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New Features from Computing Services

The Computing Services staff have been busy this fall. In addition to readying the Law School for the inauguration next semester of the new wireless network, they have recently announced a number of website enhancements and other changes in the technological services offered to the law community.

To begin with, the Law Library can now offer to students and staff the services of a new Hewlett-Packard color printer and a new scanner. For the price of 25 cents per page, students working at any terminal in Computer Labs A211 and A212 can choose to print on our first color printer. The Lab will provide normal printer paper, but students may bring in photo or heavy gauge paper for better quality prints.

The scanner is the well-reviewed OmniPage Pro 11, an OCR program with significantly improved accuracy and other features; with this program, users can convert paper articles or PDF files into word-processing files. Remember, scanned files can't be saved on the Lab computers, and for longer files it will be helpful to bring in a Zip disc which compresses the files to hold about 100 times as much material as a normal diskette.

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Both printer and scanner are located in Lab A211, and if you have questions be sure to ask one of the Help Desk workers or, if they are busy, check with Jim Henneberger in Room A207.

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Computing Services also has three laptops computers which can be checked out by faculty and by students (with faculty permission) for class presentations. To reserve one of these, contact Patrick Ulam at 542-5070.

Many in the law school community have discovered the Calendar of Events now available on the Law School's website. In fact, there are four calendars — the general law school calendar as well as three more specialized calendars for Alumni, Legal Career Services and Student Activities. Now, it's easy to submit new events to the Student Activities calendar: From the Law School homepage at http://www.law.uga.edu, click at the bottom of the page on *Complete Calendar of Events*, then on *UGA Master Calendar* (http://db.uga.edu/mastercalendar/), then on *Submit an Event*. Once there, just fill out the form and, when you're done, click on *Confirm* to send it.

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Another new web form allows us to reserve classrooms and other law school venues via the Internet. Found at http://www.law.uga.edu/facstaffstu/roomres.html, the Room Reservation Request Form lets you submit a reservation request directly to the registrar's office, provided you send it at least 48 hours in advance of the event. For shorter deadlines, contact Linda Dudley at 542-5123.

Finally, after some recent problems with ARCHES the Computing Services staff remind us that we can check on the operational status of the system by going to the ARCHES homepage at http://www.arches.uga.edu/ and clicking the *Check ARCHES Status* tab. If the site displays a red light, it means that ARCHES is down and no services are available. And you can get explanations of recent problems (if you can understand them) by clicking on the *Unscheduled Outages* link.

Watchable Websites

Acronymfinder.com - http://acronymfinder.com

It's a simple enough thing, this site, but when you need it, it's useful. Acronymfinder defines nearly a quarter of a million of those pesky acronyms that threaten to take over the world; just type in an acronym or abbreviation and this database gives you several possible definitions.

JurisNotes - http://www.jurisnotes.com

This site offers a number of resources related to intellectual property law, including collections of articles by practitioners and IP news items from around the world, a valuable page of IP links, and access to the newsletter Intellectual Property Notes, which is available for two months without charge.

Internet Archive - http://www.archive.org

This non-profit group, in collaboration with the Library of Congress and the Smithsonian Institution, is building an extensive library of archived Internet sites, and it has now opened the first parts of the collection to the public. The site is free and, among the 10 *billion* pages archived since 1996, you have to the chance to find that great old website you lost three years ago!

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Fran Norton to Marry

Reference/Special Collections Librarian Fran Norton is getting married!

The whirlwind romance began earlier this year in Minneapolis, where Fran met Christine Todd at the annual meeting of the American Association of Law Librarians. Before long they met again downriver and were forthwith engaged. Their wedding will take place in the courtyard of the St. Louis Hotel in New Orleans on December 8.

Christine finished high school in Louisiana and earned a bachelor's degree at Sarah Lawrence. Since taking a degree in library science at LSU, she has become the Head Librarian for Access Services at the Tulane Law School Library. Her favorite things are dance and living in the Crescent City, and she has performed with a modern dance troupe in New Orleans.

For those of you who don't already know Fran, he has been with the Law Library since 1997. Prior to that, he graduated with a degree in English from Notre Dame in 1986 and from the UGA School of Law in 1989. He worked at the Georgia Prisoner Legal Counseling Project until 1996; then, after obtaining his M.L.I.S. degree from the University of South Carolina, Fran became a full-time law librarian in 2001.

By the way, Fran asked us to mention that their silver pattern is "Queen Elizabeth I."

We hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday vacation, but if your vacation will include some time in the Law Library, please be sure to take note of the irregular Library hours on the back page!



Library Hours

Regular Hours:

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

November 23 - December 11 Regular Opening Hours

Closing Hours 1:00 a.m.

December 12 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

INTERIM PERIOD: December 13, 2001 - January 9, 2002

Thursday - Friday, December 13 - 14 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 15 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 16 CLOSED

Monday - Friday, December 17 - 21 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

December 22, 2001 - January 1, 2002 CLOSED

(Christmas & New Year's Holidays)

Wednesday - Friday, January 2 - 4 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 5 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 6 CLOSED

Monday - Tuesday, January 7 - 8 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SPRING SEMESTER: January 9 - May 15, 2002

Wednesday, January 9 - Friday, January 19 Regular Hours

Saturday, January 19 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 20 CLOSED

Monday, January 21 (MLK Holiday) 6:00 p.m. - Midnight

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