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What's New in the Library?

- The Grundy Women's Club will be displaying quilts in the Library in an exhibit entitled "Discover and Preserve Women's History," in celebration of Women's History Month (which is observed in March by presidential proclamation). The exhibit will start on March 6 and run for two weeks.
- Are you looking for some extra-curricular reading? The Library has a solution for you! We have begun a small collection of legal fiction that will be available on a "read and swap" basis, meaning that you won't need your ID to check these books out. Right now, that collection consists mainly of legal-oriented mysteries, but your contributions will help us provide a wider variety of fiction. Take them, read them, then bring them back for others to enjoy. These "swapper's paradise" books will be located on the bookshelves next to the elevator, since this collection consists entirely of donated books.
- **Westlaw classes available:** Worried about your Westlaw search skills? Want to learn how to find jobs using Westlaw? Do you want to hear what most lawyers don't know about Westlaw? The Library, in conjunction with Westlaw's training staff, will be offering several classes for all students (and interested faculty and staff as well) during March. The times and dates have not yet been finalized but will be soon. Watch for posters in the Library and notes in your mailboxes alerting you to specific times and dates.
- Did you miss the last ATLA meeting? Have you wondered what the SBA has been doing lately? Both of those organizations have placed their constitutions and minutes of their meetings on Reserve in the Library for all to inspect. Just ask for them at the Circulation Desk.
- **REMEMBER: THE LIBRARY WILL BE OPEN ON A REDUCED SCHEDULE DURING SPRING BREAK. THE LIBRARY WILL BE STAFFED FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM FROM MONDAY, MARCH 6, THROUGH FRIDAY, MARCH 10. YOUR ID WILL STILL LET YOU INTO THE BUILDING AFTER HOURS. (WE WILL BE STAFFED REGULAR HOURS ON THE WEEKEND BEFORE AND THE WEEKEND AFTER SPRING BREAK.)**

Other Library News

- It's getting close to oral argument time for many students, and what better way to prepare than to see or hear how the "pros" do it? To see examples of oral arguments before the Supreme Court, look at our series entitled "Landmark Briefs and Arguments of the Supreme Court" (KF 101.8 .K87; these books do not check out). You can read the briefs the lawyers filed in some of the most important cases that the Court has decided, then read the transcript of the oral argument.

Another resource is the book and audiocassette series "May It Please the Court: The First Amendment," which offers the transcript and the actual audio-recording of the oral argument of sixteen Supreme Court cases (all of which are about First Amendment issues). That book and four tapes are on Reserve (KF 4770 .A7 M3 1997; we have two copies that check out for two hours).

Finally, a new CD-ROM offers "seventy-plus hours of oral argument in fifty of the most significant constitutional cases decided since 1955," aptly titled "The Supreme Court's Greatest Hits" (KF 8742 .G65 1999; we have one copy on Reserve that checks out for two hours). This multimedia CD-ROM offers the transcripts, oral arguments, and some analysis of many famous cases. It can run on both Macintosh and IBM-compatible computers, but it does require sound capabilities and RealPlayer. If you have questions about any of these resources, ask Chris King, Reference Librarian.

- Congratulations to the winners of the 1L Westlaw "contest": Bill Bonilla, Dinah Hall, Mary Kilpatrick, and Stephanie Mutter. These four students were randomly selected to win a prize during Westlaw representative John Street's visit with us during February. If getting a job or learning how to use Westlaw isn't incentive enough, prizes may be awarded at the advanced Westlaw training sessions to be held in March (see front page story)!
- We would like to thank all of the students who have been turning out the lights in study rooms when they leave, and encourage others to do the same. If you are the last person in a room or "area" (like the Reference Area or the Current Awareness Area) after hours, please shut off the lights when you leave. If you are turning off the lights in the bathrooms, please be sure that no one else is still in there!