A Word of Welcome

You either have in your hands a printed page or are reading from a screen a copy of volume 1, number 1, of Law Library News and that is entirely appropriate. As the Kresge Law Library continues its physical transformation into the wonderful space that will become its home in Biolchini Hall, those of us who toil here and those of you who benefit from our work on your behalf are also continuing to experience a dramatic transformation in the delivery of legal information. During the 18 months of renovation, two-thirds of the library's physical collection is located off-site. Yet, the efforts of the faculty and students to find and use the legal information that forms the foundation of the educational and scholarly enterprise continues. When we reopen, our full print collection will return, but we will have moved forward still balancing our traditional reliance on the printed volume with access to digital content.

The pages of this newsletter tell stories about the people who work at the Kresge Law Library and, in particular, Kelli Lanski and Barb Ritty. Their stories provide a glimpse into the human dimension of the institutional life of the library. We have two weddings this summer of staff members (plus one for my youngest daughter). I am especially pleased that Anita, Beth, Chris and the two Susans have made these stories the core of the newsletter. The wonderful people who work here are the greatest asset of the Kresge Law Library. Their dedication to service is a great source of inspiration to me, and everyone who reads these modest words from me is indebted to their efforts and those of everyone who has worked to make this library so great.

And that's the way it is ...

(Or: news and kudos from the library departments, with apologies to Walter Cronkite)

Administrative Services
Ed Edmonds presented "Major League Baseball Salary Arbitration in 2009 " at the 16th Annual Spring Training Conference on the Historical and Sociological Impact of Baseball in Phoenix this March. He also participated in Widener University School of Law’s 2009 Dean’s Leadership Forum on Diversity in Sports.

Access & Research Services
In April, Dwight King, Chris O’Byrne, Warren Rees and Anita Lutz attended the workshop “Newspapers: The Reports of Their Death are Greatly Exaggerated” at the Hesburgh Library. Also in April, Chris O’Byrne attended a seminar on “Crime, Law & Society in Ancient Rome” hosted by the Robbins Collection at UC Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall).

Technical Services
Joe Reimers and Christine Johnson were married on May 2nd at the Basilica.

In other news, Joe was also the recipient of the 2009 Indiana University South Bend Library Prize for Undergraduate Research for his paper “From Private Organizations to Agents of the State.” You can read more about this award and view Joe’s paper on the IUSB website at: http://www.iusb.edu/~libg/about/libraryprize.shtml

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Technical Services, cont.
Beth Given was awarded a scholarship to attend the Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians 2009 Conference in Indianapolis in May. She was also recently notified that she is the recipient of a travel grant for the second year in a row to attend the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, held this year in Washington, D.C. in late July. As part of this grant she was awarded funding to also attend the Conference of Newer Law Librarians (CONELL) which precedes the Annual Meeting.

Technology Services
Susan Good and Kevin Davis are getting married in St. Petersburg, Florida on May 30th.

Law Students to Lament Lack of Lemonheads!
That’s a lot of Lemonheads. You might think the supply would never run out, but you’d be wrong! We’re down to the last 20 lbs of Lemonheads, so be sure to get some before they are all gone!

Over the past academic year, law library patrons have consumed 235 lbs of Lemonheads (and 7.5 lbs of Atomic Fireballs)!

Student Worker Appreciation Breakfast
Kresge Library faculty and staff joined Dean O’Hara in celebrating the dedication of the many student workers who assist with library tasks throughout the school year on Tuesday, April 28th, at the Annual Student Worker Appreciation Breakfast. This event, held in the Donors Room at the Morris Inn, is a time for staff, faculty and students to get together before the end of the school year, as well as the time for the presentation of the Kresge Library Student Service Award. This award is given to a graduating senior each year in recognition of outstanding service to the law library. The 2009 recipient was Kelli Lanski, a 3L who has worked for Access Services since 2007.
Photographs from the renovation

LEFT: A look at the false floors of the old Stacks, deconstructed.

RIGHT: The old computer lab area.

BELOW: This wall (uncovered during deconstruction) is still covered in ivy from its days as an exterior wall!

ABOVE: The Main Reading Room hasn’t changed much yet: notice you can still see the curtains on the windows of the librarians’ old offices!

Thanks to Susan Good for providing these photographs, taken in March 2009.
Cost-Awareness, No-Cost, and Low-Cost Legal Research

“I knew that electronic research was expensive, but I didn’t think I’d spent tens of thousands of dollars.” So concludes first-year associate Alex Wellen’s harrowing account of a senior partner’s fury at the “unconscionable” research costs that nearly got him fired.

How did Alex end up in this predicament? The main problem was that he approached “research on the job” in the same manner that he approached “research as a law student.” He not only failed to consider the costs, he wasn’t even aware of them until after he racked up huge bills that his firm had to eat instead of passing on to the client.

“In law school, electronic legal research was free. I spent reckless hours online researching cases and statutes, reading articles and lawyer bios, and printing anything that struck my fancy. . . . The day that I graduated from “educational purposes” to “commercial use,” Westlaw billed . . . for every minute I spent, every database I searched, and every line I printed. . . . [F]ive minutes searching and printing cases from the largest electronic database can easily run up hundreds of dollars . . . .”

Unlike Alex, you do not need to learn this lesson the hard way. Whether you’ll be a law student or a graduate this summer, whether you’ll be intern or an employee, whether you’ll be at a non-profit, corporation, government agency, established firm, or starting your own practice, it is always a good idea to be aware of research expenses and take steps to minimize them.

Did you know that it is less expensive to retrieve a document by citation on LexisNexis, see their two-page guide. A similar guide for Westlaw is available here.

While some of you may find that your access to LexisNexis or Westlaw is limited (by your employer’s subscription plan, research policies, or both) others may find yourselves working at an institution that does not have access to LexisNexis or Westlaw. Fear not! Whether you are interested in case law, statutes and codes, legislative history resources, or administrative regulations, many free and low-cost legal resources are available to you. To learn more about free or less expensive alternatives to LexisNexis and Westlaw, visit Georgetown Law Library’s comprehensive guide to “Free & Low Cost Legal Research.” The first part of the guide provides an overview and links to different types of free materials and the second part summarizes the features and costs of less expensive databases.

Given the existence of free and low-cost substitutes, why do people bother to use LexisNexis and Westlaw? Mainly because “you get what you pay for.” More specifically, because the free and low-cost alternatives typically lack the editorial enhancements (i.e., synopses, headnotes, and other annotations), finding aids (i.e., research references and citators like Shepard’s or KeyCite), and currency (i.e., less frequent updates) that premium commercial services provide. However, as long as you are aware of the limitations of each free and low-cost service’s scope (i.e., some do not provide access to all jurisdictions, others limit cover-

-AtlanticPearl

2. Id. at 257-58.
Library Profile: Barb Ritty

Barb Ritty, born in Cleveland, Ohio came to the Kresge Law Library in 1985 after working three years at the Hesburgh Library. Roger Jacobs was named Director in June of 1985 and hired Barb that November. As Barb reminisces, the Technical Services’ staff was very small and there was a great deal of camaraderie. Among them were Jim Gates (former Head of Tech Services, now Director of the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York), Nan Moegerle (Head of Cataloging), Barb Ritty (Cataloging Assistant), Esther Batten (in charge of loose-leafing), and Phyllis Strom (Bookkeeper). When Barb started, the original law building was undergoing its third renovation, which involved the addition of the East Reading Room and the demolition of the outer wall. As Barb described it, “My desk was located across from Jim Gates. Only thick plastic sheeting separated us from the opening and the elements. Those were the days when the collection was arranged by broad subject categories and we had only one OCLC terminal, which was chained to a column. I worked at that terminal for hours wearing my coat, hat, and gloves.” Today with the new renovations, Barb is experiencing a whole new set of adjustments to temporary quarters. Her desk is now located near the entrance to the library under a stairwell. A humorous sign identifies her area: “Barb (Harriet Potter) Ritty – the lady who works under the stairs.”

Today with the new renovations, Barb is experiencing a whole new set of adjustments to temporary quarters. Her desk is now located near the entrance to the library under a stairwell. A humorous sign identifies her area: “Barb (Harriet Potter) Ritty – the lady who works under the stairs.” When asked how she feels about her new space, she said with a smile, “It’s almost as bad as it was coming in [to Kresge], because I fear they’ll have me out the door, yet.” This will be Barb’s 24th year working in Tech Services at Kresge. She was hired as a Cataloging assistant and has been involved in several major library innovations including reorganizing the collection by call number order, closing out the card catalog for an online system, inventory of the library’s entire collection, and more. Today, Barb is the Cataloging Coordinator and Unit Supervisor and her main responsibilities include original and copy cataloging (microform, monographic serials, audio, and video) and various database maintenance projects. Since she is detail-oriented, problem solving is one of her main assets. On the personal level, when Barb was asked how she would describe herself, she answered with one word: “Complicated.” You may find her to be of strong character, whimsical, a dreamer, deep, persevering, conscientious, loyal, and dedicated. She named her father as her greatest influence, saying he encouraged her to “do my best in all things.” As a child she “wanted to grow up to be an elevator operator for Bonwit Teller and be impressive.” Her working years began when she was 14 with various part time jobs. She delivered papers for a local Czech newspaper, stuffed envelopes for a local printing office, and later helped with their bookkeeping. Barb was the first person in her family to graduate from college, graduating Magna Cum Laude from Ursuline College in Cleveland Heights, Ohio with a double major in English and Drama along with earning a Secondary Education Teaching Certificate. While pursuing her studies, Barb also worked for the telephone company as a long distance and information operator. When asked, “If you could be or do anything else- what would it be?” Barb readily replied, “I would like to act on a Broadway Stage. I really wanted to go to acting school!” In response to being asked if she agreed or disagreed with Anne Frank, that “In spite of everything, people are basically good,” Barb’s answer was immediate and intense. “I agree, because I played her part in my senior year of High School at the Lakewood Civic Theater in front of 2,000 people. I am like her: I give people the benefit of the doubt and if more people believed that way, there would be less struggles and war.” Barb’s hobbies and interests include: reading biographies, fiction, and mystery novels; filling out The New York Times crossword puzzles in ink; and theatre. She is devoted to her four grandchildren and drives back and forth so often from Indianapolis and Cleveland to see them, that she says, “I think I’m going to ask my kids to put a steering wheel on top of my tombstone.”

- Susan Hamilton
Student profile: Kelli Lanski

Kelli Lanski is a graduating law student who has worked for the Access Services Department since the fall of 2007. Kelli was honored as the 2009 recipient of the Kresge Library Student Service Award because “she performs well beyond her workload of evening duties and consistently works with a high degree of professionalism and motivation while juggling multiple law school demands” notes Library Specialist Anita Lutz. Kelli performs many duties for the library, but in particular she assists others in finding items in the catalog, and finding electronic resources when library holdings are unavailable due to the construction. Kelli notes that her experiences working in the library have been very helpful for increasing her knowledge of library resources and her ability to assist fellow students. This experience has also served her well when completing research for the Journal of Legislation, and assisting her law journal colleagues. Kelli has worn many hats at Notre Dame, aside from working in the library. She also currently works as a Lexis Student Representative and has been active in Moot Court competition. She is a devoted public servant and has put her talents and interests to good use, working in fundraising efforts throughout her college career and for volunteer organizations prior to law school. At Notre Dame she has been a tour guide and also assists clients at the Legal Aid Clinic, a job she greatly enjoys. She also managed to find time to help lead her bowling team, the “Bad News Barristers,” to the finals in the spring semester. After graduation Kelli is headed to New York where she has accepted a position with the law firm Dewey and LeBoeuf. The firm will give her the opportunity to work in public interest law, helping in humanitarian efforts at an agency of her choice for a year prior to her start at the firm. She looks forward to the opportunity for hands-on work with important public interest topics. We all wish Kelli the very best of luck in her future endeavors!

-Anita Lutz and Beth Given

“There are people over here?”

“I didn’t even know you were here!”
“Wait, we still have a library?”
“I’m sorry, is this an office?”

We have heard it all over in the old wing of the law building. In an effort to clear up any confusion in this matter, we librarians and staff would like to state that yes, we are in fact still here, and still working hard to maintain the level of library service to which you are accustomed, despite the renovation related upheaval. The librarians and staff are all still on-site, most of us now located in temporary offices in the old wing of the building (Biolchini Hall). The construction noise and dust have made the library stacks less than welcoming in recent months, but they, too, are operational, with approximately one-third of the library collection being housed in the basement of the old building. The rest of the books have been moved to the Hesburgh basement or to an off-site storage facility. (Note: You may read more about the new collection locations on page 8 of this newsletter). So please, if you need any library services, do not be shy—we are here to help you! If you have not already visited us in our new locations, do stop by to see us. If you are looking for the Access Services and Technical Services Departments, we are now located directly to the north of the Commons. The Circulation staff are on the second floor, just through the doors from the Commons. Technical Services staff are split between the third and the first floors of this same wing. If you walk down the large staircase next to the Circulation desk you are, in fact, walking through our office space. The rest of the library staff are located in the new building, with the research librarians on the first floor near the main entrance, and the Associate Dean for Library and Information Technology, Ed Edmonds, and Administrative Assistant Terri Welty located directly above them on the third floor. The Technology support staff is located in the Eck Hall of Law as well, most of them on the first floor near the courtroom. The exception is Eric McCartney, the Student Computing Manager, who is located next to the computer lab in room 2140.
Off the Shelf ... A review of selected law library resources

Introducing LexisNexis Congressional, the Sure Cure for Microfiche Melancholia!

Interested in researching federal legislative history, public policy information, or the jurisdictional interests of Congressional committees over a broad range of subject areas? Or maybe just “cite-checking” Congressional documents? Now you can do all these things (and more) online with LexisNexis Congressional! Yes, that’s right “online” as in “full-text searching” and “scanned PDFs of original documents”! No more making yourself dizzy using microfiche (in most cases)!

Whether you seek current or historical information, the unique interface of the LexisNexis Congressional database simplifies your task by combining the power and reliability of LexisNexis’ search engine with the flexibility of choosing your own search criteria—terms and connectors, wildcards, and a variety of limiters (e.g., Congressional Source, Subject, Title, Witness)–to create precise and powerful searches. Not interested in searching? Just want to retrieve Congressional documents by citation? Well, you can do that too!

Already knew that? Already a fan of LexisNexis Congressional? Then you’ll be happy to learn that the scope of the materials previously available to you has been significantly expanded! In addition to increased access to the material produced in the hearing rooms and offices of hundreds of Congressional committees and subcommittees where legislative policy is debated and developed, entirely new content such as Congressional Research Service (CRS) reports is also available.

At left is a brief overview of the material available to you via LexisNexis Congressional.

For more information, access LexisNexis Congressional from the library homepage:
> Find
> Electronic Resources
  > Find Legal Resources by Title
  > L
  > LexisNexis Congressional

Or see one of your friendly Research Librarians in Suite 1110 just off the main entrance of Eck Hall. We’re excited about the new features available to you and eager to help you use them!

A more detailed version of this announcement (with descriptions of the nine modules listed above) can be found in the Library News column on the library webpage.

- Chris O’Byrne

Upcoming library conferences to note


American Library Association Annual Conference: July 9-15, Chicago, IL (http://www.ala.org/ala/conferences/events/upcoming/annual/index.cfm)

Innovative Users Group Annual Meeting: May 17-20, Anaheim, CA (http://www.innopacusers.org/iug-conferences)

Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting: October 14-16, Cleveland, OH (http://www.orall.org/annual_meeting.htm)

Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians 2009 Conference: May 6-9, Indianapolis, IN (http://www.ulib.iupui.edu/OVGTSL2009)
How to Find Books in the New Library Stacks

As you have no doubt noticed, the library collection has been undergoing a lot of upheaval during the renovation period. To avoid frustration when you try to locate materials, keep in mind these tips:

When searching the online catalog:

- Upon locating a record, don’t stop with the results list as this only gives you a call number location. Be sure to open the record to find the exact location information.
- Once you open the record, you’ll see the list of items, including their call numbers and locations. Be sure to use the button to “view additional copies” if it is a large set, so you can view the entire list, as titles may be split between multiple locations (e.g., current state codes are located in the Core collection, but the superseded volumes are elsewhere.)

About the location codes:
The library catalog has several location designations, some of which are new. If your book’s location indicates:

- **Hesburgh Storage, Law Bk**
  Your book is located in the Main Library basement. Please ask a Circulation staff member to retrieve the materials.

- **Off-site storage**
  Your book is in storage and unavailable for the duration of the renovation. Ask if the materials may be borrowed through Interlibrary loan.

- **Stacks, Reference**
  Your book is in the library basement stacks in ranges 1-2 and will be marked with yellow tape, the designation for reference materials.

- **Stacks, Core**
  Your book will be in the basement in ranges 3-14 and will be marked with blue tape to designate it is part of the “core” collection. You will recognize these titles as the ones which were in the former East and West reading rooms.

- **Stacks**
  Your book is in the general collection in the library basement, in ranges 15-150.

- **Reserve**
  Your book is in the Reserve room; please ask for assistance at the Circulation desk.

- **Circ desk area**
  Your book is on the shelving immediately adjacent to the Circulation desk.

- **Stacks, Current Periodicals**
  Your book is in the library basement and is marked with green tape to indicate it is either a law review or a currently received/updated periodical. Law reviews are found in ranges 17A-22A located immediately to your right as you enter the basement. Other current periodicals are found in ranges 15A-16A.

- **Stacks, MF Guides**
  Your book is located in the basement in ranges 13A-14A.

- **Stacks, Library use**
  Your book is located in the basement, and is marked with red tape to designate that it is superseded material. These materials are found in ranges 5A-12A.

For more help, refer to the Stacks Map or ask a librarian!

Still confused about Outlook?

Take one of the free classes offered by OIT to get you up to speed using Microsoft Outlook. They offer training in both the Email and the Calendar modules. Sign into your account at https://endeavor.nd.edu and register to take advantage of these or one of many other free training opportunities!

**Upcoming classes on Outlook:**
All of the following classes are held in the DeBartolo Hall Training lab (Room B002).

**Outlook 2007 E-mail**
Available dates:
May 7th 2009, 8:30-12:00pm

**Outlook 2007 Calendaring**
Available dates:
May 11th 2009, 8:30-11:30am
May 21st 2009, 1:00-3:00pm
June 3rd, 2009, 8:30-11:30am
July 7th, 2009, 1:00-3:00pm
July 20th, 2009, 1:00-3:00pm
August 5th, 2009, 1:00-3:00pm
## Recipe Box: Espresso Brownies

Shared by Beth Given  
From: *Giada’s Family Dinners*, by Giada de Laurentis

### Ingredients:
- 1/3 cup plus 2 Tb. Water  
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil  
- 2 large eggs  
- 2 Tb. plus 2 tsp. espresso powder  
- 1 (19.8-ounce) box brownie mix  
- 3/4 cup semisweet chocolate chips  
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
- 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar  
- 1 Tb. unsalted butter, room temperature

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray a 9x13-inch baking pan with nonstick spray. Whisk 1/3 cup of water, oil, eggs, and 2 tablespoons espresso powder in a large bowl to blend. Add the brownie mix. Stir until well blended. Stir in the chocolate chips. Transfer the batter to the prepared baking pan. Bake until a toothpick inserted into the center of the brownies comes out with a few moist crumbs attached, about 35 minutes. Cool completely. Meanwhile, dissolve the remaining 2 teaspoons of espresso powder in the remaining 2 tablespoons of water in a medium bowl. Whisk in the vanilla. Add the powdered sugar and butter and whisk until smooth. Pour the glaze over the brownies. Refrigerate until the glaze is set. Cut into bite-size pieces. Arrange the brownies on a platter and serve.
The primary mission of the law library is to provide services and to acquire and organize legal information in support of the research and curricular goals of the Law School. It also supports the legal research requirements of the University community and provides legal information to appropriate members of the local community.

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