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Notes From the Underground, August, 1995

MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS MADE
FOR STUDENT COMPUTING

Over the summer the Law School was able to provide funds to do a major upgrade of Law Library Computer Lab hardware and software for student use.

Computer Lab

The six IBM PS/2's were replaced with seven 486's and the rather limited network software was replaced. Our students now have access to the full Microsoft Office Suite which, among other things, includes Word for Windows and Excel, a spreadsheet application. WordPerfect 5.1 was retained.

In addition, students now have access from the lab to LEXIS and Westlaw, our expanding CD-ROM database holdings, and *GGU Online!*. CALI also remains available.

The three Mac's were also networked, giving those users full access to all network software.

A dedicated DeskJet printer was added exclusively for laptop users to plug in their machines and print their documents.

With the infusion of funds from the new technology fee, another thing we are able to do is to increase lab staffing from the 40 hours last year to 56. This will enable us to provide our students more assistance when using all the new and improved software. Hours for staffing are:

MTWTh	8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
F	8 a.m. to noon
Sat	noon to 4 p.m.
Sun	2 to 6 p.m.

Laptops

Three 486 laptops were purchased to augment the number available for students to borrow on 24-hour loan. This is an immensely popular program among our students and the new laptops should go a long way in meeting their needs.

Data lines were added to the glass carrels. Though not operational quite yet, this enhancement will provide network access to the full panoply of software applications for laptop users in the near future.

CD-ROM Databases

A second CD-ROM tower was added to the network, increasing the disk capacity to 17. Presently, the *Matthew Bender Search Master* libraries are available. The libraries contain all California civil cases, regulations and codes, as well as *Collier's Bankruptcy Library*, an Immigration Library and various Bender publications, such as *Forms of Pleading and Practice*.

Staff are reviewing additional CD-ROM titles which will be added to our growing collection over the next few months.

The CD-ROM databases are accessible from the network by double-clicking on the "Legal Research" icon, then again on "Matthew Bender." Search assistance is available at the library's Reference Desk or by calling x6692.

AUTOMATED LIBRARY CATALOG
GOES LIVE

The long-awaited conversion of the law library's card catalog into an online catalog is nearing reality. Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) terminals are now operational within the law library for patron use, and the card catalog is no longer being updated.

We continue to work with OIT to make the OPAC easily available over the network. This will enable faculty to check our holdings from their individual workstations, as well as students using

computer lab terminals. We also continue to work with OIT to provide dial-in access from home for faculty and students, and from the offices of member law firms.

Our staff is diligently striving to accomplish major tasks such as creating check-in and holdings records for our 3,000-plus serials subscriptions and cleaning up the database. (The format of library records has varied over the years and must now be made consistent.) Barcoding our over 100,000 print volumes and entering that data (one at a time) into the online catalog also proceeds at a fast clip.

Once these major tasks are completed, we will be able to begin circulating materials on the system and bid those quaint blue and orange check-out cards goodbye.

JOYCE MCLEAN TAKES CHARGE OF SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATION

Joyce McLean was promoted, July 1, from Cataloger to Senior Law Librarian for Systems Administration. In her new role, Joyce is working with the Law School to plan and manage the implementation of technology in the classroom.

On the library side, Joyce's duties include managing our online database, planning and managing the implementation of systems hardware, software and databases, being our watchdog with OIT, responding to computer questions from staff and assisting in space planning.

Joyce brings extensive experience in project management to our staff. As International Projects Manager for CALCOMP, she managed the installation of accounting and inventory systems in European subsidiaries. As Director of Saztec Scotland, Ltd., she planned and administered the creation of a branch data processing facility of 100 staff in Ardrossan, Scotland. She was also Vice President of Operations for UTLAS International, where she administered the creation and maintenance of a database of seven million bibliographic records, supervised a staff of over 100 and oversaw customer services to clients in the U.S., Canada, Great Britain and Australia.

Joyce earned her MLIS from UC-Berkeley, is a graduate of Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia and did graduate studies in Portuguese at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Please join us in congratulating Joyce on her promotion.

NEW REFERENCE DESK ADDED

In addition to all the computing changes, the Reference area has also taken on a new look. A new Reference Desk now graces the library. It is hoped that the desk will provide a more inviting and attractive facility for our patrons to receive enhanced services.

THIS MONTH'S SUBJECT HEADINGS FOR NEW BOOKS

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Antitrust
Banks & Banking
Bankruptcy
Business Organizations
Church & State
Civil Procedure
Civil Rights
Comparative Law
Construction Law
Copyright
Corporations
Courts
Criminal Justice
Criminal Law
Criminal Procedure
Critical Legal Studies
Environmental Law
Evidence
Family Law
Freedom of Speech
Health Law
Human Rights
Immigration Law
Intellectual Property
International Law
Jurisprudence
Labor Law
Land Use
Law & Literature
Practice of Law
Real Property
Sex Discrimination
Sexual Harassment
Social Movements
Supreme Court
Taxation
Torts
Trade Regulation
Trial Practice
Women

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