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What's New in the Library?

- Are you having trouble with the CALI web site? Do you hate waiting for each CALI lesson to download to your computer? The ASL Library now has several copies of the CALI CD-ROM available for checkout, so you can install lessons directly to your computer. You will now have access to over 100 lessons in 25 legal subjects without having to download each one individually. The installation only takes a few minutes, or, if you have a computer at home, you can check out the CD-ROM for three days (we even provide instructions). Ask for the CALI CD-ROM at the Circulation Desk.
- Our audiocassette holdings have just doubled. We have purchased a second copy of all of the Law School Legends tapes. If you haven't heard about these tapes, ask at the Circulation Desk. Tapes can be checked out for three days.
- We have heard rumors that some students are claiming squatters' rights to our study rooms. While we do not have sign-up sheets to reserve the rooms, we do have some general rules regarding "priorities" to help you determine who has the right to a room at any given time. (1) The rooms are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. (2) Study rooms cannot be reserved or saved for future use. (3) If a study room is left unattended a new group can claim the room even if personal belongings are left in the room to "save" it. (4) Groups have priority over individuals. If there continues to be controversy, we may institute sign-up sheets for the study rooms beginning in January. For questions or concerns about study room access, please talk to June Stewart, Director of the Law Library.
- While on the subject of study rooms: Please remember that the Library takes no responsibility for any items left in the Library, including in study rooms or on study carrels. Do not leave your belongings in a study room to "save" the room; as described in the prior paragraph, a study group may want to use that room and would be forced to remove your possessions.
- Now that fall – and soon, winter – is upon us, the Library staff will be asking students not to open windows. We believe that the heating/cooling system has been fixed, so the temperature in the Library should be relatively warm. If you absolutely must open a window, make sure you close the window before you leave the Library for the day. (Another "energy conserving" tip: please turn out the lights if you are the last person to leave an area of the Library. The location of the light switches is in your Student User Guide.)

Other News

- The first Monday in October is a very special day of every year: it is the first day for the new session of the Supreme Court. On the High Court's docket for just the first week of the term are the following cases:
 - a case that may redefine Strickland v. Washington's definition of "ineffective assistance of counsel"
 - a challenge to one of the provisions of the Antiterrorism & Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996
 - a case on campaign contributions, one that may finally sound the death knell for Buckley v. Valeo
 - two cases on voting rights, including one that challenges Hawaii's statute that allows only native Hawaiians to vote for certain officers.

For information about the Court's docket and to read summaries of the cases that the Court has been asked to hear, read U.S. Law Week, an (obviously) weekly newsletter that covers the Supreme Court and other important legal news. You must ask for it at the Circulation Desk.

- The last Sunday in October is also an important day. Aside from it being Halloween this year, it is also the first day of "standard time," which means that we gain an hour as we turn the clocks backward. Only lawyers could make this sound so lyrical:

Sec. 260a. Advancement of time or changeover dates

(a) Duration of period; State exemption

During the period commencing at 2 o'clock antemeridian on the first Sunday of April of each year and ending at 2 o'clock antemeridian on the last Sunday of October of each year, the standard time of each zone established by sections 261 to 264 of this title, as modified by section 265 of this title, shall be advanced one hour and such time as so advanced shall for the purposes of such sections 261 to 264, as so modified, be the standard time of such zone during such period; however, (1) any State that lies entirely within one time zone may by law exempt itself from the provisions of this subsection providing for the advancement of time, but only if that law provides that the entire State (including all political subdivisions thereof) shall observe the standard time otherwise applicable during that period, and (2) any State with parts thereof in more than one time zone may by law exempt either the entire State as provided in (1) or may exempt the entire area of the State lying within any time zone.

15 U.S.C. §260a (1998) < <http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/15/260a.html>>

For the remainder of this section, look in any of the following books, all located upstairs: United States Code, United States Code Annotated, and United States Code Service.