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NOTES FROM THE UNDERGROUND

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Notes From the Underground is changing from a trimester, faculty newsletter to a bi-monthly law school-wide newsletter which is distributed electronically. We hope you find our newsletter useful and informative.

RENOVATION UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that the basement level of the Law Library will be renovated during the upcoming summer months. The renovation plans include substituting most of our current shelving for compact shelving units that will hold substantially more material, along with the upgrade of the lighting and carpeting for the whole floor.

The work will take place between May 12th and August 5th. While most of the actual work will be done during the hours that the library is closed, we expect that the basement level will be closed off for patron use for the summer due to the disruption of the space. During the summer months, GGU students will be encouraged to take advantage of the Law Library Study Annex which is located at 62 1st Street on the 5th floor. The Annex provides quiet and well-lit study space, wireless network access, group study rooms, 100 seats, and ten computer work stations.

The basement renovation is the first of a few phases of the Law Library renovation. The next phase will be the renovation of the first floor west wing for library use. We expect to move the entrance of the library, our service desks, staff area and open reserve to that level in the Fall of 2007.

Please join us in our excited anticipation of these upgrades to our facility. If you have any questions or concerns about the renovation, please do not hesitate to contact Margaret Arnold, Associate Dean of the Law Library, at marnold@ggu.edu or 415-442-6685.

LAW LIBRARY SURVEY

Thank you to all law students who participated in the Law Library online survey. We had over 200 responses and we really appreciate all of your comments and ideas. Many of the concerns expressed will be addressed as part of the renovation. But, others will be handled now. Again, we appreciate your taking the time to express your thoughts about the Law Library.

CALI (Computer Assisted Legal Instruction) on the Web

The CALI lessons, over 300 in 29 legal topic areas, are a valuable resource that you may use to review or reinforce material covered in class. The lessons can also challenge your understanding of topics ranging from professional responsibility to torts or environmental law, provide practice in drafting contracts, or allow you to explore the intricacies of subjects like administrative law.

To access the CALI lessons, go to the homepage (www.cali.org). You will need to register on the CALI site and enter the school's authorization code. The student authorization code for our school is [SEE REFERENCE LIBRARIAN]. During the registration process, you will also create your own password. In subsequent visits to use lessons, you will only need to enter your email address and your password.

If you have any questions, see Maryanne Gerber. mgerber@ggu.edu or 415.442.6520.

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

We maintain a list of full-time faculty publications at <http://www.ggu.edu/lawlibrary/specialcollections/facultypubs>. Please contact Janet Fischer at jfischer@ggu.edu if you want to change or update your listings.

LAW LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday
7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Friday
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday
10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday
10:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

<http://www.ggu.edu/lawlibrary>

Comments or questions about our newsletter?
Email Janet Fischer at jfischer@ggu.edu

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS (all held at noon in Lab P-29)

Survey of California Resources, April 5, with Steve Feller

Federal Tax Law, April 12, with Michael Daw

Survey of Federal Resources, April 19, with Steve Feller

Bar Exam Workshop, April 26, with Mohamed Nasralla

Sign up at the Circulation Desk

COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS

Reviewed by Gary Kemp

Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age. By Kevin Boyle. NY: H. Holt, 2004.

On a hot September night in 1925 in Detroit, Dr. Ossian Sweet and his wife Gladys moved from the slums of Black Bottom onto nearby Garland Street. After a summer of Ku Klux Klan activities and segregationist homeowner association meetings, white residents were confident of their ability to restrict Detroit's black population to a small overcrowded, dangerous area. Dr. Sweet, together with several friends, was equally determined to occupy his recently purchased, overpriced home. On their second night there, with a crowd of hundreds of hostile whites on the street, rocks began flying toward the house. From an upstairs bedroom, shots were fired into the crowd and one of the whites was killed. The police guarding the house acted immediately arresting the Sweets and nine others in the house. While the KKK attempted to polarize the city's electorate, the recently formed NAACP in 1925 was looking for a cause. The case seemed to be a slam dunk for the prosecution. Many felt the prosecutor didn't deserve his salary if he couldn't convince an all-white jury to convict eleven black men who, according to Detroit papers, "invaded a white neighborhood armed to the teeth."

The prosecution, however had not counted on a number of things. Major NAACP backing and editorials by the likes of W.E.B. DuBois and prominent Protestant theologian, Reinhold Niebuhr, helped convince Clarence Darrow to head the defense team. Under cross-examination by Mr. Darrow, the carefully rehearsed prosecution witnesses fell apart and the case reverted to a simple one of common law and property rights. This well-researched book is a slice of America during the jazz age. It creates a

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context not only for past events, but current ones, as well. More than a social history, it is more like a tour de force of an America not so long ago that we can afford to forget it. I highly recommend Arc of Justice for both it's worth as a social history and its great storytelling.

A complete listing of our new acquisitions may be found at <http://www.ggu.edu/lawlibrary/new/newacquisitions>.

COMPUTER LAB UPDATE

Using USB Flash Drives

USB Flash Drives are a great way to take your documents from your home computer or laptop to school with you. The most common size allows you to store nearly 89 floppy disks worth of data on one drive. Here are some tips for using your flash drive safely and securely:

Always 'stop' the drive before you remove it from the USB port. In order to do that, follow the steps below:

Double click on the "Safely Remove Hardware" icon in the system tray. The icon has a green arrow on top.

Highlight the "USB Mass Storage Disk" and click on the "Stop" button followed by "OK".

Failure to do this may result in lost files. Always keep backups of your flash drive files on your computer. Create a desktop folder as a staging area.

For any questions about our labs or use of your laptop computers, please contact Tyler Singletary at tsingeltary@ggu.edu or Endora King-Shey at eshey@ggu.edu.