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What's New in the Library?

- Be looking for our yearly offerings of legal research review classes! Our "Get REAL! [Research and Electronic Assisted Learning]" classes are being scheduled for this upcoming semesters. These half-hour to hour-long classes will cover using our online Library catalog, mastering digests and statutes and law reviews, and refreshing your Westlaw and Lexis skills. We'll be posting signs in the Library as well as providing dates on our web site, located at <http://www.asl.edu/library/>.
- Our student representatives for the two major online legal databases have posted their "office hours."

<u>LexisNexis</u>	<u>Online Service</u>	<u>Westlaw</u>
<i>Madeline Short</i> (3L)	student representative	<i>Walter Rogers</i> (3L)
no posted hours	Mondays	2 - 3 pm
3 - 5 pm	Tuesdays	2 - 5 pm
3 - 5 pm	Wednesdays	11 am - noon; 3 - 5 pm
1 - 5 pm	Thursdays	2 - 5 pm
no posted hours	Fridays	no posted hours

- First year students, did you accidentally use your CALI CD-ROM for a drink coaster? Second and third year students know how helpful the 270 supplemental lessons that CALI provides on 28 subject areas, including all of the first year classes. You can either download individual lessons from CALI's web site <http://www.cali.org/> (get the password from someone at the Circulation Desk), or you can check out the CALI CD-ROM with a valid ID for three days. We even provide instructions on installing all of the lessons to your computer.

Who's New in the Library?

The Library welcomes two new employees. Katie Smith joins us as our part-time Collection Development Assistant, and she will be responsible for helping us order materials (as well as keeping our files in order!). Katie grew up in Chesapeake, Virginia. She attended The University of North Carolina at Greensboro and received a BS in Exercise and Sport Science. She has been happily married for a year and a half to a 1L here at ASL.

Kim Farrell Starnes will be patrolling the Circulation Desk in the evenings as our Circulation Clerk. She too is married to a 1L. Kim comes to us from North Carolina, having majored in Special Education at East Carolina University. Kim will be closing the Library Sunday through Thursday evenings.

Other News

- **Labor Day Hours:** We'll be open our regular Saturday (9 am - 5 pm) and Sunday (1 pm to midnight) hours on Labor Day weekend, but we'll only have someone at the Circulation Desk from 1 pm - 5 pm on Monday, September 2. Students with a valid ID will continue to have 6 am to midnight access on Monday, but will not be able to retrieve materials on reserve for most of the day -- so please plan ahead!
- We are delighted to see so many students using the Library during these first few weeks of school. But now that classes are in full swing, we're going to have to be a little less lenient with the rules: the Library should be a quiet place for study and research. Please keep your spirited debates over things like the mailbox rule outside or in a group study room (see next item). If you have a cell phone, please use it outside so that you don't disturb patrons who are trying to study. We hate to have to tell law students to "Shhhh!" but we'll do it if we're forced to....
- Many students have noticed that we have some great areas in which to study -- specifically, the group study rooms, located on either end of the second floor of the Library. We have not instituted sign-up sheets, so any study group who gets to one first can claim temporary possession. But please do not leave items in the study rooms to "save" them, as the Library reserves the right to clean those rooms out (sadly, the Library cannot take responsibility for lost or stolen items). We also try to clean the white boards every once in a while, so make sure you've copied everything down once you leave the room. Finally, do not use the Library Seminar Room as a group study room; it is being used as a classroom (we try to post notices on the door when we know about them) and as a provisional computer lab. The Seminar Room's door should always be open unless there's a class being held in there.
- In late August, President Bush's lawyers contended that the president has the authority to invade Iraq without congressional approval. This argument is based on two resolutions, the Persian Gulf Resolution (Public Law 102-1, 105 Stat. 3, January 12, 1991) and the recent resolution authorizing force against the attackers of the World Trade Center and Pentagon (PL 107-40, 115 Stat. 224, September 14, 2001). Many congressional members counter that force is prohibited under the War Powers Resolution (PL 93-148, 87 Stat. 855, November 7, 1973). We have all of these resolutions, available upstairs in print, or through Westlaw, Lexis, or Congressional Universe. Who knows when the topic will come up over a lunchtime conversation or a long day in Constitutional Law?

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