PLANS UNDERWAY FOR LAW LIBRARY RENOVATION

by Brian Raphael, Assistant Director of the Law Library

The Information Technology Center and Law Library is planning a major renovation project that will result in enhanced technological capabilities and other improvements designed to benefit our students, faculty, staff, and other Library users.

Among the functional improvements that are being planned are a new wireless network allowing students to access the increasing number of online resources from all carrels and study tables in the Library, additional tables in the main reading area, a redesigned student Computer Lab, a larger Computer Classroom and Video Room, and study rooms that can accommodate larger groups of students. To enhance the aesthetics, comfort, and use of technology in the Library, we will be installing newly designed study carrels, tables, and chairs as well as new carpeting throughout the Library.

In order to make room for additional study spaces and expanded facilities, the Library will replace some of its fixed shelving on the second floor with high-volume (compact) shelving. (The shelves will be able to be moved electronically.) The Library’s bound journal collection and second floor classed materials will be kept in the new compact shelving area.

A large portion of the funding for the renovation project is being provided by the Hugh and Hazel Darling Foundation, which has been a strong supporter of California law libraries for more than a decade. Additional major funding is being provided by Mrs. Matilda Barnett and Walter F. Pettit. (The Information Technology Center is named for Mrs. Barnett and her late husband, Gabriel Barnett.) The George A.V. Dunning Foundation, a longtime supporter of the Law School and Law Library, is also providing funding for this project.

The major portion of the renovation will begin in the Summer of 2002.
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STAFFING CHANGES

NEW HIRE

Jennifer S. Murray joined the Law Library’s reference department as a Research Librarian in February. Jennifer received her B.S. (in Political Science with a French minor) as well as her J.D. from Arizona State University. She will receive her Masters in Library Science this May from the University of Arizona. While in law school, Jennifer was a legal writing instructor and assisted students with computerized legal research as a student representative for Westlaw. After graduating from law school, she practiced law in the areas of domestic relations and employment law. Jennifer worked at the University of Arizona Law Library before coming to USC.

DEPARTURES

William Smith, Research Librarian, left the reference department at the end of March to take a position as Deputy Chief Counsel of the United States Senate Judiciary Committee’s Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts.

Julio Vazquez, Circulation Assistant, also left USC at the end of March and has moved to New York. Julio intends to start law school in the Fall of 2002.

EXAMS IN THE LAW LIBRARY AND ON THE WEB

Previous law school exams are now available for purchase at the Circulation Counter. Remember that you can also borrow these exams at any time from the library for two-hour periods or access them on the web (by first selecting “law library” from the USC Law School Home Page and then linking to “Exams on the Web”). Online, you can search for exams by professor or course name.

LAW LIBRARY HOURS DURING FINALS & SUMMER

For the benefit of students studying for exams, starting April 27, the Law Library will be open until 11:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays until exams end. (Remember that Leavey Library is open for even later studying.) Starting on May 12, we will begin our summer hours:

  Monday - Friday:  8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
  Saturday:  9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
  Sunday:  10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Everyone has experienced some degree of frustration when that one volume of a law review, needed for cite checking or research, is unavailable. While LEXIS and Westlaw may provide the full text of an article, there are some instances when library users prefer to see the actual issue. A new online product recently purchased by the library, Hein-On-Line, provides scanned images of law review pages, particularly useful for citing purposes.

Hein-On-Line, available from any USC P.C. (or from your home computer via the PPP software), provides page images of 58 law review titles and nearly 1.6 million pages. While this collection may not seem as substantial as other online resources, the William S. Hein Company continues to add titles from many of the top law schools, including the USC Law School, and adds at least 190,000 pages per month to this database. Employing crews to scan seven days a week, Hein hopes to increase the number of pages available on Hein-On-Line to over 3.5 million by year’s end.

Initially developed as a resource for pre-1980 law reviews (too early to be available on LEXIS and Westlaw), some journals, such as the University of Chicago and Cornell’s main law reviews, are accessible on Hein-On-Line up through the 2000 issues. Currently, Harvard Law Review is available from v.1 (1887) to v.110 (1997). Other significant law reviews are accessible within the database, and coverage varies from title to title. Volumes of our own law reviews will be available on Hein-On-Line in the coming months.

Recently, the library has added direct links to Hein-On-Line in the library catalog to indicate when a title is available within this database. Users will see the message “Access volumes via Hein-On-Line,” which they can click on to see the full text of available issues.

To access Hein-On-Line, merely use the link on the library web page or go directly to the URL http://heinonline.org; then click on the subscribers link and gain access to this increasingly valuable collection of materials. No password is necessary! Users may search this full text database by author, citation, keyword, journal title or article title. Especially handy is the search by citation feature found on the initial search page. More information on searching and a general help page is accessible at <heinonline.org/HeinDocs/Using%20HOL.htm>.

After searching and finding the requested article, Hein’s interface provides icons at the top of the page allowing searchers to jump to the table of contents for that journal issue. This table of contents is linked to take users directly to each article. Additional icons at the top of the display screen allow movement from section to section or page to page within the issue, making it easy to browse.

Users may also select from three different image sizes for easier on screen reading or hard copy printing. Hein-On-Line prints to any attached printer and results may be sent to users via email.

So, the next time you find yourself looking for a law review, consider pointing your browser to Hein-On-Line. Since their collection is growing every day, check back again soon and that elusive journal may have been added to the database since your last visit.

If you have any questions about searching this product or functionality, please consult with a research librarian.
THE DOHENY LIBRARY
by Hazel Lord,
Head of Access Services

The venerable Doheny Library building will reopen its doors to the public in August 2001 upon the completion of an extensive seismic retrofit. Some part of the book collection, which has been in storage since the Fall of 1999, will return to the building, while approximately 90,000 of the lesser used materials will remain in the storage facility and be paged on request.

The newly configured Doheny collection will emphasize the social sciences and humanities. The lower level, to be dubbed the Arts Corridor, will house the Cinema/TV Library and the Music Library. Several of the main floors will house archival material, such as the extensive Los Angeles Regional History Collection. A final decision has yet to be made on the location of the Government Documents Department, which may move permanently to the VKC Library. For further developments, log on to the Information Services Division Home Page at http://www.usc.edu/isd/.

DISTANCE LEARNING AND VIDEO CONFERENCING AT USC
by Darin Fox,
Assistant Dean for Information Technology and Computing Services

This spring, the Law School is offering its first ever distance learning course. History of American Law is a shared course between the USC and UCLA law schools and is being taught by Professor Ariela Gross of USC and Professor Clyde Spillenger of UCLA. Students from USC and UCLA attend class at their respective schools and communicate with each other and with the instructors via real-time video conferencing equipment at both locations. Our video conferencing equipment is connected to the instructional technology already built into our Law School classrooms. So, the USC students see the UCLA students on our big projection screen located at the front of the room. Powerpoint slides, web pages, and video tape are also transmitted to both locations. This video conferencing equipment is capable of transmitting over an internet connection or dedicated data lines, and it is also capable of multi-point video conferencing where up to four locations can simultaneously communicate. This equipment will also be used in the future for student interviews, guest lectures and meetings. The video conferencing equipment was provided by a generous donation from the George A.V. Dunning Foundation.
NEW ONLINE CATALOG
SEARCHING CAPABILITIES
by Wendy Nobunaga, Head of Cataloging

The Law Library is proud to announce the new “Search Library Catalogs” web page. Besides providing access to the web version of the Law Library’s online catalog, ADVOCAT, the page features the new Z39.50 protocol, which allows you to access other library catalogs using the same interface as ADVOCAT, as well as the ability to search selected library catalogs simultaneously, with search results presented in a combined list.

What does this mean for you?

From our new “Search Library Catalogs” page, you have the option of simultaneously searching all 3 USC library catalogs (Law, Main Campus, and Health Sciences) with the same user-friendly interface as found on ADVOCAT. With this feature, there won’t be a need to go back and forth between library catalogs to find out what titles are available at USC. In a sense then, the Law Library has created an integrated University online catalog.

This page also allows you to search other Z39.50 library catalogs simultaneously. For example, you can search all 3 USC catalogs and both the Yale and NYU catalogs with one search.

For selective libraries (such as the Harvard University libraries and the British Library) that do not have the Z39.50 protocol, the Law Library has created direct links via the World Wide Web to their catalogs.

To access the “Search Library Catalogs” page, go to innopac.usc.edu (or from the USC Law School Home Page, click on “law library” and then “Search Library Catalogs”).

ACCESSING SCHOLARLY JOURNALS
ONLINE THROUGH JSTOR
by Brian Raphael, Assistant Director

JSTOR is an online archive of over 150 scholarly journals covering a number of different disciplines, including History, Economics, Philosophy, Political Science, Literature, Education, Finance, Sociology, and Science. Plans are underway to add additional titles to JSTOR over the next three years.

Unlike LEXIS and Westlaw, JSTOR provides the actual page images of the articles as they appear in the print version, with the pagination, footnotes/endnotes, pictures, and graphs/charts all fully intact. Consequently, printouts from JSTOR look exactly like clean photocopies from the original publications. Additionally, the full text of the articles on JSTOR are searchable. The search engine is somewhat different than the engine on LEXIS and Westlaw, though it’s fairly easy to use.

Coverage is quite extensive for many of the journals contained in JSTOR. For many titles, coverage goes back to the late 1800s or early 1900s. (In fact, one title, Philosophical Transactions, is archived back to 1665.) On the other hand, under the licensing arrangement JSTOR has with the various journal publishers, the most recent volumes are not included on JSTOR (i.e., there’s generally a time lag of at least a few years before the articles get online).

Because JSTOR provides the page images from the print version of the journals, it serves as a useful resource for both research as well as cite-checking purposes. JSTOR can be accessed from anywhere on campus or from home via the PPP software. You can find it at www.jstor.org or link to it from the USC Electronic Resources web page. Additionally, if a JSTOR journal is available in print at a USC library, there will be a link to JSTOR in the record for that journal on the USC online catalog.
The following is an annotated list of web sites that contain useful resources and information pertaining to legal ethics and professional responsibility. We hope that you find these sites helpful as research tools and in keeping you current on the latest trends and developments in this area of the law.

ABA Center for Professional Responsibility [http://www.abanet.org/cpr/home.html] is maintained by the American Bar Association’s Center for Professional Responsibility. The web site offers a downloadable version of the reports of the ABA’s Ethics Commission, which is an excellent way to learn of recommended changes to the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct. It also provides free on-line access to headnote summaries for recent Formal Opinions of the ABA's Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility. Another useful item on the web site is its Annotated Links to Other Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility Pages, which can direct you to the rules of professional conduct for all 50 states.

ABA Professional Responsibility Publications Index [http://www.abanet.org/abapubs/profresp.html] provides an exhaustive listing of all ABA publications dealing with professional responsibility. Referring to the site will ensure that you have the most up-to-date version of specific ABA publications.

FindLaw Ethics Index <www.findlaw.com/01topics/14ethics/index.html> is an excellent compilation of electronic information regarding legal ethics. By starting out at this web site, the user can link to numerous legal ethics articles on the web as well as web sites for organizations dealing with ethics. Of particular interest to students would be the professional responsibility outlines that are available for use.

Legalethics.com [http://www.legalethics.com] compiles links to electronically accessible information regarding professional responsibility, including new ethics opinions, electronic publications, and ABA reports. These items are listed on the web site in chronological order. This makes it an ideal way to check up on current events in legal ethics.

LII American Legal Ethics Library [http://www.law.cornell.edu/ethics/] is maintained by the Legal Information Institute at Cornell University. The web site offers the rules of professional conduct for specific states and commentary on the same. While the web site does not yet include all 50 states, it does include California and ten other states. Further, the commentary for twelve other states is in progress. This is definitely a legal ethics web site to watch as more and more commentary on specific states’ professional responsibility rules is added.

National Organization of Bar Counsel [http://nobc.org] is a non-profit organization of attorneys who serve as counsel to disciplinary agencies. It offers a searchable database of summaries of court decisions on attorney disciplinary matters. Summaries are compiled every six months and archived.

Albert Brecht, Associate Dean

Albert is currently serving on the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Committee on Law Libraries and Information Technology. Most recently, Albert was on the American Bar Association’s reaccreditation team for Howard University Law School. In January, Albert attended the 2001 Annual Meeting of AALS in San Francisco, and in March, he attended the 2001 Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL) Institute
(“That’s Entertainment: New Media and Technology Law”) in San Marcos, CA.

**Darin Fox, Assistant Dean for Information Technology and Computing Services**

Darin is serving as the Chair of the Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL) Information Technology Committee, and he is the Webmaster for the Computer Services Section of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). In June, he attended the CALI (Computer Assisted Legal Instruction) Conference in Chicago. In March, he attended the SCALL Annual Institute in San Marcos, CA. Finally, Darin and his wife Jill had a baby boy, Jacob, in July. Briefly, the Computing Services Department has worked on a variety of projects this year, such as: new video conferencing equipment for the Law School; renovating Room 130 with instructional technology; and creating a new home page for the Law School.

**Diana Jaque, Collection Development and Acquisitions Librarian**

Diana continues as co-editor of *Law Library Journal*’s quarterly column “Legal Reference Book Reviews.” In that capacity, Diana selects titles for review and compiles, as well as edits, the column with her co-editor. Over the past year, Diana has been active in both the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), where she is on the Serials Committee, and the Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL), as a member of the Nominations Committee. She attended both the AALL conference last July and the SCALL Institute this Spring. In conjunction with her visit to the AALL conference, Diana wrote a conference report entitled “How Will the Law Library Work in a Paperless World: The Impact of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) on Library Management” for the *Technical Services Law Librarian*. She looks forward to increased professional activity in the coming year.

**Hazel Lord, Head of Access Services**

This past year, Hazel attended the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting in Philadelphia in July, and the Southern California Association of Law Libraries Institute at Lake San Marcos, CA in March.

Hazel continues to serve on the Research Libraries Group (RLG) Shares Participation Task Force, which works on interlibrary loan policy for the RLG consortium, and in December, was appointed as the Law Library representative to the Shares Executive Group.

Hazel’s current research interests are in the field of English marriage law from 1750 to the present.

**Jennifer S. Murray, Research Librarian**

Jennifer maintains her memberships in the American Association of Law Libraries and its local Southern California and Arizona chapters (SCALL and AzALL). In March, Jennifer attended the 2001 SCALL Institute in San Marcos, CA. She also wrote two book reviews that will appear in upcoming issues of *Legal Information Alert*.

**Wendy Nobunaga, Head of Cataloging**

Wendy continues to be an active member of the Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL). After finishing up her 2 year term as SCALL Secretary, she joined the Awards Committee and was also appointed chair of the Nominations Committee. In July 2000, Wendy attended the American Association of Law Libraries Meeting in Philadelphia and in March 2001 enjoyed the SCALL Institute held in San Marcos, CA.
**Brian Raphael, Assistant Director of the Law Library**

In January, Brian attended the 2001 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools in San Francisco, and in March, he attended the 2001 Southern California Association of Law Libraries Institute in San Marcos, CA.

**Leonette Williams, Associate Director for Collections and Technical Services**

Leonette was elected the President of the USC Faculty Center Board of Directors for 2000/2001. She was a speaker on the program entitled “Gateway to Career Renewal” at the American Association of Law Libraries 2000 Annual Meeting and Conference. Leonette is also an active member of the AALL Grants Committee and three AALL Special Interest Sections: Academic Law Libraries; Foreign, Comparative and International Law; and Government Documents. She is currently working on an article for a future issue of *Law Library Journal*. As a member of the Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL), Leonette is serving on the Rohan Award Committee. She attended the Government Depository Library Council meeting held in Newport, Rhode Island last spring, the AALL Annual Meeting and Conference held in Philadelphia last July and the recent SCALL Institute in San Marcos, CA.

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