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From the Director

by Prof. Ann Puckett

The UGA Law Library of the Future

I get a big kick out of folks who assure me I don't need to worry about running out of space in the law library because any day now "everything will be on the Internet." Those folks are dead wrong, but you sure can't convince them of that. One professor from another department actually cited Star Trek as his authority for the proposition that books will disappear! I didn't have the heart to tell him Star Trek is fiction.

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The fact is, book collections in academic law libraries are continuing to grow, although the rate of growth has slowed somewhat in recent years. And I do need to worry about space, because our library is already out of space. Lack of space is not just a problem for those of us who work in the library, it affects library users too. Have you ever searched several different locations for a book before giving up and asking a reference librarian to help you find it? [Author's note: you should have asked a reference librarian earlier, but that's a subject for another column.] One reason finding books in our library is so difficult is that keeping them in logical sequence on the shelves requires more staff hours than we can afford to devote to shelving, because the shelvers must move old books, sometimes whole sections and ranges of old books, to make room on the shelves for new books. As a result, over the years the shelving plan of the library has become ever more confused. A KF classified book may be on the balcony or in the basement; a bar journal may be in one of three locations; state secondary materials are in the basement, while state primary materials are in the Annex; and so on. The student who described our shelving plan as "Byzantine" was right.

So what can we do? Well, we are already doing it. The last couple of years have been spent in a deaccessioning project. That's "library-ese" for getting rid of books we don't need. About 10,000 volumes of duplicates and superseded materials have been deaccessioned. It's important to note that the deaccessioning project did not remove unique information from the collection; we have added to the total number of titles but reduced the total number of physical volumes. Now that we have some room to maneuver, we are creating a shelving plan that will put materials in more logical relation to each other. In all likelihood, we will move nearly every book in the collection. This reshelving effort will be planned for a time when it will not interfere with classes, and we'll give you plenty of notice, but steel yourself for some frustration until you figure out the new plan. To quote another student, "You need to shelve books in this library so mere mortals can find them." Good advice. That's just what we're aiming for.

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Name-the-Newsletter Contest Extended

Take a momentary break from outlining and let your imaginative side take over! Set aside those Martindale Hubbells for a few seconds and give your creative wheels a spin! It could save you \$10 in photocopying costs. In order to allow for more participation and entries, the "Name-the-Newsletter Contest" has been extended and a prize added. The new deadline is 5pm, December 15. In addition to the prizes listed in the September newsletter (home-made cake, UGA visor, law library mouse pad, fame, undying gratitude), we are now offering a \$10 CopiCard!

The contest is open to anyone except members of the Committee of Judges (see September newsletter). We'll be looking for a newsletter name that best captures the spirit of the law library and the purposes of a newsletter. Turn your entries into the box by the telephone near the Circulation Office, or the box in Anne Burnett's office (A20 - Annex), or via e-mail to aburnett@uga.cc.uga.edu.

ARCHES Accounts Now Available

*by Jeff Wood,
Lab Asst.*

Electronic mail, or "e-mail," was the first and is still the most popular use of the Internet. For law students everywhere e-mail has become an indispensable, worldwide communication tool. E-mail service for law students previously was provided through CONTAC, a mainframe-based, not so user-friendly system, but now the easy-to-use ARCHES e-mail system is available.

ARCHES is a UNIX account that is the swiss army knife of e-mail accounts, as not only does it connect you to worldwide e-mail, but it also provides access to OASIS for registration, telnet, FTP, and text-only web browsing, plus personal Web space for your own home page. All of these services are available from the ARCHES main menu.

In the Law School Computer Labs, ARCHES e-mail is available through a very friendly user-interface that allows the user to just point and click their way to sending e-mail. ARCHES is definitely the wave of the future in ease of use. Signing up is just as easy. Go to <http://www.arches.uga.edu> and click on Arches Information. Follow the instructions and in less than 5 minutes the account is ready for use. For help, please see Greg, Jeff, or Steven in the computer lab.

Credit Card Readers for Copiers/Printers

We regret the problems we have had with the credit card readers in the Copy Room and the Computer Lab. We are working with the company providing the service to try to fix the problems.

Staff Focus

by Heather Turnbull,
Circulation Mgr.

If you have ever wondered what goes on in the offices on the first floor of the annex, continue reading. This area is designated for the law library's technical services department, where new books, periodicals, and other library materials are processed for patron use. Orders are placed, materials are received, records for these materials are created, and then the materials are integrated into the library's collection.

One staff person who helps this exciting process along is Jeffery Satterfield. Jeff's main responsibility is communicating with vendors and placing orders for new books. Book orders are determined by Mr. Pages, the library's associate director, and by faculty and student suggestions. Checking in new books, periodicals and videotapes are among Jeff's duties. Everyday he backs up the Innopac system, which includes the library's online system, GAVEL, as well as the library's day-to-day technical service transactions.

Jeff holds an A.B.J., with an emphasis on newspapers, from the Henry J. Grady School of Journalism. While in college he worked a few quarters as theater critic for *The Red and Black*. The position with the *R&B* did not pay, but had its perks, such as free admission to shows. Nevertheless, Jeff realized he had an "absolute contempt for the journalism field," and decided against pursuing a career in news media; he came to the library in 1987.

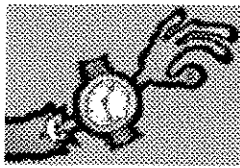
His passion for English Medieval history led him to return to school, where he completed graduate work in UGA's history department. J.R.R. Tolkien is among Jeff's favorite authors, along with an assortment of other English writers, such as G.K. Chesterton and P.G. Wodehouse. He has a large book collection in his home, but he admits to being a movie buff as well. He claims, "I prefer old movies to new ones." He could also be considered a "cat person," as he has four: Mickey, Dexter, Aloysius, and Toulouse.

Jeff's office-mate Ann Smith says of him, "He is easy-going and witty...if there were anyone I would share an office with, it would be him." And they do share a typical acquisitions office. Books on carts and shelves eagerly awaiting processing, order forms, piles of paper, and the Dilbert Decision Maker are all present. It may be hard to find him in there, but Jeff plugs away daily, readying the materials that the legal community holds so dear. "When doctors make mistakes, people die," he jokes, "but I when I make a mistake, lawyers lose cases."

Typewriters Now in Copy Room

Two typewriters now reside in the Copy Room for your convenience in filling out forms, typing envelopes, etc. We have arranged to acquire a supply of the uncommon typewriter ribbons required by these machines - please ask at the Circulation Desk if you think a new ribbon is needed.

Upcoming Library Hours



In addition to special hours over the Thanksgiving holiday, the Law Library will operate under extended hours from late November through mid-December. Please make a note of the following changes from the library's regular hours:

November 19 - 26: regular opening hours, closing at 1am

November 27: 8am - 5pm

November 28: CLOSED

November 29 - December 15: regular opening hours, closing at 1am

December 16: 7:30am - 5pm

New Library Staff

The newest faces in the Law Library belong to Jamilah Foxworth, Amanda Tonge, and Leslie Madden. Welcome to all! **Jamilah Foxworth** is the new Administrative Secretary and can be found in the Annex in Office A203. A newlywed, she moved to Athens in October from Columbia, South Carolina, along with her new husband and her 9-year old son. In addition to years of secretarial experience and training, Jamilah is currently in her 14th year in the Army Reserve. **Amanda Tonge** is the new half-time Cataloging Assistant. She is a UGA junior majoring in History (with a possible double major in Classic Lit) and is considering law school in a couple of years. Her work experience includes a stint at the Waycross College Library. **Leslie Madden** brings valuable education and experience to a temporary position in the Circulation Office. She has an M.A. in English Lit from Virginia Commonwealth University and an M.S.L.S. from the UNC - Chapel Hill. In addition, Leslie has worked in both academic and law firm libraries. Among her recent life adventures, Leslie spent the summer of 1995 in China with her husband, Bill, who is earning a doctorate in Comparative Lit (Asian) at UGA.

New Format for Web Pages

If you haven't checked the Law School's WWW pages lately, give 'em a look! Carol Watson, Reference/Computer Services Librarian, has updated the pages. They're now formatted in frames, providing more flexibility and increasing their attractiveness. In addition, the pages are searchable: see the easy-to-use search form on the home page at <http://www.lawsch.uga.edu>.

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