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THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA LAW LIBRARY

Law Library Fine Amnesty

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WHAT A DEAL! You can cancel a debt *and* do a good deed at the same time! For the benefit of the Northeast Georgia Food Bank you may bring one can of food per \$1 or fraction thereof to have the fines you owe canceled. Bring the cans to the Circulation Desk between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., April 10 - 20, 2000.

Between April 5 and 10 Circulation Staff members will put in your message box a letter telling you the amount of fines you owe. If you have books that are overdue and have not been returned, you must return the books before participating in the fine amnesty.

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After April 20, the library will send the names of all persons who have not participated in the fine amnesty or paid the fines to Associate Dean Paul Kurtz. Dean Kurtz will have their records flagged until any unreturned books are returned and fines are paid.

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Test Your Skills! Win Stuff!!

To celebrate National Library Week (April 9-15), the Library staff has devised several contests of research skill. We will conclude one contest each day, Monday, April 10 through Friday, April 14, and the five winners will receive prizes such as free library copy cards and reserved seats in the Library. The contests are open to all currently enrolled, full-time students of the Law School. And no, the Reference Librarians won't help you with these!

The various competitions will include such challenges as guessing the number of years of service of the entire Library staff and the 'Great Librarians of the Movies Quiz'. Your entries must be in writing, must include your name (one entry per student, please), and must be presented to the Circulation Desk **no later than midnight** of each respective contest day. Should there be multiple correct entries for a contest, an impeccably fair and impartial judge will select the winning entry from a hat.

Be sure to watch the Library's display window near the entrance for contest questions and details.



Using GLIN to Research Foreign Law

Anne Burnett

If you seek a foreign law, GLIN may be one of your first stops. GLIN, or the Global Legal Information Network, is a cooperative, electronic legal-information exchange program aimed at bringing authentic, up-to-date, foreign law material to Congress and to partner legislatures in other countries. Project directors from partner countries contribute material to the Law Library of Congress, which has been designated "GLIN Central." Look for GLIN at http://lcweb2.loc.gov/law/GLINv1/GLIN.html.

At this time, only contributors to the database (generally, government representatives) have access to the full text of the documents contained in GLIN. However, anyone can search the database of summaries for useful bibliographic information including a full title, date, title of official publication in which the document is printed, status, and related legal writings. With this information, the researcher not only identifies existing laws on a subject but is also better equipped to track down the full text of these laws.

Researchers can search numerous fields, including country, subject terms, title of legal instrument, date of issuance, date of publication, instrument class and instrument number. The subject terms are "controlled," meaning that only designated subject terms are used. A thesaurus of designated subject terms is available at http://lcweb.loc.gov:8082/servlet/lexico.

Sample search: Entering "Brazil" in the *country* field and "MERCOSUR" in the *subject term* field retrieves summaries for 32 documents, ranging in date from January 1998 to December 1999. The subject terms are hyperlinked, allowing the researching to jump to other documents assigned the same subject term.

The site also includes the *Guide to Law Online*, an annotated hypertext guide to free, online, worldwide sources of information on government and law. The Guide contains sections on the United States, Nations of the World, and Multinational & International Legal Sources.

UGA Exams on the Intranet

As the semester winds down toward exam time remember that, in addition to the old exams available at the Circulation Desk, we also have a site on the Law School intranet for previous-year exams. The address is http://www.lawsch.uga.edu/intranet/exams/. There aren't as many online exams yet, but the collection is growing, particularly among the first-year courses. And you don't have to wait for other students to check them in!

UGA Computer Ethics Policy

Carol Watson

All law students who use computing resources at the School of Law must comply with the Computer Ethics Policies of the University of Georgia. These policies apply whether you are using your Arches account or simply surfing the Internet using library computers. For more information on these policies visit http://www.uga.edu/compsec/. At this website, you can even take a computer ethics quiz to test your knowledge of UGA policies.

Computer Ethics at Georgia Summary of Policies Last Revised January 3, 1997

The University of Georgia is committed to free and open inquiry and discussion, fair allocation of University resources, and the provision of a working environment free of needless disruption. To advance these goals, the University has adopted policies on computer usage that are summarized here and stated in detail elsewhere. Most of these policies follow from pre-existing regulations, agreements, and/or laws. They fulfill a Board of Regents directive requiring adoption of explicit computer security and ethics policies.

- Like all University facilities, University computers and computer
 networks are to be used only by persons authorized by the University, and only for University purposes. University purposes include
 the educational programs of the University, as well as its research,
 administrative, and outreach activities. Use of University facilities
 for other purposes requires prior authorization.
- No one shall give a computer password to an unauthorized person, nor obtain another person's computer password by any unauthorized means whatsoever. No one except the system administrator in charge of a computer is authorized to issue passwords for that computer. Disclosing a password to an unauthorized person can be a crime under Georgia law.
- No one shall engage in, encourage, or conceal from authorities any "cracking," unauthorized tampering, or other unauthorized use or deliberate disruption of computers.
- No one without specific authorization shall read, alter, or delete any other person's computer files or electronic mail, even if the operating system of the computer permits them to do so.

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- Users shall not place confidential data into computers without protecting it appropriately. The University cannot guarantee the privacy or authenticity of computer files or electronic communications unless special arrangements are made.
- No one shall copy or use software or data in violation of copyright laws, license agreements, or the basic requirements of academic honesty.



- Users shall take full responsibility for messages that they transmit through the University's computers and network facilities and shall obey the policies of discussion forums in which they participate. Laws and rules against fraud, harassment, obscenity, and the like apply to electronic communications no less than other media.
- Those who publish World Wide Web pages or similar information resources on University computers shall take full responsibility for what they publish; shall respect the acceptable-use conditions for the computer on which the material

resides; shall obey all applicable laws; and shall not publish commercial advertisements without prior authorization. References and links to commercial sites are permitted, but advertisements, and especially paid advertisements, are not. Users shall not accept payments, discounts, free merchandise or services, or any other remuneration in return for placing anything on their web pages or similar facilities.

• Those who administer computers and network facilities shall perform their duties fairly, in accordance with University policies, and shall refer all disciplinary matters to appropriate authorities.

Violations of these policies incur the same types of disciplinary measures as violations of other University policies or state or federal laws, including criminal prosecution in serious cases.

Staff News

Cataloging Assistant
Anna-Marie Soper and
Tom O'Rourke have
announced that they will
be married on September
2 at Anna-Marie's
mother's house in Duluth,
Georgia.

JoEllen Childers recently spent ten days in Cincinnati, Ohio at a CARS Information System training program, learning strategies for implementing the Law School's new administrative database.

Anne Burnett presented a program on law librarian exchanges at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries, held in San Juan, Puerto Rico in late March.

Larissa Bosma recently returned from a trip to Israel, and Jim Sherwood spent Spring Break looking at plants in Cornwall, England.

While most of us on the library staff occasionally reshelve a few books, the people who keep the tables clear and the books in their proper spots are "the shelvers" — Jana Jeanette, Parker Hudson and Frances Jones. These three UGA undergraduates work part time to make it possible for busy library users to spend their time doing research.

Jana Jeanette has worked in the Library since June, 1998. She grew up "all over" and has lived at various times in Texas, California, Arizona, Tennessee and now Georgia. A junior in Public Relations, she plans to continue her studies in graduate school and hopes ultimately to work for a charitable organization.

Jana's already putting her charitable inclinations to work. Currently training for a Leukemia Society of America marathon in Anchorage, Alaska, in June she will run to benefit an Athens child who has leukemia. The race is part of a national program to train 26,000 athletes and raise some \$65 million for patient aid, research, community service and education programs. Jana will be happy to accept contributions; get in touch with her directly or contact her through Reference Librarian Maureen Cahill.

Parker Hudson III is that *really tall* person you see working in the Library. The 6'6" Atlanta native has worked in the Library for over a year, and he likes people, cooking, hiking and camping, sports, music and the *New York Times*. A sophomore majoring in Microbiology and Genetics, Parker looks forward to doing cancer research and perhaps going to medical school to further that goal. But he also has a notion that he might prefer to study the culinary arts and become a chef!

Our newest shelver is Frances Jones, from Lilburn, Georgia. Fran is a senior in Music Performance majoring in violin, and she has occasionally treated the Circulation Staff to an impromptu recital. She really likes the music school because it's a "built-in family" (and her fiancé is a musician, too), but she will likely shift her focus to healthcare. Before enrolling in a Physicians Assistant program Fran is considering an Emergency Medical Technician license because she would like a chance to "see some blood and guts" before graduate school. In the long tern Fran wants to work with medical missions; she has already worked in Nicaragua and in Homestead, Florida after the hurricane there.



Law Library Welcomes New Staff Member

The Law Library is pleased to welcome a new staff member. Douglas Hutcheson has just assumed the position of Serials Assistant in the Acquisitions Department, filling the vacancy created last fall when Alex Bernet returned to graduate school.

Born in Vidalia, Douglas grew up in Appling and Toombs counties. He graduated from UGA in 1997 with a major in English and a minor in religion. Since then he has done some freelance writing and substitute teaching, as well as serving in the varied roles of reporter, photographer, copy editor and columnist for the Press-Sentinel of Jessup, Georgia.

Douglas particularly likes to write, with poetry as his major interest. Recently he has also begun to write songs, which connects writing with his other main interest: music. Douglas plays banjo, flute, recorder and harmonica, and he has amassed a collection of various flutes and recorders. Among his favorites are several Choctaw flutes and a prized German tenor recorder, and he recently acquired a didgeridoo from Australia. He also enjoys playing the shakuhachi, a Japanese vertical bamboo flute with five finger holes, and with this instrument he has been studying the Zen musical practice known as *suizen* ("blowing zen").



Library Hours

Regular Hours:

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - Midnight Saturday - Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Midnight

Spring Semester

Through April 20 Regular Hours

April 21 - May 14 Regular Opening Hours
Closing Hours: 1:00 a.m.

May 15 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Friday, May 16-19 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday, May 20 (Graduation) 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 21 CLOSED

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