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Golden Gate University Law Library *New Acquisitions List & News*

May 1994

Law Library *New Acquisitions List* Undergoes Transformation

Our monthly listing of new books is still here--it's just been changed. You'll find it starting on the next page. It's still the same process.

You'll notice the titles grouped into five categories. Water Law, the first category, is a donation from Mr. Edward Chandler of the firm of Chandler, Wood, Harrington & Maffly. We received several classic treatises which should bolster our fundamental holdings in our growing environmental law area. Special thanks to Mr. Chandler and his firm for their generosity. The next four categories are areas of current emphasis in our collection development, followed by a general category. Those areas of emphasis are: Environmental Law, International Law and Law & Literature. The titles are arranged by subject. This will, hopefully, make it easier to find what you're looking for.

The other change is that the *List* will be used to communicate library news to you. We do need a name, though. Drop a line to Brent Bernau if you've got an idea. The winner will receive a special prize and accolades.

Donation of Tax Materials

Former LLM Tax Adjunct Professor Sal Lima donated about 100 volumes of tax materials recently. The superior condition of his books allowed our staff to replace our worn copies of USTC, TCM, TC and Revenue Rulings and Procedures. Our old copies will be offered to the Bangkok program. Many thanks to Mr. Lima.

Shortened Hours for the Summer

May 20 kicks off the Law Library's abbreviated hours for the summer. They are: Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Weekend Reference service will be cut, as will student staffing of the computer lab and access checkpoint. These are money-saving steps taken every summer.

DO Leave Town Without It

All faculty are requested to kindly return any law library materials which you won't be needing for the summer **BEFORE** you leave town. Our other patrons will appreciate it and with any luck, the books will still be here for you when you return in the fall. That from Circulation Supervisor **Mohamed Nasralla**.

Library on National TV

Operatives of NBC's Dateline series are tentatively scheduled to fly in from New York, Monday morning, to film a segment in the Law Library. Yes, you read correctly. A GGU graduate student in Accounting has convinced a Florida judge to rehear Fifth Amendment arguments which could possibly force the culprit to divulge where the money is. That's the money the convicted felon swindled from many individuals and corporations through the sale of fake CDs. The plaintiff did his research on this issue in our Law Library with the help of GGU law student and Student Library Assistant **Thomas Lutzenberger**.

Faculty Library Flunks Usefulness Test?

Many of you have indicated dissatisfaction with the size and collection of the Faculty Library. Yet, all recognize because of the space constraints, few options exist. However, if the Law School is going to purchase

a new building, the time is now for faculty who believe the Faculty Library should be expanded. Talk to Brent Bernau (x6685) or Dean Pagano **BEFORE** the floor plans are finalized.

MYAs/Faculty LEXIS & Westlaw Training

Computer Services Librarian **sean doherly** recently completed LEXIS and Westlaw training of this year's mid-year admit class, with the cooperation of Prof. Zamperini in conjunction with the Writing and Research program. Approximately 60 students were trained over a two-week period in both systems. Students admitted last fall underwent similar training in January and February.

Those faculty who have indicated they desire refreshers on either of the systems will be contacted by **sean** during the summer. Anyone else who would like an individual session in your office should call **sean** at x6682.

Library Passes Government Inspection with Flying Colors

The Law Library passed its recent inspection by the U.S. Government Printing Office. In fact, the inspector was so impressed with some aspects of our operation, that he is considering using us as a model for other academic law libraries. The Library's participation in the Depository Program is overseen by Government Documents Librarian **Cathy Hardy**. The high marks from the inspection, which is conducted every five years, enables us to continue participating in the Government Documents Depository program. We receive certain materials free of charge in exchange for making them available to the general public. Some of the titles received on the depository program include one copy of *U.S. Reports*, one copy of the *Code of Federal Regulations* and the *Congressional Record*. **Cathy** recently participated in a national conference for Depository Librarians in Washington, D.C. Some of the main topics included the availability of government information in various formats and the future of the depository program. Feel free to call **Cathy** at x6683 for a legislative update on these issues.

Staff Changes

Monica Fong, a member of our full-time support staff for over three years, has taken on the duties of the Law Library's Administrative Assistant. Recently hired to take over **Monica's** former duties of processing research materials is **Stephen Chrysler**, a 1992 GGU JD alumnus, who is taking time to explore alternative realities to law.

Public Services Librarian **John Adkins** will do his civic duty and report for jury duty, Monday, May 9. The services he oversees will continue uninterrupted in his absence. Reference requests will be handled by our able Reference Dept. staff, **Cathy Hardy**, Government Documents Librarian, and **sean doherly**, Computer Services Librarian.

Index to Journals Almost Ready

A newly-revised edition of *Oliver*, the Law Library's list of periodical holdings, should be available shortly. You'll notice the addition of numerous journals and reviews, most notably in the fields of international law and environmental law, since its last update. Technical Services Librarian **Donna Hughes-Oldenburg** is spearheading the effort with the help of Serials Assistant **Daniel McLean**.

Course Reserves

Reserve Room Assistant **Ann Wasilewski** would like to remind anyone wishing to place materials on Course Reserve for the summer to send them over, the earlier the better. You need to allow two days for course reserve items to be processed before sending students here to read them. Send **Ann** three copies of the materials from your personal collection. Or, if it's a title we own, just send her the citation and we'll do the photocopying for you. Call her at x3684 with any questions.