year, the Law Library sponsored a team in the Monroe County Public Library's VITAL Quiz Bowl. For those of you unfamiliar with this major media event (it's broadcast on BCAT), the quiz bowl is an annual trivia contest with its proceeds going towards supporting the library's adult literacy program. Ready for action, Perry and the Masons (otherwise known as Jennifer Bryan, Juliet Smith, Dick Vaughan, and Nonie Watt) competed in Round 1 against a group of alumni/youngsters from Harmony School. While we would prefer to think it was our vast wealth of accumulated knowledge coupled with the confidence maturity brings that gave us the edge in the contest, it was more likely the fact that we owned socks older than our opponents. In any case, not counting the legal questions which we bombed (no one told us to study the Amendments), we sailed through the first round, winning 120-65.

The second night found us pitted against One World Enterprises: managers from Lennie's and The Wild Beet, along with their captain, an admitted "hired gun" and alumnus of about a dozen championship VITAL teams. We should have known we would be in for a rocky night when the moderator turned to Perry and the Masons and asked, "So, are you all brick-layers, or what?"

Employing our new strategy, "Buzz first, think later", we got off to a quick lead but found ourselves faltering in mid-game. (Who would have thought Uganda was the world's leading producer of bananas?) As the final buzzer sounded, Perry and Company ended up on the short end of a 130-90 score.

On a more cheerful note, congratulations are in order for Professors Joe Hoffmann and Bob Heidt, members of the La Squadra Azzura (blue team?). They went on to play in the final round, ultimately going down in a heart-wrenching sudden death overtime. Their knowledge of zodiac signs and ballet terms was truly impressive and an inspiration to us all.

Nonie Watt
Head of Technical Services

SEARCHING FOR FOREIGN AND INTERNATIONAL LAW ON THE INTERNET

Today there are many ways to gain access to foreign and international law on the world-wide web, and a large variety of sites that make such law available. One that is particularly valuable is the For Int-Law site at Washburn University, which can be located through a direct link on the I.U. Law Library's home page. This site bears particular notice because it is well designed, quite comprehensive, and updated regularly.

For Int-Law is logically divided into two parts. The first is a list of the world's countries, grouped first by region. Once an individual country has been selected, the researcher will find a list of primary legal documents, such as statutes, constitutions, regulations, and case law. Following this is a list of information published by government ministries, information about programs sponsored by American law schools in the subject country, and a list of law firms practicing in the subject country that maintain web pages of their own.

Of course, the amount of material available depends greatly upon the country in question. For many countries, there is little more than the text of the constitution. However, a great deal of material is available for those countries which are either of great interest to American business (e.g., Japan, Viet Nam), or which themselves are immersed in the culture of the world wide web (e.g., Germany). Even for these countries, there is nothing like a comprehensive collection of primary sources. One usually finds a fairly arbitrary selection of statutes, some in translation, plus some statute summaries, judicial press releases, and in a few cases, the actual full text of high court opinions for recent years. For Int-Law is likeliest to be of use to those seeking recent, major statutory revisions, such as the German competition law or Japanese product liability law, which are still difficult, or impossible to locate in print, much less in English.

In addition to access by country, For Int-Law includes an index by broad subject categories, such as human rights and environmental law. Within this index the researcher...
will find a combination of national legislation and international instruments of various sorts.

All in all, For Int-Law does an excellent job of providing one-stop access to the law of all national jurisdictions and to international law. Of course, no single web site is completely comprehensive, and the researcher should not necessarily be discouraged if For Int-Law lacks the document he or she seeks. But For Int-Law should nevertheless be at or near the top of the list for anyone searching for foreign and international documents on the web.

Ralph Gaebler
Foreign and International Librarian

NEW & NOTEWORTHY:
That Which We Call A Rose - By Any Other Name Would Smell As Sweet...

If you can’t judge a book by it’s cover, maybe you can judge it by its title (then again, maybe not). I’ve always been someone who appreciates a book’s title - especially when it gives the reader an idea of what to expect inside. To me, a title like An Introduction to American Law: A Primer for Beginners is a perfect name for a book. On the other hand, I too can appreciate a publisher’s marketing department’s attempt to jazz up the title a bit in hopes of increasing sales (i.e. Gowns Gavels and Justice: An Inside Look at America’s Legal System). While the titles listed below (all acquired by the Law Library in 1996/97) aren’t necessarily “good” books, you do have to admit they have catchy titles. Enjoy your summer!


And of course, my personal favorite title of the year...


Dick Vaughan
Acquisitions & Serials Control Librarian
1997 marks the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson’s historic entry into major league baseball, breaking the color barrier that had existed for over 80 years. The team that Robinson played for was, of course, the Brooklyn Dodgers. This book, written by a history professor at New York University, covers the Dodgers final eleven seasons in Brooklyn beginning with Jackie Robinson’s entry into major league baseball, the heartbreak of Bobby Thompson’s “shot heard ‘round the world” home run in 1951, the Dodger’s only World Series triumph in Brooklyn (1955), and ending with the Dodgers leaving Brooklyn for Los Angeles at the conclusion of the 1957 season. During these eleven seasons, the Dodgers played in six World Series, led the way for the integration of major league baseball, and was recognized as the glue that held Brooklyn together. This book discusses all this in the context of the late 1940’s and 1950’s.

Professor Prince begins the book with the most significant event to occur during those eleven years—integration. His title for the chapter is “Integration: Dodgers’ Dilemma, Dodgers’ Response,” and it details the trials and tribulation that not only Jackie Robinson and other African-American ballplayers went through, but also what the entire team and organization went through. Prince documents how the racial baiting and ugly incidents did not cease after the 1947 season. The 1953 season had several episodes of extremely crude and vulgar behavior by other teams, including St. Louis Cardinal’s manager Eddie Stanky (who played with the Dodgers during the 1947 season) imitating an ape every time Robinson came to bat during a game on August 30 at Ebbets Field. The justice in this particular incident occurred during the 7th inning. Robinson was injured and struck out to lead off the inning, with Stanky pulling his ape act in the Cardinal’s dugout. The Dodgers then responded by scoring 12 runs in the inning, crushing the Cardinals by the score of 20-4. Stanky was force to make two pitching changes during the inning, having to walk out and back to the pitcher’s mound twice while the Ebbets Field crowd made their feelings for him known with boos, catcalls, and Hankies waving in his face. As Prince puts it, “it was a Dodger moment; it was a Brooklyn moment. This one time, a crude, frontal racial assault by the Cardinals had been met with the brute force of Dodger bats.” [p. 15]

Additional chapters discuss such topics as the political culture (“Reds and Dodger Blue”), the rivalry between the Giants, the Yankees, and the Dodgers, the baseball culture of the female and child population of Brooklyn, and just how the Dodgers became the one thing that everyone who lived in the ethnically diverse borough could identify with. Professor Prince points out that the feeling was that Brooklyn was not a part of the real New York; after all it was the New York Yankees, and the New York Giants, but the Bums were the Brooklyn Dodgers. Prince speculates that perhaps this is the reason the move from Brooklyn to Los Angeles proved to be so devastating to the borough.

The final chapter of the book is titled “The Outer Edges of Dodger Memory” and it discusses how even nearly 40 years after the Dodgers left Brooklyn, their memory lives on. Prince examines the two personalities he feels have survived symbolically: Jackie Robinson and Walter O’Malley (the owner who moved the Dodgers). Prince shows how Robinson’s reputation went down during the 1960’s, began to rise after his death in 1972, and today has reach the level of legend for both baseball and integration. O’Malley on the other hand, is as roundly hated today in Brooklyn as he was 40 years ago. Prince concludes the book by stating that “The very extremes of memory that Jackie Robinson and Walter O’Malley together offer up
suggest the degree to which the town and team were one. There is no discernible charisma attached, for example, to the old Boston Braves, or the late Philadelphia Athletics, to name two examples. Yet the Brooklyn Dodgers, nearly forty years after the team ceased to exist, carry a national reputation as pioneers in worlds well beyond professional baseball." [p. 147]

I found this book to be a fascinating discussion of baseball and Brooklyn of the late 1940's and 1950's. It was easy to read and also extremely thought-provoking. The ugliness of the racial incidents reveals some of what Jackie Robinson was forced to endure, and yet Professor Prince presents the opinion that Robinson was not necessarily the saint he is sometimes portrayed as being. The discussion of what Brooklyn was like and why the move was so crushing to the spirit of the borough was also fascinating. This book is at the Main Library, and I highly recommend it.

Michael Maben, Cataloging Librarian

SUMMER READING PLEASURE

With finals just about over, perhaps you’ve thought about escaping into the world of fiction this summer. Now, there are many web sites featuring an assortment of books on-line, and Bibliomania is one of them. Bibliomania has an ever-growing selection of the classics, with such titles as Emma, Wuthering Heights, Lord Jim, The Pickwick Papers, Jude the Obscure, A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man, Phantom of the Opera, Billy Budd, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, and Anna Karenina, as well as the complete works of Lewis Carroll and the complete shorter fiction of Oscar Wilde. Walt Whitman’s Leaves of Grass is featured in the poetry section as well as the collected poems of William Blake. Also, a major English-French /French-English Dictionary is on it’s way to the reference section. Booklovers: to find a site with a multitude of links to electronic book and text sites, point your browser to <http://www.awa.com/library/omnimedia/links.html> Happy Reading!

The Suggestion Box

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

Suggestion: Keyboards for express email are slimy and gross. Clean them please.

Response: We have a student worker who is attempting to clean all of the keyboards. However, it has been a slow process because it is hard to find a time when the express email stations are not in use! Thanks for your suggestion.

Suggestion: Computer Room doors. Unlock them/don’t require use of id.

Response: If we did this, I do not think you would be happy with the results! Our computer rooms are not public clusters, but are limited to law student use only. We have a large number of non-law students and members of the public who use our collection. If the doors were unlocked there would be nothing to prevent those patrons from also using the computer labs, putting a greater strain on the limited facility. Prior to the system we now use, law students had to check a key out from the circulation desk. I believe the id system is much simpler and more convenient for law students.
~WORKING THE HALLS~

Happy May Birthdays to the following people:

2nd       Rebecca Jones
3rd       Ralph Gaebler and Dawn Polaski
5th       Kelly Townes
6th       Susan Stuart
10th      Alysa Rollock
16th      Amy van der Vliet
19th      Jeanne Brown
20th      Fred Cate
22nd      Don Gjerdingen

And in case you forgot to wish these April Birthday’s a happy day, congratulate them on being a year older!

7th       Pat Baude
8th       Kim Bunge
13th      Linda Fariss
17th      Rob Fischman
23rd      Juliet Casper Smith
25th      Jan Turner and David Williams
28th      Val Nolan

WELCOME!

To the following new Law School Staff Members:

Lynn Glaze, Senior Faculty Secretary, 3rd Floor. Lynn began working here on St. Patrick’s Day.

Joanna Broderick, Faculty Secretary, 2nd Floor. Joanna joined the law school March 31st.

NEW ARRIVALS!

Congratulations to Cindy and Brian Smith, who became the proud parents of Abbey Jean on Sunday, April 13th. Abbey arrived weighing 7 lbs. and 10 oz. and was 21 inches long. This is their first child.

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS
June

2nd       Robbin Spoonamore Hubbard
3rd       Kathy McCarnes
4th       Adrian Allen
20th      Cindy Smith
22nd      Jennifer Bryan
26th      Sarah Hughes
27th      Jean Janisse

July

1st       Lisa Farnsworth
2nd       Amy Cheek
6th       Stephen Akard
7th       Fred Aman
9th       Ann Likes
12th      Sophia Goodman, Susan Williams and Mary Michelle Yager
18th      Perry Hodges and John Scanlan
25th      Marianne Mason
26th      Ken Dunn
27th      Steve Johnson

August

5th       Beth Plew
6th       Gene Shreve
15th      Len Fromm
16th      Steve Conrad
17th      Seth Lahn
19th      Dale Calabrese
19th      Ed Greenebaum and Jeff Stake
27th      Sherrilyn Lawrence, Harry Pratter and Cynthia Reichard
29th      Karen Miller

LAW LIBRARY
FINAL EXAM HOURS
APRIL 26-MAY 9, 1997

APRIL 26 SATURDAY       8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

APRIL 27 SUNDAY          9:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.

APRIL 28-MAY 2 MONDAY - FRIDAY 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.

MAY 3 SATURDAY          8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

MAY 4 SUNDAY            9:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.

MAY 5-8 MONDAY - THURSDAY 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.

MAY 9 FRIDAY            7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.