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What's New in the Library?

- Our biennial student survey will be distributed this month. Please let us know what you think about the Library's services. We use this survey to help us plan for further improvements, so let us know what we can do better. (Of course, if we're doing things well, that's always nice to know too!) Return the surveys to the Circulation/Reserve Desk before you leave for Spring Break (Friday, March 4).
- Most of you won't be forgetting coats and jackets over the next month or so, but sometimes gloves and scarves attempt to run away. If you can't seem to find a piece of apparel, or perhaps a textbook or notebook, please double-check at the Circulation/Reserve Desk. Right now, we have a hoodie who wants to find its owner.
- We know last semester's exams seemed to arrive so suddenly. One tip for being more prepared this semester is to use CALI lessons. The Center for Computer-Assisted Learning Instruction at <http://www.cali.org/> offers almost 1000 interactive legal tutorials. We recommended that you create a CALI account during your orientation week – which may seem like ages ago – but if you need to create a new account, you'll need to know ASL's authorization code, which is **[not in online version!]** and it is case-sensitive.
- The Library will have more limited hours during Spring Break, which will be March 7-11. We'll announce those hours in March's newsletter, and with signs on the doors.

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MON	Jennifer and Daniel may be available in the Student Activity Center on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2 pm to 6 pm. Send an e-mail to any of the representatives to set up your own one-on-one training (or send them your questions).			noon – 2 pm (Library)
TUE				11 am – 1 pm (Lions' Lounge)
WED				noon – 2 pm (Library)
THU				11 am – 1 pm (Lions' Lounge)
FRI				<i>no scheduled hours</i>

Other News

- As we gear up for a presidential election at the end of the year, one topic that might fly under the radar is the new president's potential picks for judicial nominees, specifically for the Supreme Court. The Washington Post recently pointed out that the average age of the justices is just over 69; at the end of 2016, the average will be 70.4, which is the third-oldest group ever (in 1936, the average age of the Supremes was 71.1, while in 1985, the average age was 70.9). Justice Ginsburg turns 83 this year, while Scalia and Kennedy will turn 80. This is often a perennial topic, as the New York Times ran a very similar story – *Future of an Aging Court Raises Stakes of Presidential Vote* – during the last presidential election in 2012.

The Washington Post article is at <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-fix/wp/2016/01/10/the-average-age-of-the-supreme-court-is-close-to-a-record-high/>

while the New York Times article is still at

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/06/28/us/presidential-election-could-reshape-an-aging-supreme-court.html>

- One of the more popular "toys" at Christmas was a remote-controlled drone. With more people flying these small aircraft, there's more chance for a lawsuit to occur. Just this summer, one drone went flying over a Hillview, Kentucky, man's house. The property owner was a little spooked out, as his teenage daughter was outside by the pool, so he took out his shotgun and suddenly became known internationally as "the drone slayer." He would later be charged with criminal mischief and wanton endangerment; the case would eventually be dismissed. Recently, the Federal Aviation Administration has attempted to regulate the use of drones (although they use the not-as-prosaic title "unmanned aircraft systems"). To see the FAA regulations, which now include registration of drones, check out their page at <https://www.faa.gov/uas/>

The stories of the Kentucky landowner were posted by WDRB at

<http://www.wdrb.com/story/29650818/hillview-man-arrested-for-shooting-down-drone-cites-right-to-privacy> and

<http://www.wdrb.com/story/29670583/update-drone-owner-disputes-suspects-claims-produces-video-claiming-to-show-flight-path>

while the dismissal was reported by NBC at

<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/case-dismissed-against-william-h-merideth-kentucky-man-arrested-shooting-n452281>

If you're interested in this topic, a quick search in your favorite Internet search engine for *drone law* will find dozens of attorneys (and many hobbyists) who have a lot to say about the law governing drones.

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