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What's New in the Library?

December Hours: During finals, all students with a valid ASL ID card will be able
to access the Library 24 hours a day. We will continue our normal staffing hours
until Friday, December 13. For a detailed description of the hours we are staffed
during Winter Break, check out our web site at
http://www.asl.edu/library/hours.htm
or pick up one of our handouts at the
Circulation Desk.

Anne		Katie
Becky	Good luck on finals	Kim B.
Beth	and	Kim S.
Chris		Lisa
Glenna	Happy Holidays!	Tessie
Jessica	from the Library staff	Tim

- Last chance for picking up lost & found items in the Library: Stop by the Circulation Desk before Friday, December 13, or our powers of possession kick in and we donate the stuff to charity!
- Looking for a job for next semester? The Library will be hiring student workers for Spring Semester. We ask you to work about ten hours a week doing various jobs for us. Leave your resume at the Circulation Desk, and we'll give it to Glenna Owens, our Associate Director. Make sure your resume includes a current phone number! Thanks!
- During Winter Break (after exams are over), we're planning on shifting some things around and cleaning some hidden corners. We'll try to be quiet, but if you need to study, we'll make arrangements.

Other News

- Next semester, the Library will have available over 100 new videos from the Federal Judicial Center. Congress created the FJC in 1967 to suggest improvements in judicial administration. If you're interested in the workings of the judiciary, stop by the Circulation Desk and borrow the videos for three days. The Library thanks student Greg Langadinos, who was able to pull some strings at his former externship site to get these videos for us.
- While we're on the topic of donations, don't forget about the Library's "Book Swap" located upstairs in the "hidden corner" near our Current Awareness newspapers and magazines area. Take some books home for pleasure reading over the holiday season – bring back a couple more to share with your fellow students.
- And you thought practicing law (and paying off those student loans) was the reward you got when you passed the bar ... You're missing out on another wonderful opportunity available to you as licensed attorneys: being able to play "Fantasy Court." Yes, just like fantasy football and baseball games, you pick the outcomes of the cases the Supreme Court hears in a term. Bonus points are awarded for guessing the correct Supreme lineup (the majority/minority split). Sorry to all the non-lawyer readers: it is truly limited to lawyers only. For a heads-up before the bar exam, visit http://www.fantasycourt.com/.
- There are some new rules to tell you about, but they're not Library rules. The US court system is amending the various federal rules, and many changes go into effect on December 1, 2002. There are changes to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure (mostly changes in timing and filing rules), the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (minor changes), the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (changes in disclosure and judgment rules), and the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure (a complete rearrangement and update of the rules). The amendments are printed at 70 <u>U.S. Law Week</u> 4295, but can also be viewed online at http://www.uscourts.gov/rules/newrules6.html.
- More rule changes; these affect our soon-to-be Tennessee lawyers. Tennessee has adopted the Model Rules of Professional Conduct, making it the forty-fifth state to follow the American Bar Association's proposed rules. The new rules go into effect March 1, 2003. Interestingly, Tennessee based its new rules on an older version of the ABA Model Rules, which changed significantly in 2002 after several years of debate. According to one report, Tennessee only adopted about a third of the ABA rules without changes. To view the new rules, visit the state bar association's web site at http://www.tba.org/ethics2002.html.

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