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LAW LIBRARY NEWS

Info from the University of Georgia Law Library

From the Director



Prof. Ann Puckett

The staff of the UGA Law Library welcomes all new and returning law students. We hope your use of the library is pleasant and successful. It will be if you memorize the one cardinal rule of library use: if you don't find what you want, **ASK!** To make asking convenient, we put the Reference Desk near the entrance to the library where you can't miss it (visual cue: foot-high all-caps sign reading REFERENCE). It is staffed most of the hours the library is open, and you can call the reference librarian on duty if you cannot come to the library in person (542-6591). All the professionals on the staff have advanced degrees in law, library science, or both. We all know secrets about this library and about legal research that took years to learn -- and we don't charge a penny extra for teaching you our secrets.

We ask that you observe a few standards of conduct that will make using the library more pleasant for you and your classmates. Food and drink residue attract insects which stay to eat the books. *Please, go outside the library to eat and drink.* Smoking is prohibited in all UGA buildings. We also prohibit the use of smokeless tobacco in the Law Library because, well, the spitting just makes us nauseated. *Please keep unnecessary noise to a minimum in study areas.* We have designated the first floor of the Annex for ultra quiet study where all talking is banned; in other areas, if you find it necessary to talk to classmates, professors, librarians, etc., in furtherance of educational purposes, do so quietly. *Please reshelve the books you use if you are certain you know where they go. Hiding or hoarding library materials is unethical conduct and could lead to disciplinary action.*

Those who were here last year will notice some changes. The copy room is now larger and much more conveniently located. It's in the glass walled room across from the Circulation Desk. We also put the hole punch, staplers, and other assorted office gadgets in there where you have more room to work. A brand new added computer lab has been built into what was formerly a librarian office, Room 274. It has several Pentiums that will even play audio CD's (we've ordered ear phones, but you have to bring your own CD's). This year we hope to rehab the old computer lab to make it into a better computer classroom. It will still be available as a lab when not in use for teaching. Upstairs where the old copy room was, we are putting low bookshelves for an informal book exchange. It will be primarily for leisure reading, but feel free to leave your old casebooks

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there if they don't sell in the bookstore (or if you're philanthropically minded). For those of you who like a peek behind the scenes, go see the new library staff offices on the first floor of the Annex where faculty offices used to be. The technical services departments (those unsung heroes who order, process, pay for, check-in, and catalog all the library materials) were relocated from scattered locations on two floors of the main law library building.

By the end of this calendar year we expect to have completed GAVEL, the Law Library's on-line catalog. Right now, just about half the library's records are in GAVEL, so you need to check the card catalog if you don't find what you want in GAVEL. We are also undertaking a massive shifting project to make room for new and reclassified materials on the shelves. In the long run, the result will be a more logical shelving plan, but in the short run, you will probably experience some frustration locating materials. I end this column as I began it: if you don't find what you're looking for, ask.

Best wishes for a wildly successful year!

Name the Newsletter Contest

Now is *your* chance to win our undying gratitude (and some prizes) by naming the very newsletter you are holding in your hands (or reading on your monitor...).

Who can enter?

The contest is open to anyone except members of the Committee of Judges.

Who decides?

The Committee of Judges will select the winning entry. The members of the Committee of Judges are:

Anne Burnett, Foreign & Int'l Law Librarian and newsletter editor
Adrienne Howard, Law Student
Prof. Paul Kurtz, Associate Dean
Kathy Pharr, Law School Communications Director
Prof. Ann Puckett, Law Library Director
Carol Watson, Computer Services Librarian and former newsletter editor

How to Enter

Submit entries to Anne Burnett, Office A205 (2nd Floor Annex) or via e-mail to aburnett@uga.cc.uga.edu

Judging Criteria

The Committee of Judges will select the winning entry based on its originality and the degree to which it conveys the spirit of the Law Library and the purpose of the newsletter.

Prizes

In addition to fame and admiration, the person submitting the winning entry will receive a law library mouse pad, UGA visor, and a home-baked cake from Public Services Librarian Sally Curtis AsKew.

Deadline

The entry deadline is 5:00 p.m., October 7, 1996. The winner will be announced in the October newsletter.

Staff Focus

by Heather Turnbull



**Greg Howard,
Computer-Guy**

“Where’s Greg?” “Has anyone seen Greg?” “Greg, there you are. I am having this problem printing from...” He is tall, wears glasses, and has a goatee. He is Greg Howard-computer guy. He usually replies: “Hmmmmm,” “Seems odd,” or “One problem at a time.”

Greg is a student in the Computer Science department here at UGA, but as hard as he works for the Law Library, he might as well be a full-time staff member. This summer Greg worked long hours with Computer Services Librarian, Carol Watson, to relocate many computer work stations when the cataloging and acquisitions departments moved to the Annex. He has also been instrumental in setting up the new computer lab on the main floor, all the while performing his regular duties of trouble-shooting staff computers, maintaining lab and staff equipment, and assisting students in the existing annex computer lab.

Does he have a life outside the Law Library? Greg is married to 2nd year law student Adrienne Howard. Before coming to school here, he earned a B.A. in English Lit at the University of Alabama at Huntsville. He says he plays guitar in his closet often, and in Huntsville he was devoted to writing songs for his band. When asked why he chose to go back to school, he replied, “I felt like I had neglected the math and sciences,” adding that he really enjoys the computer science field. This fall, Greg will be chairman of the Association for Computing Machinery here on campus.

During the year that Greg has worked in the Law Library, he has noticed some criticism of the computer lab, especially in the infamous “comment book” which sits at the entrance to the library. Greg’s response: “Legitimate complaints with signatures are expected...I understand that people need a place to vent. We are doing the best we can with the staff and budget we have...we get no support [financially] from UCNS [University Computing & Networking Services).” Greg offers two helpful hints to lab users: 1) **pay the printer *before* sending your print job to the laser printer**; and 2) **scan computer disks *before* typing anything**. Greg’s hours vary around his class schedule, but one of the easiest ways to contact him or the other lab assistant, Jeff Wood, is by e-mail: goward@uga.cc.uga.edu or jeffwood@uga.cc.uga.edu.

Computer Lab Survival Tips:
Save early & save often
Check diskettes *before* using ‘em
Pay laser printer *before* printing

CyberPage: Home Pages & Training Opportunities Abound

by Carol Watson

DO YOU HAVE A WEB HOME PAGE?

Some law students who have developed their own web pages are linked on the Law School web page. If you have your own web page and would like to have it linked on the Law School web page, please e-mail the URL to cwatson@uga.cc.uga.edu.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION WEB PAGES

If you are a leader in a law student organization or publication, you may wish to consider having your organization develop and maintain a web page on the Law School web server. There is a handout available which describes the steps in creating a web page. If you'd like a copy of the handout, contact Carol A. Watson, Computer Services Librarian, Law Library Annex A204, 542-7365, cwatson@uga.cc.uga.edu. Be sure to include your name and student mailbox number if you request a handout via email.

CONTAC AND WWW CLASSES

Have you ever noticed your classmates cruising the web on the Main Floor PCS and wondered what they were doing? Have you wondered how they did it? Come to an Intro WWW class and you can be cruising the web too. These 30 minute classes are for students who have never surfed the web and would like a basic introduction to the rules of the road.

Have you signed up for a CONTAC account, but haven't really used your account? Or have you used your account but still have questions? Sign up for a basic CONTAC class and get some of your questions answered.

Sign-up sheets will be posted on the door of the lab in the Annex. Please sign up if you plan to attend the class. Also, if you are signing up for a CONTAC class, be sure you allow enough time for your account to be activated. It takes 7-10 days from the time you turn your form in at the Circulation Desk for your account to be activated.

9:30 a.m.	Tuesday, September 24	WWW Intro
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9:30 a.m.	Thursday, September 26	CONTAC Intro
10:30 a.m.	Thursday, September 26	WWW Intro
2:30 p.m.	Monday, September 30	WWW Intro
3:30 p.m.	Monday, September 30	CONTAC Intro
2:30 p.m.	Thursday, October 3	CONTAC Intro
3:30 p.m.	Thursday, October 3	WWW Intro

Building Update

by Carmen Urdanivia

As the administrative secretary for the Law Library, I constantly work with the building supervisor and other university departments to meet the challenges of keeping the Library a safe, pleasant place to be. During the last year, we have accomplished several goals, including cleaner study rooms, hallways, and offices, a better distribution of the space, and the establishment of communication channels to expedite work requests and problem-solving.

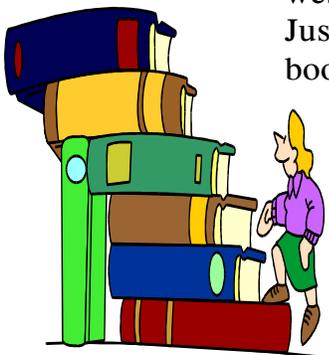
We still are facing challenges stemming from our commitment to serve you better. A recurring suggestion by our patrons as stated in the Comment Book (by the entrance to the Law Library) relates to air conditioning in both the main building and the Annex. We are striving to keep it regulated as much as possible, considering that we have old equipment, such as the air conditioning unit in the main building.

Your comments and suggestions are among the first steps to problem-solving in the upkeep of library settings. Your understanding when some time is needed to work things out, and your cooperation in keeping the library a nice, safe place to study and work are appreciated.

Bring Some Books, Take Some Books: Informal Exchange on Third Floor

No check-out cards. No due dates. No fines. No card catalog. What kind of a library collection is this?

It's the new, very informal, book exchange on the third floor of the library (old copy room). The exchange is open to all law school students, faculty and staff. Now you can rid your cluttered bookshelves at home of all those oft-read Harlequin romance novels and fill up on some juicy murder mysteries or a spine-tingling thriller or a nostalgic western or the latest get-rich-and-thin-quick plan or...you get the idea. Just leave any books you'd like to donate on the shelves and take any books that interest you.



JANGLE!TM
 THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Jeremy Larsen

Unscramble the four words below.

UGEJD



RTOST



UCROT



IGANSS



...then use the circled letters to discover the final answer, as suggested by the cartoon to the right...



Why the current-events minded young man decided to go to law school--



The above puzzle was created for your enjoyment by library staff member Jeremy Larsen. Thanks, Jeremy! The solution will appear in the next issue of the newsletter.

Scanner Now Available in Computer Lab

We used the new scanner in the Computer Lab (Annex) to scan Jeremy Larsen's "Jangle Puzzle" (above). The scanner is easy-to-use and available to all law students. If you have a document or image you'd like to scan, please bring a formatted floppy disk and follow the instructions taped to the scanner's lid.

This newsletter is a publication of the University of Georgia Law Library. Please send all contributions and comments to:

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