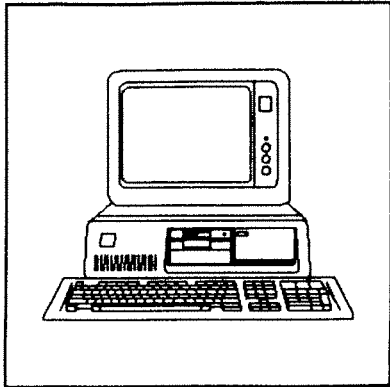


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Word Processing Lab Upgraded!!

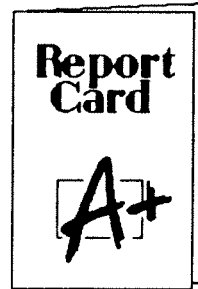
The computers in the Wordprocessing Lab in the Law Library Annex have all been upgraded. The Law Library has provided students with new Dell computers with 386sx chips to use for word processing. All of the computers have 3.5" floppy drives. Two of the computers also have 5.25" drives. Many of you may remember that the old computers in the lab were slower than a herd of turtles. The new Dells operate at a blazing 25 Mhz. You'll notice the difference immediately.

Each of the wordprocessors has WordPerfect 5.1 loaded on the hard drive. Additionally, each of the computers has a virus protection and cleaning program which automatically checks your floppy disks for viruses. If the virus program detects a virus on your disk, there is a menu option for cleaning the virus off of your disk. PLEASE USE THIS OPTION IF A VIRUS IS DETECTED!!

On computer number 9 in the lab, we have loaded an upgraded copy of CITERITE, the bluebooking program. The latest upgrade covers the 15th edition of the Bluebook. Do not confuse this program with the LEXIS CITECHECK program. CITERITE checks citations in

documents that have been wordprocessed (preferably with WordPerfect) to ensure that citations are in the correct Bluebook format. A copy of the CITERITE manual is available at the Circulation Desk if you need assistance using this program.

In addition to the CITERITE manual, Using WordPerfect 5.1 is also available at the Circulation Desk. Unlike the WordPerfect manual, this guide to WordPerfect is written in English that everyone can understand. This book is highly recommended for students who are having problems with WordPerfect.



LEGAL RESEARCH TIPS: PERIODICAL INDEXES

Legal periodicals provide analysis of current legal issues, historical research, and citations to other sources. Topics range from scholarly essays in academic law reviews to "how to do it" articles in bar journals. The legal researcher looking for legal periodical articles can choose from a variety of print and electronic sources:

Index to Legal Periodicals - published by the H.W. Wilson Co. covers periodicals from 1908 to the present. Anyone doing retrospective research should be aware that different *ILP* volumes through the years have had different features. In general, one can expect to find an author/subject

index; an alphabetical table of cases listing decisions which have been the subjects of law review notes; and a book review index. Since 1980, *ILP* also contains a table of statutes listing articles discussing particular statutes. *ILP* is available on both Lexis and Westlaw.

Legal Resource Index began publication in 1980 and covers over 700 legal periodicals. *LRI* uses Library of Congress subject headings with extensive subheadings and cross-references. *LRI* contains many of the same features as *ILP*. One added feature of its book review coverage is the assignment of "grades" based on the degree of favor expressed in the review. The information in *LRI* is available on Westlaw and Lexis. The index is found in the LGLIND file on Lexis under the LAWREV library and the LRI database on Westlaw.

Shepard's Citations provides a number of access points to legal periodical articles. The state, not regional, *Shepard's* generally covers any law reviews and bar journals published within the state, as well as 19 major law reviews and the *ABA Journal*. *Shepard's Federal Law Citations in Selected Law Reviews* cites to law review articles since 1973 discussing federal sources. Unfortunately, there is no section for citations to the West *Supreme Court Reporter*; therefore, coverage of Supreme Court decisions is limited to citations appearing in the *U.S. Reports* (which is approximately 2 years behind in publication). Finally *Shepard's Law Review Citations* is also a helpful publication since if a researcher is interested in a particular law review article, it is possible to locate decisions and other law review articles which have cited the article.

Legaltrac is a cd-rom computer system covering the same periodicals as the *Legal Resource Index*, but also includes indexing of the following legal newspapers: *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, *Legal Times*, *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, *National Law Journal*, *New Jersey Law Journal*, *New York Law Journal*, and *Pennsylvania Law Journal-Reporter*. The *Legaltrac* is located in the Law Library Annex and is very simple to use. *Legaltrac* is updated

monthly.

Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals indexes over 300 periodicals primarily from countries outside the common law system. It is a very useful place for any researcher to begin work on an international law problem.

Finally, DON'T FORGET, if the Law Library does not subscribe to a particular legal periodical in which you have located an article, you may always request the article from Interlibrary Loan at the Circulation Desk.



LEGAL LITERATURE SECTION

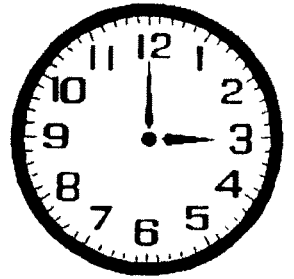
Public Services Librarian Cecilia Cleveland reviewed the following book from the Legal Literature section of the Law Library and offers the following recommendation:

Praying for Sheetrock by Melissa Fay Greene

Travel to coastal Georgia in this wonderfully written tale of corruption and power in McIntosh County. Ms. Greene skillfully untangles the web of politics in McIntosh County during the time that the Poppell family reigned as sheriff. This true account describes the dynastic rule of the Poppel family and the profound effect it had on the people of McIntosh County. Get to know Thurnell Alston. Learn of his attempts to bring racial justice to this rural county. Ms. Greene ably brings to life the sights, sounds, smells and people of this coastal Georgia county. Disappear for awhile. Get to know the people of this county and their struggle to change the status quo.

LAW LIBRARY THANKSGIVING HOURS

MONDAY, NOV. 23	7:30 A.M. - MIDNIGHT
TUESDAY, NOV. 24	7:30 A.M. - MIDNIGHT
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25	7:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, NOV. 26	CLOSED
FRIDAY, NOV. 27	CLOSED
SATURDAY, NOV. 28	9:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.
SUNDAY, NOV. 29	RESUME REGULAR HOURS



EXAM PANIC!

Students preparing for finals may be interested in knowing that the recent volumes of Law School Exams are kept at the Reserve Desk. Older bound volumes of exams are shelved in the Southwest corner of the basement to the left of the basement fire door.

This is the time of year when nerves become frayed and tempers flare. Please try to keep all conversation and noise to a minimum. The Library staff has received complaints about the noise level in the Main Reading Room.

The Library Staff understands that many students increase their intake of caffeine during exam time. However, PLEASE DON'T bring your soft drinks and coffee into the library. Remember: no one ever intends to spill their drink.

DID YOU KNOW...

...that the Law Library maintains a collection of briefs filed in the Georgia Supreme Court? These briefs are arranged by citation within the *Georgia Reports*. We even have briefs for judgments affirmed without opinion.

...that the Law Library is a select depository for the European Community? Documents from the EC are on the third floor of the Law Library Annex.

...that the Law Library also has a collection

of briefs filed in the United States Supreme Court? These briefs are in microform. To access them, you should have the case name, citation and docket number.

...that the Law Library has a collection of United Nations documents? The collection is located on the first floor of the Law Library Annex.

...that the Law Library has a collection of faculty writings? All books and periodical articles by UGA law faculty are collected and stored in the glass shelving on the main floor of the Law Library Annex.

...that the Law Library is a select government documents depository? The government documents collection is on the first floor of the Law Library Annex. Indexes are shelved at the end of the collection.

Tired of struggling with boring law review articles? Try one of the following for a little humor:

How not to Succeed in Law School, 100 Yale L.J. 1679 (1991).

Law Review and the Modern Mind, 33 Ariz. L. Rev. 265 (1991).



**WESTLAW STUDENT REP
TRACY O'CONNELL**



**LEXIS STUDENT REP
GEORGE CREAL**



**LEXIS STUDENT REP
JEANNIE TIMMONS**

The hours of the Westlaw and Lexis student representatives are posted in the Westlaw and Lexis room. In addition to the library staff, the student reps can answer your questions and help when the printers run out of paper and ink.

WESTLAW IS NATURAL:WIN

Westlaw has developed a new search protocol for locating case law. Instead of using Boolean logic (and, or, /s, /p, etc.), searchers may use plain English. For example you may enter the following query in the district court database:

When is a copyright abandoned?

or you may try the following:

Is a successor corporation liable for the clean-up of hazardous waste?

How does WIN work? WIN uses an artificial intelligence program to process your queries which are written in plain English. When you enter your query, WIN completes the following steps:

1. WIN processes the query, removing common words such as *is* and *for*.
2. WIN identifies legal phrases and puts them in quotation marks.
3. WIN's stemming program generates variations of terms in your descriptions, such as *defame*, *defamed* and *defaming* for *defamation*.
4. The legal phrases and the remaining terms -- which are considered the concepts in your description -- are each given a weight:

-The more often a concept appears in the database, the less weight it is given.

-The more often a concept appears in the document, the greater weight it is given.

5. WIN retrieves the 20 documents that are most likely to match your description. These documents are ranked according to the probability that they match your description, from most likely to least likely.

WESTLAW's NATURAL LANGUAGE system will be available to law students on November 18, 1992. Watch the bulletin boards in the WESTLAW and LEXIS room for more details.

LEXCITE FEATURE

Many students are unaware of the LEXCITE feature of Lexis. LEXCITE retrieves cases and other documents which makes reference to a particular cite.

For example if you wanted to update the Shepard's display for *Pacific Mutual v. Haslip*, 59 U.S.L.W. 4157 (1991). First choose the appropriate library and file (GENFED;COURTS). Next enter the cite in the following format: *lexcite(59 uslw 4157)*. Remember to place parentheses around your cite. LEXCITE will provide citations to the *Haslip* case as recent as 3 hours old for U.S. Supreme Court cases and within 48 hours for many other courts.