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NOTES FROM THE UNDERGROUND

G.G.U. Law Library News
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News and Updates

Microforms Collection

Staff spent the better part of the December holiday rearranging our collection of microfilms & fiche on the library's lower level. The cabinets were shifted and the contents of the cabinets rearranged for better access. The index to the collection has also been updated to reflect the new location of each title. Did you know that this collection includes, among other things:

- The California Constitutional Convention
- California Supreme Court briefs
- Briefs of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals
- The CIS Legislative Service from 1959
- Canadian codes and cases
- All state bar journals and session laws
- The complete Federal Register from 1936 and Code of Federal Regulations from 1938
- League of Nations and U.N. treaties

Now we are working on procuring new equipment to make reading and printing these materials a lot easier!

International Journals List Project

In support of our LL.M. in International Legal Studies, we have developed a listing of International and Comparative Law Journals that are held by Golden Gate University Law Library, Hastings Law Library, USF Law Library, and Boalt Hall Law Library. This list is posted to our web page at http://internet.ggu.edu/law_library/index.htm. Each entry includes a link to the online catalog of the library that holds the material. We hope this will prove a useful research tool for researchers at all schools. Special thanks to Helen Hartnell for conceiving this project, and to Janet Fischer and Michael Daw for all their hard work in compiling the list.

Computer Lab Update

The computer labs now have new lab chairs and new printers. In addition, we have added a "plug & print" printer for students using laptops. Printer drivers for the "plug & print" are available on diskette at the Circulation Desk. However, we ask that faculty take advantage of the outside vendors for copying requests, and avoid sending students to the library to

print out large documents for class. Our costs for paper and toner continue to skyrocket.

Faculty Publications

The Law Library maintains a listing of Faculty Publications, available at http://internet.ggu.edu/law_library/facpubs.htm. New publications are culled from GGU announcements and from the Faculty Notes in *Class Action*. Please check the list; and if you would like to update your listing, please send an email to Janet Fischer at jfischer@ggu.edu.

We Are A Federal Depository

Just a reminder: Golden Gate University Law Library is a selective Federal Depository for Government Documents. Several brochures outlining what we collect and how to access various materials may be found in the literature rack at the entrance to the Law Library. A reference librarian will be happy to assist you in finding any needed materials.

Survey

The librarians are undertaking a survey to determine how other law schools are handling the student laptop phenomena. We are calling about 100 Electronic Services librarians from ABA schools and asking them:

- 1) Does your school require students to purchase laptop computers (make and model)? If not, does your school recommend one or more specific laptops?
- 2) What is the policy (written or verbal) dealing with the level of support you offer to laptop users? (Configuration of Ethernet or Wireless access cards, help with word processing, aid in event of hard drive failure and so forth.)
- 3) Has your school instituted pay-for-print?
- 4) What types of security software do you use?

We plan to compile the results, send a summary to those schools that were kind enough to answer our questions, and write an article for Law Library Journal.

Staff Activities

In addition to their regular duties, your librarians are keeping very busy. **Margaret Arnold**, Associate Dean of the Law Library, recently attended several sessions for Law Library Directors at the Association of American Law Schools conference in Washington DC, and will soon attend a conference on renovating law libraries. She is also continues to teach Graduate Legal Research to the L.L.M. students, and recently published an article about teaching this class in the Fall/Winter 2002 newsletter for the Research Instruction & Patron Services section of the American Association of Law Libraries. **Michael Daw**, Head of Reference, continues to teach E-Research and will teach Tax Research for visiting Chinese scholars in March. He also worked on the International Law Journals project mentioned above. **Steve Feller**, Reference Librarian, attended a seminar on Ready Reference resources on the Internet and continues to teach Graduate Legal Research. **Janet Fischer**, Acquisitions/ Documents Librarian, recently taught an MCLE class on Internet resources to alums and is working with the NOCALL web page committee. She also worked on the International Law Journals project mentioned above. **Maryanne Gerber**, Electronic Services Librarian, is working with the Law Review, writing a textbook for her class on Law Practice Technology, as well as working on a project on Adaptive Technology for students admitted under the ADA. **Stephanie Hess**, Technical Services Librarian, recently attended a seminar on cataloging electronic resources, and will soon tackle our extensive microforms collection for re-cataloging. **Mohamed Nasralla**, Circulation Librarian, continues to tutor students preparing for bar exams, and will be getting his L.L.M. in International Legal Studies this spring. **Caleb Tucker-Raymond**, Systems Librarian, will be presenting a program at the Innovative Users Group conference in San Jose in April. Innovative is the technology behind our online catalog, as well as many other electronic procedures.

New Staff

We bid farewell to Dominika Lamkiewicz, Continuations Assistant, and Josephine Pascual, Technical Services Assistant. Both have moved on to new opportunities, and we will miss them.

We welcome new staff member **Gary Kemp** as our full-time Continuations Assistant. Gary grew up on a ranch in the Central Valley. He has a bachelor's degree in History and Anthropology from UC Santa Barbara, with an emphasis on the evolution of specific religions over time. He has worked for Pillsbury/Winthrop's law library, and the libraries for the State Supreme Court, Graduate Theological

Union, and UC Berkeley. In his free time, Gary enjoys writing, cooking, reading and movies.

New Acquisitions

West is publishing a number of **new Nutshells**, which will be in the Open Reserve section as soon as we receive them. Titles include: *The Legal System of the People's Republic of China in a Nutshell*; *Juvenile Justice in a Nutshell*; *Law Practice Management in a Nutshell*; *Death Penalty in a Nutshell*; *Mediation in a Nutshell*; *Law School Competitions in a Nutshell*.

Several Nutshells have a **new edition**, including: Barron and Dienes: *Constitutional Law in a Nutshell*, 5th ed., 2003; Burke: *Federal Income Taxation of Corporations and Stockholders in a Nutshell*, 5th ed., 2003; Lowe: *Oil and Gas Law in a Nutshell*, 4th ed.; Reynolds: *Judicial Process in a Nutshell*, 3rd ed., 2003. Keep an eye open for these useful materials. You may want to recommend these titles to any students who need additional reading.

A listing of all our new acquisitions for each month is posted to our web site at http://internet.ggu.edu/law_library/newacq.html.

Book Reviews

Keeva, Steven. *Transforming Practices: Finding Joy and Satisfaction in the Legal Life*. Lincolnwood, IL: Contemporary Books, 1999. *Reviewed by Jane Lanman, Acquisitions Asst.*

Keeva provides an analysis of the legal profession's problems and suggests ways in which disillusioned lawyers can find fulfillment in their work. He draws upon the experiences of lawyers who have accomplished this by approaching their work in a spiritual and humanitarian manner. Keeva asserts that lawyers in all practice areas can achieve this personal and professional satisfaction. Furthermore, he challenges all lawyers to transform their legal practices and to bridge the gap between their professionalism and their humanity.

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