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The University of Georgia Law Library

Staff Focus: Rosie Fitzgerald

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In the movies, if you have a ghost problem, you call Ghostbusters; if a train is about to hit you, you call Superman; but in real life and at the law school, when you have a facilities problem, you call Rosie. Whether it be new paint for the bridge, new batteries for the clocks, a slippery floor, lights out, doors locked, temperature too hot or too cold, one needs to call Rosie. Rosie Fitzgerald is our building supervisor. She has an excellent working relationship with the people from Physical Plant; therefore, when Rosie calls, they send someone immediately.

Rosie Fitzgerald came to the University of Georgia in 1989 working nights at the Main Library. She later transferred to Brooks Hall. In 1995 Rosie came to the Law School. She spent a year in Florida helping her Mom and returned to the Law School in early 1998.

Rosie has one son, David, who lives in Normal, Illinois. She has two daughters, Larriane (Normal, IL) and Bonita (Port Charlotte, FL). She has four grandchildren and anticipates the arrival of another in August. Rosie lives in Colbert and has, as she puts it, "one fat cat" named Boots.

Rosie is a very positive person and is always willing to go the extra mile to help us. She says she is a very fortunate person because her mom, age 86, is still quite active and mentally very sharp. Of her mother Rosie says, "she is a beautiful person."

When asked what she liked most about the Law School, her answer surprised me. Her answer, "the students." She says the students get a bad rap and not enough is written about all the good things the students do. She would like to see more positive reporting on student activities.

Rosie says, "The students help to keep you young. We have quality students and we should be proud of them. They take the time to speak and seem genuinely interested in other people. I am very fortunate to work around such good kids."

We at the Law School are very fortunate to work around a quality person like Rosie.

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Harry A. Blackmun, Justice of the United States Supreme Court, 1970-1994

Please take a moment to view the Law Library display honoring former Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun, who passed away in early March. The UGA School of Law had a special relationship with Justice Blackmun: two of our professors served as his law clerk. They offer the following:

Professor Anne Dupre: I think the Justice would have been very pleased at the library's display. Many of us have been inspired by Justice Blackmun's dedication and his quiet dignity. I hope the display helps those who look at it get some further sense of this truly fine man.

Professor Dan Coenen: Others will remember Justice Blackmun for his influence on the law. I will remember him for his personal qualities — his humility, his extraordinary self-discipline, his warmth toward others, and his steady willingness to give of himself.

Interlibrary Loan: Make it Work for You!

Although the UGA Law Library is a major legal research center, there are times when our patrons may need to borrow materials from other libraries. If one of the other campus libraries does not have the item, the item may be available through Interlibrary Loan (ILL). ILL is a network of participating libraries throughout the world who lend materials to each other. The UGA Law Library is an active participant in ILL, and our high volume of lending and borrowing keeps Circulation Manager Myrtle Miller hopping.

To submit an ILL request, please ask for a form at the Circulation Office. Although Myrtle works hard to fill as high a percentage of your ILL requests as possible, it is not always possible to fill every request. For the best use of the ILL system, please bear in mind the following:

The desired item may not be available from any other libraries.

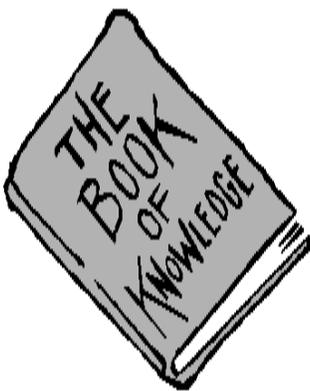
It may take 2 to 3 weeks to obtain a desired item from a library that is willing to loan it, so please submit your requests as early as possible.

Some libraries charge a lending fee for some items.

Lending libraries are likely to reject a request that is confusing or that requires their ILL office to guess at what you want; therefore, **fill out the form completely and accurately**. A Reference Librarian will assist you in locating accurate bibliographic information.

Please check the Main Library's online catalog, GALIN, to see if they have the desired item **before** you submit your ILL request. For assistance in using GALIN, please see a Reference Librarian.

If you found the citation to the item through a periodicals index or similar source, please print out a copy of the bibliographic information and attach it to your ILL request.



OCR Software Available in Computer Lab

We have purchased a copy of OmniPage Pro for the scanning workstation in the Annex Computer Lab (the scanning workstation is adjacent to the Help Desk). OmniPage Pro lets you scan any document and convert it to editable text and graphics. OmniPage Pro is one of the leading optical character recognition software packages and offers a high degree of accuracy, but be forewarned, you will still need to carefully proofread scanned documents. Which brings me to my next point...



Save, Save Often and Save in Different Places

...so you won't have an emergency request for scanning software. This is the time of year when many students are working on writing requirements, take-home exams, theses and other valuable documents. Each semester, someone approaches the Help Desk in tears with a bad diskette. Remember that diskettes may seem indestructible but they are actually quite sensitive. Don't save the only copy of your thesis or writing requirement on a diskette that you shove in and out of your backpack every day. Make back-up copies of your important documents on more than one diskette. Also, be sure to handle and store diskettes carefully.



Exam Anxiety? Try the CALI Exercises for Relief

As exams approach, everyone's anxiety seems to increase. If you'd like to test your knowledge and reassure yourself, try the CALI exercises. The CALI exercises are interactive computer exercises. They are available on the PCS in the Law Library computer labs. To run CALI lessons, click on the CALI icon on any of the lab PCS.

If you don't want to run the CALI exercises in the lab, you can copy the CALI lessons from the CALI web page. Visit the CALI page at <http://www.cali.org>. Before downloading exercises, you will be prompted for a password, which can be obtained at the Reference Desk (542-6591).

CALI lessons are available in many subject areas including Civil Procedure, Commercial Transactions, Contracts, Corporations, Employment Law, Evidence, Intellectual Property, Legal Profession, and Property.

Exams on the Web!

Some UGA Law School Exams are now available via the Web at <http://www.lawsch.uga.edu/intranet/exams/index.html>. This Web site can only be accessed from within the Law School.



Library Hours

Please note that the Law Library's hours for the entire academic year are posted on the Web at <http://www.lawsch.uga.edu/lawlib/hours.html>



Regular Hours:

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - Midnight

Saturday - Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Midnight

Upcoming Hours:

March 15 - April 19 Regular Hours

April 20 - May 9 Regular Opening; Closing at 1:00 a.m.

May 10 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Worthy Web Sites

Georgia General Assembly (<http://www2.state.ga.us/Legis/>)



If you're wondering what happened to a particular bill during the Georgia General Assembly's recently completed 1999 legislative session, look to the GA's official site for a status summary and much more, including the full text of bills, the names of the legislators introducing each bill, code sections amended, and much more. Search by bill number or keyword or see all the bills introduced by a particular legislator. The site also provides archived legislative information back to 1995.

JURIST: the Law Professors' Network (<http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/>)

This online forum for law professors is receiving accolades from around the globe. Launched at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, JURIST now has mirror sites in the United Kingdom and Australia. Researchers will find commentary and discussion on "hot" legal topics as well as numerous links to domestic and international legal Web sites. Currently of interest is JURIST's "Legal Guide to the Kosovo Conflict" at <http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/kosovo.htm>. In late March, JURIST collected Kosovo-related questions via e-mail for posting to the professors of the Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade, who agreed to be interviewed. Subject to continued connectivity with Belgrade, readers will be able to comment on the Belgrade professors responses. JURIST hopes that this exchange will "foster direct and productive dialogue between the international and Yugoslavian legal communities at this time."



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