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Law School Classrooms Enter the 21st Century

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Over the past two decades, technology has greatly changed the way law students and faculty research, write, and study. Consider the impact that LEXIS and WESTLAW have had on legal research, and the impact that word processors have had on writing. More recently, technology has begun to change the way classroom instruction is conducted as well.

Over the summer of 1997, the Law School Computing Services Department, working with members of the faculty and administration, renovated two of the Law School's classrooms with multimedia equipment, computers, projectors, and sound. The renovated classrooms include ceiling-mounted NEC data projectors, networked Pentium multimedia computers, speakers, wireless and hand-held microphones, VCRs, compact disk players, cassette decks, wireless mice, and permanent transparency projectors. The equipment is controlled by an easy-to-use LCD touch panel located at the instructor's desk.

These new technologies will be used by faculty, staff, and students for a variety of purposes. Several law faculty already have begun to use the projectors and computers with Microsoft Powerpoint to present slide shows during class. Powerpoint slides are used to outline the lecture, present illustrations, and highlight important points. The new classrooms also will facilitate the
Members of the Computing Services staff will use the networked computers and projectors to demonstrate and train members of the Law School community on the use of new software and computer products, and other Law School departments already have begun using the new equipment for presentations, seminars, and workshops. An external video port will allow students to connect their laptops to the projector for in-class presentations.

This summer, the Law School renovated one large classroom on the lower level (Room 7) and one mid-sized classroom on the ground floor (Room 103). Over the coming years, the Law School plans to renovate additional classrooms with the new technologies.

New Faces in the Law Library

Please welcome the following Law Library Staff members who have joined us over the past year.

**Corrin Gee** and **Tobe Liebert** joined the Law Library in May 1997 as Reference Librarians. Both Corrin and Tobe bring a wealth of legal and library experience to USC Law School.

Corrin is a native Southern Californian, and she received her undergraduate education, as well as a Paralegal Certificate in Litigation, from UCLA and her Master's degree in Library and Information Science from California State University, San Jose. After library school, Corrin worked as a reference librarian at a public library, a private law firm (Latham & Watkins), a law school (Southwestern School of Law), and at Los Angeles County Law Library. During this period, she also managed to attend law school (and receive her J.D. from Southwestern in December 1995) and to intern at the USC Law Library and at Los Angeles County Counsel, Probate Division. After receiving her J.D., Corrin accepted a position at Tarlton Law Library, University of Texas at Austin, as Evening/Weekend-Reserve Room Librarian. In May of this year, Corrin returned to Southern California from Texas, to commence work as a Reference Librarian at USC Law Library.

Tobe received his J.D. at the University of Kentucky, graduating in 1986. After practicing law for five years in Louisville, Tobe attended graduate school, and he received his Master's degree in Library Science from Indiana University at Bloomington in 1994. In August 1994, Tobe and his wife June moved to Los Angeles after accepting positions, respectively, at Loyola Law School (as Reference Librarian) and UCLA Law School (as Electronic Services Librarian). Prior to coming to USC, Tobe also was an Adjunct Professor at Loyola Law School and taught first-year legal research.

**Palma Denham** joined the Law Library staff in December 1996 as Secretary in the Law Library's Administrative Office, and immediately became an invaluable member of the Law Library. Those of you who have had occasion to visit the Administrative Office are familiar with her smile and skills. Palma came to USC from Royal High School in Simi Valley. Palma's daughter also became a member of the USC family this Fall, starting as a new freshman. Recently, Palma passed the Motorcycle Safety Course and has become a "motorcycle mama."

**Diana Jaque**, the Law Library's Serials Assistant, joined us in February 1997. Diana is a recent USC grad, with a Master's Degree in Music. Diana previously had worked at a public library in the South Bay, and she brings a wealth of talent and skills to the Law Library.

**Mable Lee**, Circulation Supervisory Assistant, and **Alex Kruse**, Circulation Assistant, joined the Law Library, respectively, in December 1996 and July 1997. Mable and Alex are USC grads as well, and Alex currently is pursuing a Master's program in Public Administration and Gerontology here at USC. Mable is pursuing her interest in graduate work in Cinema. Many of you may remember Mable's many years here as a student worker at the Law Library during her USC undergrad days, and are as happy as we are to see her return. We are very fortunate to have them both here.

Exams in the Law Library
Many professors make previous exams available to their students as study aids, and you may borrow these exams at any time from the Library Circulation Desk for two-hour periods. In early November, the Library compiles packets of exams for sale at a discounted price. You may purchase these at the Circulation Desk.

In addition, we are working on a project to mount the exams online and make them available to USC law students from the Law Library Home Page. The online and hard copy files each will contain the same set of exams, all of which have been approved for distribution by the faculty. Watch the Advance Sheet for notices regarding when exams will be available via the Web.

Advanced Legal Research Class

It's back! Advanced Legal Research will be taught Spring semester 1998. This class is open to all 2Ls and 3Ls, although the enrollment total is limited. The class will provide you with a review of basic legal resources and methodology, and expose you to new and specialized legal research areas such as practice books, legislative histories, advanced online searching techniques, and using the Internet for legal research.

Wired Carrels Available!

In the summer of 1996, the Law Library retrofitted about 70 of its study carrels and tables with network cabling and electrical outlets. This year, the Law Library has activated 30 of the "wired" study carrels and tables for student use. Law students with laptops can access the Internet, LEXIS, WESTLAW, and electronic mail directly from the wired seating. Students with PC laptops need to purchase a 3Com PCMCIA ethernet adapter to access the network. Some Macintosh owners already have built-in ethernet, but also may need a "FriendlyNet" adapter (see your laptop's documentation). Once you have the required equipment, you must first register your ethernet address with Jane Chang, Supervisor of Student Computing Services. Jane is available to assist you with the configuration of your laptop's software and to answer questions.

WESTLAW/LEXIS Laser Printers in the Online Research Lab

Most of you probably are aware that we now have laser printers in the Online Research/Media Center. If you wish to print in the Center, you must send your requests to the laser printers. Remember to select the second printing option on LEXIS ("LEXIS-NEXIS printer assigned to your personal ID number") and the STP (Stand-alone Printer) option on WESTLAW. Keep in mind that there is only one LEXIS laser printer and one WESTLAW laser printer. In respect of your fellow classmates, we ask that you be judicious in the use of these printers. Stop by the Reference Office if you have any questions about how to use these printers or how to reduce the size of your print jobs and print effectively.

Law Library Hours During Finals and the Holidays

The Law Library will be closed on Thanksgiving day (November 27) and will close at 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26.

To aid in studying for exams, starting November 28, the Law Library will be open until 11:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. (Remember: Leavey Library is open for even later studying.) On Friday, December 19, the Law Library will be open 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

During the period December 20-January 10, the Law Library will be open 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. on Monday-Saturday, and 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. on Sunday, with the following exceptions. The Law Library will be closed December 24-28 and from noon on December 31-January 4. Regular Library hours resume January 11.
This summer, several of the USC Law Librarians were able to attend a presentation and tour given by the Library of Congress. What follows is a description of our day.

The rain was not going to stop the 40 people from attending the Library of Congress Automation Initiatives Program on the Thursday after the AALL (American Association of Law Libraries) Annual Meeting in Baltimore. Co-sponsored by the Law Library of Congress and the AALL Technical Services Special Interest Section, the program was held on July 24, 1997, in the Digital Library Visitors Center at the Library of Congress James Madison Memorial Building in Washington, D.C.

Barbara Tillett, Chief of the Cataloging Policy and Support Office at the Library of Congress, welcomed us to the Library and introduced Jolande Goldberg, Senior Classification Specialist at the Library of Congress, and Leonette Williams, Associate Director for Collections and Technical Services at the University of Southern California Law Library, both of whom played a major role in putting this program together.

First to speak were Jolande Goldberg and Rebecca Guenther, Senior MARC Standards Specialist at the Library of Congress, who enlightened us with a presentation on two of the newest Library of Congress classification schedules. The online presentation discussed in detail the outdated JX schedule, its demise, and its recent division into the new classification schedules: KZ for the law of nations and JZ for international relations.

The next presentation was on GLIN, the Global Legal Information Network, developed by the Law Library of Congress. GLIN is a cooperative international database containing full texts of laws of various nations. Contributing nations come from Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas. Although the digitalized or scanned texts of the laws are offered in the vernacular, there are searchable abstracts in English available as well. After providing an informative presentation on the origins and current status of GLIN, Janice Hyde, GLIN Program Officer at the Law Library of Congress, and Nick Kozura, GLIN Project Manager and Automation Planning Specialist at the Law Library of Congress, gave us a first hand look at GLIN, demonstrating the searching and retrieval of full texts of laws in the database. GLIN is accessible at: http://lcweb2.loc.gov/glin/lawhome.htm

Robert Gee, Beth Davis-Brown, Emily Baker, Andrew Cook, John Sims, Randy Wells, and James Martin, all from the Law Library of Congress, were next with their presentation, "A Century of Lawmaking for a New Nation: U.S. Congressional Documents and Debates, 1774-1873." Together, they discussed the Law Library of Congress's plan to digitize historical documents of the first forty-two Congresses. Some of these documents include: House and Senate Journals through 1873; Annals of Congress, 1789-1824; and U.S. Statutes-at-Large, 1789-1873. As part of the National Digital Library Program of the Library of Congress, the database will be fully searchable with links to other documents. Following the discussion, we were given a demonstration of the project prototype.

Judith Farley, Coordinator of the Digital Library Visitor Center, followed with a presentation on American Memory, a project of the National Digital Library. American Memory started in 1991 as a pilot program to digitize items which tell the story of America. American Memory provides free online access to primary source material related to the history and cultural development of the United States from the Library of Congress's history collections. American Memory can be found through the Library of Congress's home page at: http://www.loc.gov

Following the presentations and led by Pamela Barnes Craig of the Law Library of Congress, we were treated to a tour of the Library of Congress Jefferson Building, which is beautifully restored and fully reopened after a 12-year renovation. It was a great way to end the day. Many thanks to all the speakers for presenting us with such an informative program and an extra special thank you to all the people involved in the organization and planning of the day.
Albert Brecht, Associate Dean, Law Library and Information Technology

Albert Brecht served on the American Bar Association Law School Site Visit Inspection Team for Cornell Law School. In January, he attended the Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. Albert was a featured speaker at the ABA's "Bricks and Bytes" Conference in St. Louis, and gave a speech entitled "Library Mission, Library Building, Information Formats: The Love/Hate Triangle." This past summer, he attended both the Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) Conference in Chicago in June and the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Annual Meeting in Baltimore in July. In March, Albert adopted Rupert, the cat. In May, Albert took a wonderful vacation cruise from Monte Carlo to Venice (which he loved), with stops at picturesque ports of call along the way.

Darin Fox, Director of Information Technology and Computing Services

This summer, Darin Fox contributed a chapter to the book "Der Jurist am Info-Highway" titled "Law and Technology at a Major U.S. Law School." He also contributed short articles to the Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL) Newsletter entitled "What's in a Name? InterNIC Adds New Top Level Domain Names" and "New Virus Threats and How to Protect Yourself." In the Spring Semester, Darin attended the ABA "Bricks and Bytes" conference in St. Louis on technology planning in law buildings. In the summer, he attended the CALI conference in Chicago and the AALL conference in Baltimore. While in Los Angeles, Darin focused his work time on a project to equip two law school classrooms with multimedia equipment. In his spare time, Darin has been playing chess fanatically and rooting for the Dodgers.

Corrin Gee, Reference Librarian

The past year has been one of change and happiness. In May, Corrin Gee left her position of Evening/Weekend-Reserve Room Librarian at the Tarlton Law Library at the University of Texas at Austin. She came to Los Angeles to begin her position as Reference Librarian at the USC Law Library. Since Corrin was raised in Southern California and had previously done an internship at USC Law Library, it was not that drastic of a transition. Although she misses the music and beauty of Austin, she is enjoying the fast pace and interesting research here at USC. She also appreciates all the activities and events USC has to offer, such as the Lyons Recreation Center and the Dance Club. Being a UCLA Bruin, Corrin has yet to bring herself to attend a USC football game, but she intends to at least go to the "big game" this Fall (No, she don't mean Notre Dame). During the past year, she also has added a new addition to her household. Mija, her one year old Bull Terrier, keeps her active while her (the dog's) barking keeps her neighbors angry. Corrin is sure both Mija and she will settle in well here at Los Angeles. She is looking forward to the coming year at USC Law Library and all the challenges it will bring.

Tobe Liebert, Reference Librarian

Tobe Liebert joined our staff in May after having worked two and a half years at Loyola Law School's library. His particular interests are in Internet resources and in California ballot measure research. Tobe has a daughter, Sophia, who is now eight months old. In June, Tobe attended the American Library Association Conference in San Francisco. Recently, Tobe won the best article award (New Members Division) presented by the AALL Call for Papers Committee for his article entitled "Researching California Ballot Reserves," soon to be published in the Law Library Journal.

Hazel Lord, Head of Access Services

Hazel Lord also attended the American Library Association Conference in San Francisco in June and the AALL Annual Meeting in Baltimore in July. She currently is serving on the AALL National Awards Committee and on the Interlibrary Loan Participation committee of the Research Libraries Group, a consortium of major national and international research libraries. She plans to spend Christmas skiing in celebration of the fact that she finally has completed the 21 month remodel of her home!

Wendy Nobunaga, Catalog Librarian

After chairing the Exhibits Committee for the SCALL Institute held in San Diego this year, Wendy Nobunaga spent several months recuperating from back surgery. Fully recovered, Wendy spent part of her summer attending the AALL Annual Meeting in Baltimore, and then spent a wonderful vacation in the Napa Valley indulging at some of her favorite wineries.

Rachel Pergament, Acquisitions/Collection Development Librarian

During this past year (her first year at the USC Law Library), Rachel Pergament spent a great deal of time learning the tasks and procedures of her job as the Acquisitions and Collection Development Librarian. She learned the serials and acquisitions functions and responsibilities of her job; how the Innopac computer system works; the procedures for ordering materials for the Library as well as the accounting procedures that all are part of the responsibilities of her job. Rachel also spent part of the year exploring...
ways to stretch the Library budget. One way she found to save money was to order books through Internet book vendors because many offer substantial discounts. The Library also began a subscription to the electronic version of the Current Index to Legal Periodicals. This has been a good opportunity for Rachel to learn how to organize and manage this type of journal subscription because the trend in journal publishing is now leaning toward electronic subscriptions rather than print, and she anticipates that the Library will acquire more of these subscriptions in the future. On a personal note, Rachel married Roberto Delgadillo (a librarian) in March.

**Brian Raphael, Senior Reference and International Law Librarian**

This past summer, Brian Raphael's title was changed to Senior Reference and International Law Librarian. As such, Brian is now responsible for supervising and coordinating the activities of the Law Library's Reference Department. Brian also continues to play an active role in the selection of international law titles for the Library's collection.

**Denise Russell, Assistant Director of the Law Library**

In December, Denise Russell and her husband visited Sedona, the Grand Canyon, Zion National Park, and Las Vegas -- a trip running the gamut from the sublime to the appalling. In January, she attended the Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. In the Spring, Denise handled Registration for the SCALL Institute in San Diego, and was appointed to the AALL Call for Papers Committee. In May, her household of ridiculously-named cats grew yet again with the addition of Gunther, a stray hit by a car, whose initial thug-like persona thankfully has mellowed into that of a loving lap cat (with only occasional episodes of terrorizing the other cats). With her colleagues, Denise attended the July AALL Annual Meeting in Baltimore. A few days after her return, she finally was able to close escrow on her new home in lovely Eagle Rock, after a nail biting, stomach churning six months spent shepherding through a short sale purchase from the divorcing, bankruptcy-filing prior owners. Now that Hazel has finished her lengthy (and fabulous!) remodel of her home, Denise intends to take up the remodeling flag. Well, perhaps not.

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

Leonette Williams served as the University’s representative to the Bryn Mawr Summer Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration. The program provides training in management, institutional perspective on issues in higher education, professional development, and a network of peers and mentors. In addition, Leonette attended the AALL annual meeting in Baltimore where she chaired both the Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals Advisory Committee and the Technical Services Special Interest Section. For fun, Leonette and her husband, Boyce, enjoyed sighting bison, bear and moose during their visit to the Big Sky state of Montana and Yellowstone National Park.

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**LEXIS and WESTLAW Updates**

**WESTLAW** is touting its new "KeyCite" service as a major advance in online legal research. KeyCite is a citator service that will be integrated into every case available on WESTLAW. Instead of having to access a separate service such as Shepard's or Insta-Cite, KeyCite will be available within every case displayed on WESTLAW. KeyCite is accessible through WESTLAW's latest software, Westmate 6.3.

KeyCite will have many features designed to enhance research:

*KeyCite will use Red and Yellow status flags that instantly tell you if your case has been reversed or overruled, or if it has some negative history associated with it.

*KeyCite will provide a list of citing cases and give you a rating of how thoroughly a citing case discusses your case. For example, if KeyCite assigns 4 stars to a citing case, you know that the citing case thoroughly discussed your case. If only 1 star is assigned, the citing case only briefly mentioned your case. This is a major advance over Shepard's, which gives the researcher no information on the level of discussion of your case by another case.

WESTLAW intends to make the KeyCite as current as WESTLAW itself. This means that once a case is put on WESTLAW, the KeyCite information will be available.

**LEXIS** has a brand new software version available (7.0) for those whose PCs run Windows 95. LEXIS 7.0 uses a new "graphical interface" which, at first glance, represents a significant change from the command-driven "classical" interface used in previous LEXIS software versions (including the most recent LEXIS 4.2 for Windows version, with which many are familiar, and the current Macintosh version, LEXIS 2.9.1). Rather than the traditional "library; file" scheme of database selection, LEXIS 7.0 organizes the sources available for selection in a hierarchical fashion, and makes use of split screens for information display. The new 7.0
Both the Westmate 6.3 and the LEXIS 7.0 software are available now in the Reference Office.

**FOCUS ON THE COLLECTION**

**RECENT ACQUISITIONS IN BIOETHICS, BIOTECHNOLOGY, AND GENETICS**

Listed below are titles purchased by the Law Library during the past year in the areas of bioethics, biotechnology, and genetics.


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