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"HAPPY THANKSGIVING"

LIBRARY HOURS

The Law Library will observe the following hours during Thanksgiving week:

Monday-Tuesday, November 25-26
Wednesday, November 27
Thursday, THANKSGIVING, Nov.28
Friday, November 29
Saturday, November 30
Sunday, December 1

8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
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1:00 P.M.-12:00 P.M.

These hours are subject to change if circumstances warrant it. The hours for library service or any changes there are posted on the hours boards at the entrance to the Main Building and on the 2nd floor of the Annex as you come off the bridge.

INFOTRAC DATABASE SYSTEM

The Law Library has obtained on a 60 day trial basis, the Infotrac/Legaltrac videodisc database from Information Access Company. The system is a videodisc storage unit which may be accessed through a computer terminal using Library of Congress Subject Headings, authors names, case names or statute names. The database consists of bibliographic references to over 500 journals beginning in 1982. The material is the same coverage as the paper Current Law Index. It is not the full text of the journal articles. The system is located in the Annex on the 2nd floor in Room A211, the Audio-Visual Room. It can be used from 8:00 A.M. to 8:30 P.M. daily, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, and from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Sunday.

The Library is very interested in your reaction to this system. Please let us know what you think about this new system.

COPICARDS

There are several issues regarding the copicards for use with the photocopy machines which the staff would like to bring to your attention.

- 1. Sale Hours: Copicards can be purchased in denominations of 100 or 200 copies in the Circulation Office, Monday-Friday between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.
- 2. Lost Copicards: Please be careful when using your copicard. Copicards are not individually marked. If you leave your copicard in or on the

photocopy machine, it is impossible for us to identify it as yours. Remember to take your copicard with you when you finish your photocopying.

3. Return of USED Copicards: When you have used the number of copies available on the copicard, please return it to the Circulation Office.

STAFF CHANGES

Mr. James Whitehead will join the staff of the Public Services Department on November 1, 1985. Mr. Whitehead is a graduate of the Law School of Tulane University and holds a Ph.D. in library science from the University of Pittsburgh. He was formerly Law Librarian at William and Mary and has been active in Library Science education for the past number of years.

"2 FREE HOURS" OF WESTLAW

The West Publishing Company is offering 2 free hours of WESTLAW use as a "graduation gift" to law students under the following conditions.

Any "WESTLAW Certified" graduating law student will be entitled to receive two (2) free hours of WESTLAW usage after graduation provided the student meets the qualifications set out below. For purposes of this offer, "WESTLAW Certified" means a student:

- is a graduate of an ABA Accredited Law School
- has completed reading WESTLAW For Law Student
- has completed training with WESTRAIN, the on-line training course or the Computer Assisted Instruction diskette on WESTLAW Query Formulation
- has previously conducted at least one hour of WESTLAW research
- has received a signed and approved WESTLAW Certificate redeemable for two (2) hours of WESTLAW usage after graduation and before December 31, 1986

The WESTLAW certificates can be used through December 31, 1986. They are nontransferable and are for use only by private or commercial WESTLAW subscribers. The certificates may not be used by public terminal or government subscribers.

To participate in this program, a student must obtain a verification form form the Circulation Desk beginning November 8th to be filled out by the student attesting to the fact that they have completed the reading and training as required. The forms are then turned into the library.

The library will certify that one (1) hour of WESTLAW research has been completed. In order to do this, the library will require that students sign on to WESTLAW using their surname in full not just initials. We can then check the names against our monthly usage reports.

After the library completes the forms, they will be processed by the Placement Office for forwarding to West. In turn, the use certificates will be available from the Placement Office.