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# NOTES FROM THE UNDERGROUND

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*Notes From the Underground* is a bi-monthly law school-wide newsletter distributed electronically. We hope you find our newsletter useful and informative.

## LAPTOP STOLEN...

A laptop was stolen at around 6:45 pm on February 28th. The student was sitting in the carrels by the CA Shepard's, and went downstairs to the lab for just a moment. When she came back, her laptop was gone.

The carrels are equipped with a cut-out section through which you may run a cable to lock your laptop. We strongly recommend that all students purchase a laptop cable and keep your laptop locked at all times. Even with the security gate, and even though you have only stepped away for a moment, theft happens. Please be careful!

## LOISLAW

John Vietor, a representative from Loislaw, was on campus on February 22nd to show students how Loislaw can help them to conduct efficient legal research. The presentation highlighted Loislaw's collection of federal and state primary law - from cases and codes, to court rules and forms - as well as the service's topical collections on Probate, Criminal law and other subjects. In addition to discussing the utility of Loislaw and the breadth of its collection, John also spoke about how Loislaw plans to expand in the future and its place in the world of electronic legal databases. For anyone who was unable to attend on February 22nd, John will return on March 9th for a training course at noon. The class will be in Room 2202 and will last approximately one hour. If you have any questions about the training course, or Loislaw itself, feel free to contact Marisa Diehl ([mdiehl@ggu.edu](mailto:mdiehl@ggu.edu)).

## FOOD— CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT IT, CAN'T HAVE IT IN THE LAW LIBRARY

Have you noticed all those signs posted both at the entrance and inside the law library that read: **NO FOOD**? It's not just one of those persnickety librarian things. Here's why we don't allow food in the law library:

1. Food creates garbage and odors, both of which are obnoxious to your fellow students.
2. Handling books or microforms while handling food leaves residue leading to their degradation.
3. Food attracts insects and vermin. Insects and vermin damage paper and microfilms.

**NO FOOD** in the Law Library means: **NO FOOD** in the stacks. **NO FOOD** in the carrels. **NO FOOD** in the group study rooms. **NO FOOD** in the microfilm room. And especially, **NO FOOD** in the computer labs.

So, if it's time to eat, take a break and get some fresh air. Enjoy your meal and then return to studying. You will feel refreshed and your study time will be more effective. And you won't make us have to kick you and your food out of the law library. Thank you.

*PS. You ARE welcome to eat in the Study Annex, 62 First Street, 5th floor.*

## LAW LIBRARY HOURS

### Regular 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.

## STUDY ANNEX HOURS

Monday-Friday  
8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Comments or questions about our newsletter?  
Email Janet Fischer at [jfischer@ggu.edu](mailto:jfischer@ggu.edu)

## LAW SCHOOL EXAMS

The final exams and available Best Answers from Summer 2005 and Fall 2005 have been posted to our web site at [http://www.ggu.edu/lawlibrary/studentstudaids/law\\_exams](http://www.ggu.edu/lawlibrary/studentstudaids/law_exams). Accessing these online is your best choice for reviewing a professor's past exams. The exams from these periods will not be available in the bound volumes for several months.

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

## FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

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

## STAFFING NEWS

**Endora King-Shey**, one of our Computer Services Coordinator, left GGU the end of December. **Georgia Dong**, Government Documents Assistant, left GGU in February. We wish both Endora and Georgia all the best in their future endeavors.

**Rajans Popli** is our new Computer Lab Technician in the Annex, available Monday—Thursday from 8:30am—1:00 pm. We also have two new Computer Lab Technicians in the computer labs: **Frank Sawadogo** and **Leon Su**.

Welcome to all our new staff members!

## GARY'S CORNER

**The Emperor of Ocean Park** by Stephan Carter. Alfred Knopf, 2002. This book will be found in our Legal Fiction collection on the basement level.

*~Reviewed by Gary Kemp, Continuations Assistant.*

Talcott Garland has got problems. His father, conservative giant, Oliver Garland, the emperor of Ocean Park, has just died of a heart attack. His sister, Mariah thinks that it is murder. Strange things begin happening. People start coming to Talcott about the "arrangements" which only he is supposed to know about, only he doesn't. His wife, Kimmer, is obsessed with getting a prominent judgeship and her mysterious and suspicious absences have become long and frequent. Talcott is being followed by more than one person, while people close to the judge start ending up dead. As he is dragged deeper into the mystery that is the judge's life and vendettas, his professorship at a prominent law school becomes precarious.

In addition to being a mystery, this is a sociological slice of life of upper-middle class African-Americans, or as the Garland family refers to themselves, "The Darker Nation." The action takes us from Washington D.C. to the college

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town of Elm Harbor to Martha's Vineyard.

As the clues are parceled out chapter by chapter, this book is a true mystery, fast-paced and erudite, which holds secrets until the last page. Surprise after surprise makes it impossible to put down.

## NEW ACQUISITIONS HIGHLIGHTS

Our listing of new titles each month may always be found at <http://www.ggu.edu/lawlibrary/new/newacquisitions>.

The Law Library has cataloged the following new online titles:

**Weapons of Mass Destruction Series**, the report from the WMD Commission at <http://www.wmdcommission.org>.

**The Rest of Their Lives: Life Without Parole For Child Offenders in the United States**. A report from Human Rights Watch at <http://www.hrw.org/reports/2005/us1005/>.



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