PLANNING FOR LAW LIBRARY RENOVATION CONTINUES
by Brian Raphael, Assistant Director of the Law Library

The Information Technology Center and Law Library is in the midst of its planning phase of a major renovation project that will result in many enhancements and improvements for our law students, faculty, staff, and other library patrons. Among the project’s priorities are 1) a wireless network that will connect students’ laptops to the Internet and electronic databases such as Lexis-Nexis and Westlaw from anywhere in the building; 2) a renovation and expansion of the student computer lab and the computer training classroom; 3) newly designed carrels and study tables providing electrical outlets for laptop use and individualized task lighting; 4) construction of additional group study rooms to meet the demand for collaborative work space; and 5) additional compact shelving to accommodate a growing collection of books.

The project will also involve other design elements, such as a renovated and enhanced service counter (the entry point to the library) and new carpeting and lighting throughout the library. Current plans also include restrooms on the library’s second floor (i.e., the third floor of the building) and an internal elevator between the library’s two floors.

Fundraising continues for this important project.
Jessica Wimer joined the Law Library’s reference department last summer as a Research Librarian. Jessica received her Bachelor of Arts and Humanities, Juris Doctor, as well as Master of Library Science degrees from Indiana University. While working on her Master’s, Jessica was a Reference Intern at the Indiana University Law Library.

Over the past year and a half, three individuals joined the law school computing department:

Melvin Cobb joined the Law School in November 2000 as the Instructional Technology Coordinator. He manages the Law School’s classroom technology and portable audio-visual equipment and provides training to users.

Leonard Wilson joined the Law School in August 2001 as the Help Desk Manager. He assists faculty, staff, and students with PC problems and responds to questions.

Tim Stafford joined the Law School in November 2001 as the Novell Netware Administrator. He manages the Law School’s file and print servers, Groupwise, and tape backups.

Welcome to Jessica, Melvin, Leonard, and Tim!

For the benefit of students studying for exams, starting Friday, April 26, 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 Friday, May 17, 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

Many previous law school exams are available for purchase at the Circulation Counter. Keep in mind that you can also borrow these exams at any time from the library for two-hour periods, and some of them can also be accessed on the web (by selecting “Exams on the Web” from the Quick Links on the USC Law School Homepage (www.law.usc.edu)). Online, you can search for exams by professor or course name.

In order to be able to access the exams on the web, you must be connected to the USC Network (either on campus or through a USC dial-up from home). If you have any questions, contact Jane Chang in the Law School Computing Lab (jchang@law.usc.edu; (213) 740-2630).

In the summer of 2001, the Law School Computing Department made a new web-based calendaring system available to the Law School. This new calendar can be used by all faculty, staff, and students to post important dates, such as student group meetings, faculty workshops, guest speakers, alumni events, and other major Law School events. New events can be submitted online by clicking the "Submit an Event" link at the top of the calendar. Please be sure to reserve the location of your event before submitting it. Law school rooms can be reserved by emailing "rooms@law.usc.edu". In addition to the date and location of events, the calendar also provides a brief description of each event and a way to contact the event coordinator. The calendar can be accessed from any computer connected to the internet. No password or login is required. To access the web-based calendar, go to the
Law School's home page (www.law.usc.edu) and click "Calendar" from the Quick Links box.

**FULL TEXT SOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE USC COMMUNITY**

by Hazel Lord,
Head of Access Services

While legal scholars have long enjoyed the full text resources of Lexis and Westlaw, these sources have drawbacks for citation, since the pagination of printouts does not match that of the original print versions. Now a number of services are making available image files of the original printed page, which are fully searchable and which can be downloaded as PDF files.

While some full text files are freely available to anyone searching the web using standard search engines, an increasing number can be accessed only by subscription. The following are some of the major full text subscription services which U.S.C. makes available to its faculty and students (either on campus or through a USC dial-up from home). Most (though not all) of these services allow for downloading documents as PDF files.

**JSTOR:** A major digital archive of scholarly journals in all academic disciplines. (Access is available through direct links in ADVOCAT, the Law Library’s online catalog.)

**HEIN-ON-LINE:** This archive of legal journals, which is described in more detail in the article below, is also available through direct links in ADVOCAT.

**PROJECT MUSE:** Archives scholarly journals in the humanities and social sciences.

**FIRSTSEARCH/ECO:** The FirstSearch service connects to information in a wide range of subjects from 60 databases, some of them full-text. ECO is one of their full-text databases of scholarly journals, mainly in the social sciences.

**EXPANDED ACADEMIC ASAP:** Provides citations, abstracts, and some full-text and images from more than 1,500 scholarly, trade and general interest publications. Covers 1980 to the present.

**H.W.WILSON SELECT FULLTEXT:** Provides full-text from 805 academic and general interest publications.

**PROQUEST DIRECT:** Provides citations, abstracts and some full text and images for a number of research-level periodicals and regional newspapers, including the Los Angeles Times.

**EMERALD FULLTEXT:** Contains over one hundred management journals, complete with full text articles back to 1994.

To access these full text resources, log onto the USC Information Services Division (ISD) Resources page (http://www.usc.edu/isd/elecresources). You can link to this page from the Law Library homepage (by first clicking on “Electronic Resources and Research Links” and then clicking on “USC Electronic Resources”). Select the “A-Z List” under “Electronic Resources” from the left column to make a choice from the alphabetical listing of resources.

In addition, links have been made in HOMER, the University’s online catalog, to all full text periodicals contained in JSTOR, Project Muse, and FirstSearch/ECO. Thus, if you search on HOMER for a particular periodical title that is available in one of these electronic resources, the HOMER record will contain the designation “computer file”, and you will be able to click on a highlighted URL, which will take you to the page where you can search for or browse through articles from that periodical. Follow directions to print articles as PDF files.

**HEIN-ON-LINE UPDATE**

by Diana Jaque, Collection Development and Acquisitions Librarian

Hein-On-Line is a full text resource of over 190 law reviews. Unlike other online products, such as LexisNexis and Westlaw, Hein-On-Line provides actual images from the original print versions of the journals and also offers significant retrospective coverage for many of them, from the first volume through the most current. Library users may access Hein-On-Line from the
Law Library homepage (by clicking first on "Electronic Resources and Research Links") or directly by going to <www.wshein.com>. This resource can be accessed from anywhere on campus or at home through a USC dial-up.

In one year the Hein-On-Line collection has grown from 58 journals to over 190. Hein hopes to have 5.5 million pages available online before the close of 2002. To accomplish this, 200,000 pages are added to this resource each month. As new journals become part of Hein-On-Line, the law library's Head of Cataloging, Wendy Nobunaga, adds links within ADVOCAT, the library catalog, to indicate if a title is available in the 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. The earliest volume in the collection is from 1852 and the most current is from 2001. Notable titles in Hein-On-Line include our very own trio of law reviews, as well as those from Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Cornell, NYU, and the University of Pennsylvania.

In addition to their emphasis on adding new titles, Hein has upgraded the existing search interface and has improved PDF printing speed. New search options are available that allow users to search by individual words or by phrase. To search by phrase, users will need to enclose their search terms in quotation marks. Users will also appreciate the new "Help Index" section which provides tips on searching and printing from Hein-On-Line as well as a link to the "Hein-On-Line Feature Tour," the latter being a step by step guide through the product's search and navigation features, including directions on how to email articles and citations.

Since its debut over one year ago, Hein-On-Line has become an important resource to access law review articles in full text. If you have not yet tried this product, take a tour and see how useful Hein-On-Line is!

The library is happy to announce its new subscription to the online version of the Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals (IFLP). IFLP is a periodical index covering public and private international law, comparative law, and municipal law of countries other than the United States, British Isles, and British Commonwealth. The online version of IFLP is now accessible from the Law Library’s “Electronic Resources and Research Links” page, or from the IFLP catalog record on ADVOCAT. It can be accessed from anywhere on campus or at home through a USC dial-up.

IFLP provides citations to articles and book reviews from 549 legal periodicals. It also indexes some essay collections and festschrifts (memorial collections). The database contains information from 1985 to the present and is updated quarterly. At this time, indexed materials are current through 2000. While the library’s subscription to the print Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals will no longer be maintained, past volumes starting with 1960 will be retained (in the bibliographic area) for those who need earlier material.

IFLP provides a variety of options to search, display, and print results and makes comprehensive Help information available at all times. IFLP has both Simple and Advanced searching capabilities. The Simple search (the default search) allows the user to search by keyword, author, title word, subject word, or journal title. Brief explanations of each of these options is located directly under the text box. The Advanced Search option provides more ways to search by author, title, subject, and/or journal title, or a combination thereof through the use of Boolean connectors. When entering text in the text box, it is not necessary to use the correct capitalization, but the proper punctuation must be included. IFLP uses the question mark "?” as a truncation symbol (to find variant forms of the search term) or as a wildcard symbol in case the word’s correct spelling is unknown. A thorough explanation of each of the search options and recommended search methods is available from the Help link located at the upper right hand corner of every page. Produced results can be (1) limited by date or country of publication, (2) refined by adding more search terms, or (3) combined with previous search results sets.
Results are displayed in one of three modes (brief, full, or list) and navigation arrows enable the user to move forward and backward in the record. The most current records are listed first, but other display options are available by clicking on Preferences at the top of the screen. Results can be printed by using the browser print option, or sent to e-mail.

In the Legal Research course, we stress the value of using secondary sources (treatises, practice books, hornbooks, etc.) when getting started on a research project. Researchers often ask the question, “What good secondary sources are there on my topic?” Now there is a relatively new tool called IndexMaster to help you answer this question. IndexMaster is a subscription database that contains indexes and tables of contents of over 8,000 legal titles from over 65 legal publishers (including West Group, Lexis Law Publishing, CEB, the American Bar Association, and Practising Law Institute).

Through the Law Library’s subscription, IndexMaster is available to anyone on campus or at home through a USC dial-up. It can be accessed from the Law Library web page (click first on “Electronic Resources and Research Links”) or directly by going to www.indexmaster.com.

Once you are in IndexMaster, you can run a title, keyword, publisher, or author search. A keyword search will search the title, index, and table of contents of each publication (if available). You can combine more than one keyword or key phrase in a search (e.g., the search “class action” asbestos will look for publications that have both the phrase “class action” and asbestos in the title, index or table of contents). The asterisk (*) is the truncation symbol (e.g., “tax plan*” will pull up “tax planning” in the results).

Items retrieved from a search are ranked according to how close your keywords appear to each other in the index or table of contents. For any retrieved item, you can choose to view either the table of contents or the index (if available), by clicking on the appropriate icon. (Both the tables of contents and indexes are PDF files and thus, require that you have Adobe Acrobat loaded on your computer.) When browsing your results, you can take advantage of toolbar buttons to quickly find occurrences of your keywords.

Dear Research Librarian:

Q. I heard that some great books in my area of specialization were published last month. I would like to see if the library has purchased any of them. Is there an easy way to do this?

Signed,
Keeping Up to Speed

A. The Law Library now maintains an electronic library acquisitions list. This means that you can do exactly what you asked about by using our website. The list for the most recent month as well as previous months can be viewed at:

http://lawweb.usc.edu/library/acquisitions/.

You can also access the electronic library acquisitions list by going to the Law Library homepage and clicking on the “Search Library Catalogs” link. From this page, you would choose the “Recent Library Acquisitions” link at the bottom of the page.

The electronic library acquisitions list is organized topically by Library of Congress subject headings. Or, you can easily ascertain where your area of specialization would be listed by using the search function at the top of the page.

Dear Research Librarian:

Q. I am a 3L and am applying for federal clerkships after graduation. What is the best way to get information about the federal judges with whom I am considering employment?
Signed,
Considering Clerkship in Confusion

A. You are in luck. Information on a specific judge is easily obtained. However, there are two different ways to go about obtaining the information and which way you choose depends on whether you are interested in a California federal judge or a federal judge outside of California.

If the judge is located within California, the first place you would want to look is in the Daily Journal Judicial Profiles. This is one of the preeminent sources for biographical information on California judges (both state and federal). This publication is available in the Law Library. Just ask at the Circulation Desk. Another great option for information on California federal judges is to search for any articles written on them in the L.A. Daily Journal. You can do this by using the dedicated LegalTrac terminal in the Law Library or by searching the LRI database on Westlaw.

If the judge is located outside of California, the first place you would want to look is the Almanac of the Federal Judiciary. This publication is available in the Law Library as well. Again, you can ask for it at the Circulation Desk. It is also available in a modified version on Westlaw (the database identifier is AFJ). In addition, you may want to consider searching the Westlaw Judicial Directory database (WLD-JUDGE) for additional biographical information. You can also check the website of the specific court at which the judge presides to see if they provide biographical information there as well.

Finally, do not forget that you can run a search in the appropriate case law database or source on Westlaw or LexisNexis, using the judge’s name in a field or segment search.

You can never have too much information about the judge before you step in to that interview!

Albert Brecht, Associate Dean

Albert is currently a member of the Association of American Law School’s Library and Technology Committee. This April, he visited Tulane Law School as a member of the American Bar Association’s reaccreditation site visit team for Tulane.

Darin Fox, Associate 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. He is also Webmaster for the Computing Services Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). Last June, Darin attended the CALI conference for law school computer professionals in Boston; the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting in Minneapolis; and the Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Briefly, the Computing Services Department has worked on a variety of projects this year, including renovating Room 1 with instructional technology, installing a new case management system for the clinics, and installing a new web-based calendar for the Law School (see article on page 2).

Diana Jaque, Collection Development and Acquisitions Librarian

Diana remains active in the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) and the Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL). On the national level, Diana serves on the TS-SIS Serials and AALL Scholarships committees. Locally, she is the chair of the Public Relations Committee for SCALL and was a member of the committee for the 30th Annual SCALL Institute. Diana continues as co-editor of Law Library Journal’s “Legal Reference Books Review” column and has written several book reviews this year. In addition, she has published a conference report in Technical Services Law Librarian and contributed to the bibliography for the 30th Annual SCALL Institute. Diana looks forward to the coming of spring and a relaxing vacation this summer.

Hazel Lord, Head of Access Services

This past year, Hazel spent time at the British National Library researching her paper, "Husband and Wife; English Marriage Law from 1750: A Bibliographic Essay," to be published in a forthcoming issue of
Southern California Review of Law and Women’s Studies. She also presented her paper at a Center for Law, History and Culture workshop at the Law School in November.

Hazel continues to serve on the Research Libraries Group (RLG) SHARES Executive Council, which develops policy for the national and international interlibrary loan activities of the RLG consortium, and she is currently working on a new Vision Statement for the organization.

Conferences attended include the AALL Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN in July 2001 and the SCALL Winter Institute in Solvang in March 2002.

Jennifer S. Murray, Research Librarian

Jennifer serves as Chair of the Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL) Union List Committee. Jennifer also serves as a member of the SCALL 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee. In April, she will begin writing a column for the newsletter for the Academic Law Libraries-Special Interest Section (ALL-SIS) of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). She has also written two book reviews, one that will appear in an upcoming issue of Legal Information Alert and another that will appear in an upcoming issue of Law Library Journal. In July 2001, Jennifer attended the AALL Annual Meeting, and in March of this year, she attended the 2002 SCALL Institute in Solvang, California. Jennifer was a member of the subcommittee that compiled the 2002 SCALL Institute Bibliography.

Wendy Nobunaga, Head of Cataloging

Wendy continues to be an active member of the Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL). After finishing her stint as the chair of the Nominations Committee, she co-chaired the 2002 SCALL Institute Exhibits Committee. In July 2001, she attended the American Association of Law Libraries Meeting in Minneapolis and in March 2002, enjoyed the SCALL Institute held in Solvang, CA.

Brian Raphael, Assistant Director of the Law Library

This January, Brian attended the Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Brian is currently working on a special committee of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Academic Special Interest Section. This committee is developing a law librarian visitation/exchange program primarily designed to give academic law librarians experience working in a private law firm setting. Brian also attended and served on the planning committee for the 2002 SCALL Institute in Solvang. He is also planning a program with Diana Jaque on library services for LLM students for the 2003 Annual Meeting of AALL.

Leonette Williams, Associate Director for Collections and Technical Services

Leonette Williams currently serves on the Los Angeles Daily Journal Advisory Counsel, the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Grants Committee and four AALL Special Interest Sections: Academic Law Libraries, Technical Services, Government Documents and Foreign, Comparative and International Law. In addition, she is serving on the Southern California Association of Law Libraries Institute and Awards Committees. Her essay, “Care and Maintenance of the Successful Career: A Balancing Act” was published in 93 Law Library Journal 4. In June 2002, Leonette will complete four years of service on the USC Faculty Center Board of Directors, currently as Past President. In March 2002, after ten months of negotiations, she and the other members of the USC management team signed off on a collective bargaining agreement between USC and Office & Professional Employees International Union, Local 30, AFL-CIO.

Jessica Wimer, Research Librarian

Jessica is a member of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) and the Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL). In July 2001, Jessica attended the 2001 AALL Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN. She also attended the 2002 SCALL Institute in Solvang, CA this past March, and was a member of the Institute Planning Committee. In preparation for this SCALL event, Jessica contributed to the Institute bibliography.

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