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What's New in the Library?

- You've probably noticed our smiling faces sitting at our new Reference Desk. Please stop by and ask us your toughest research questions! (Well, maybe not any math ones.) Our desk schedule is still being worked out, but we plan on having somebody available Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 8 pm; Friday, 9 am to 5 pm; and Sundays, noon to 8 pm. If you can't find anyone at the Reference Desk, check at the Circulation Desk and we will find help for you!
- Even though every month we try to mention "what's new in the Library," it doesn't mean that we don't keep doing some "old" stuff – like holding more "Get REAL!" [Research and Electronic-Assisted Learning] classes. We will be posting February's schedule at the Circulation Desk and on various bulletin boards in the Library. We also have CALI CD-ROMs and Hornbooks and Nutshells at the Circulation Desk. If you need some ideas for studying, just ask!
- As we get closer to the ABA inspection in early March, we will be doing some "spot cleaning" in certain areas. We'll try to be as quiet as possible. Please join us in keeping the Library clean for our very important visitors!
- Westlaw and LexisNexis certification classes will be the place to be in February! We plan on running several certification classes during February (and maybe in March, depending on scheduling arrangements). These classes review search strategies on the electronic services, and are a great way to prove to a prospective employer that you are trained in the secret art of research. Check at the Circulation Desk for sign-up sheets.
- Here's what we believe to be the student LexisNexis and Westlaw representatives schedule for this semester. Check on the bulletin board over the downstairs photocopier/printer for changes.

	LexisNexis	Westlaw		
	Isadora Cipolletta (3L)	Eric Burnette (3L)	Norma Jean Landis (3L)	Bryson Aldridge (2L)
Monday	<i>no scheduled hours</i>	<i>no scheduled hours</i>	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Tuesday	1:30 pm – 5:30 pm	8:00 am – noon; 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am – 11:30 am; 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm	8:00 am – 10:00 am	8:00 am – 10:00 am; 11:30 am – 1:00 pm	8:00 am – 9:00 am; 10:00 am – 11:30 am
Thursday	<i>no scheduled hours</i>	8:00 am – noon	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Friday	<i>no scheduled hours</i>	8:00 am – 10:00 am	8:00 am – 10:00 am; 11:30 am – 1:00 pm	<i>no scheduled hours</i>

Other News

- **Off the Shelves:** In this edition of Off the Shelves, we want to highlight the recently-renamed "Law Student Jobs Online" which is part of WestGroup's Career Services library. It features a number of lists of job opportunities for current students as well as recent graduates. Interestingly, it also provides links to other career-building services, such as writing contests.

The main part of the site is dedicated to searching for summer or long-term positions. Over 1500 firms have placed information about openings, many with very detailed write-ups about the firm and about the position. You can search by type of job or by state. But be careful, since some of the jobs are no longer available (there were quite a few "closing dates" of 2004 still in the database when I last checked). If you would rather the jobs come to you, this service allows you to post an electronic copy of your resume, so that hiring attorneys can find information about you instantly. If you click on the "Search Attorney Jobs & Legal Career Center" link, you get information about what "top 10" things you should put in your resume.

To use Law Student Jobs Online, click on the link at the bottom of the "Electronic Databases" page on the ASL Library web site (<http://www.asl.edu/library/databases.php>). Then, type in your Westlaw password for access. Check at the Reference Desk or with one of the Westlaw student reps if you need help.

- If you are dreading your seminar paper because you need help getting started, we have some tremendous resources available at no charge to you! Our Legal Research Guides, posted on the web site (<http://www.asl.edu/library/>) and found at our Information Station, remind you of all the steps in legal research. The Library's online catalog (also on our web site) will help you find treatises on your particular subject. And if you are really stuck, feel free to make an appointment with either Gigi or Chris and they will work with you on finding the appropriate materials for your research.
- If you thought the bar exam was going to be the last thing to torment you well, think again. You may be hassled by people telling lawyer jokes. In fact, two men in Hempstead, New York, were recently arrested for telling lawyer jokes just outside a county courthouse. According to a court spokesperson, the two were "being abusive and [...] causing a disturbance" by telling jokes like "Why do they bury lawyers 100 feet into the ground? Because deep down, they are good people." A lawyer standing in line complained, and the two were arrested for disorderly conduct, according to Associated Press and Newsday reports. [Makes us wonder what the two would think of The Onion – a satirical newspaper – that recently ran a story titled "Supreme Court to Break Up If Rehnquist Leaves"!] See Chris if you want to know more about these stories.