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What's New in the Library?

- It's very tempting to think about Spring Break during the cold winter months; it's not that far away! Although none of the Library staff has plans to travel to islands of paradise during that week, we will have more limited hours during Spring Break. We will be closed completely the starting Sunday (March 3) and ending Saturday (March 9) of that week. During the week itself, the Circulation/Reserve Desk will be open from 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday (March 4-8), but we'll offer card access from 8 am to 9 pm on those days.
- During the month of February, we will be having more Lexis and Westlaw training. Most of the classes offered will be for 1L Certification, but if there's enough time available for advanced training, we'll post signs in the Library. (We were finalizing the schedule as of press time.)
- If you will be preparing a bar examination application within the next few months, we want to let you know that we have some notaries public on staff to help you with those required notarized signatures. Check at the Circulation/Reserve Desk between 9 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday and we'll likely have someone here who can help you. (Also, for those of you planning to practice in states that still require *typed* bar applications, we do have two typewriters available for checkout at the Circulation/Reserve Desk.)

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Monday	8:30 am – 11:30 am	9:50 am – 10:50 am; 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm	<i>no scheduled hours</i>	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Tuesday	8:30 am – 10:30 am	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<i>no scheduled hours</i>	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Wednesday	<i>no scheduled hours</i>	9:50 am – 10:50 am	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	<i>no scheduled hours</i>
Thursday	12:30 pm – 2:30 pm	8:00 am – 10:00 am	10:00 am – 2:00 pm	<i>no scheduled hours</i>
Friday	<i>no scheduled hours</i>	<i>no scheduled hours</i>	<i>no scheduled hours</i>	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Other News

- Just a reminder about our group study rooms: During each semester, the group study rooms tend to be very heavily used, although there are some slow weeks. If you want to know if a room may be available, look online at our catalog at <http://catalog.asl.edu> and click on the "Study Room Availability" link on the right-hand side of the screen. If you see "Check Shelves" it means the room is available. (Sadly, our system won't allow "reservations" to be made in advance.)
- There have been a few "Twitter in the courtroom" stories recently, with several courts admonishing jurors who use the social networking service while a case was being decided. We're reminded of comedian Steve Martin (@SteveMartinToGo) who, last year, offered some tweeting commentary allegedly while on jury duty:
 - "defendant looks like a murderer"
 - "guy I thought was up for murder turns out to be defense attorney. I bet he murdered someone anyway"
 - "Prosecuting attorney. Don't like his accent. Going with INNOCENT"
 - "Attorneys presenting 'evidence.' Since when are security photos, DNA, and testimony evidence? Trusting intuition"
 - "Also starting whisper campaign of innocence based on Magic 8 ball"[from http://www.abajournal.com/news/article/tweeting_from_jury_duty_steve_martin_judges_defense_lawyer_guilty] The federal courts have updated their set of model jury instructions to include the broad "You may not use any ... social media" statement; many states are following suit. [See the federal instructions at <http://news.uscourts.gov/revised-jury-instructions-hope-deter-juror-use-social-media-during-trial>] If you're interested in this topic, check out *Prejudicial Effect of Juror Misconduct Arising from Internet Usage*, 48 A.L.R.6th 135 (2009).
- Since the Super Bowl will be held in early February, we thought we could sneak in a football story and somehow connect it to law school. A two-time Super Bowl champion, after recently retiring, opted to go to law school. Cornerback Randall Gay (who played for the New England Patriots and New Orleans Saints) is now battling the Rule Against Perpetuities instead of sneaky quarterbacks. He was recently quoted as saying: "I didn't have to really study for football. It's just something you know. Now, I'm starting from scratch writing briefs. I don't know what a brief is. I'm taking a torts class. I don't know what a tort is. In football, we have seven days to prepare. Now I have to do assignments and have them done by the next day. But I've learned to adapt quickly." Other famous football-players-turned-lawyers include U.S. Supreme Court Justice Byron White (Pittsburgh Pirates/Steelers and Detroit Lions), Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan Page (Minnesota Vikings), David Treadwell (Denver Broncos), and Steve Young (San Francisco 49ers). [Randall Gay's story was reported by WAFB at <http://ebrsouth.wafb.com/news/events/55901-randall-gay-trades-playbook-law-books>]

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