It was the best of times,
It was the worst of times...

by Dick Vaughan

For several years, readers of the May newsletter have looked forward to Nonie Watt’s annual article describing the adventures of Perry and the Masons in the Monroe County Public Library’s VITAL Quizbowl. This year Nonie (AKA “Perry”) decided we needed a new game plan (and given our record of never making it past the second round, who were we to argue with her?). Thus, our noble leader decided to sacrifice the glory of being team captain and headed to Vegas to try and influence the betting line on the Mason’s chances of reaching the final night’s competition.

With Nonie gone, we picked up an able teammate in Sarah Seybold of the Circulation Department. Sarah joined wily veterans Ralph Gaebler, Dave Lankford and myself (call me Paul Drake). Always willing to try something new, we decided to skip the hours of study and the brain-food diet that Nonie preached and instead approached the first night’s competition relaxed, overweight, and raring to go. Still, being dedicated library employees who work tirelessly 8-12 hours each day, we failed to learn that our first round competition (The WGCL Chatter Boxes) had been making us the butt of their jokes across the airwaves of Monroe County. To make matters worse, the first night’s MC seemed a little too friendly with the Chatter Boxes as we were introduced. Alas, the insults played right into our hands as the mild-mannered library employees fed off the night’s energy and made a heroic come from behind victory. Needless to say, the WGCL airwaves were a little quieter the next day.

Round two found us facing a group of Library employees from the Public Library. After a quick start we once again found ourselves having to come from behind. Fear not, with Dave awing the crowd with his knowledge of health and Australia (thanks Survivor II), Ralph ringing in on a variety of topics, and Sarah showing no signs of rookie nerves, we found ourselves neck and neck as the clock ticked down, “three, two, one . . . TIE Game!” It came down to a single question - “How many items are contained in the Monroe County Public Library’s VITAL collection.” Our colleagues at the Public Library rang in first (yes it does seem a little suspicious), but they were wrong. The question was read again . . . I rang my buzzer . . . waited . . . waited some more . . .”Five Thousand,” I boldly responded. “Ka-ching” - on the nose! We advanced to the final night’s competition.

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Thursday afternoon, after checking with Nonie in Vegas to see how the odds were holding, and while basking in the glory that only comes with reaching a new plateau, we received a call from the Public Library. The previous night’s defeated team was challenging our victory. I won’t bore you with the details (hey, we’ve been known to challenge a game or two ourselves) but suffice it to say we challenged their challenge, all countywide business came to a grinding halt, outside tabulators were called in from the state of Florida and ultimately it was determined that we would have to play a tie breaking round before we could advance. No problem, just like the first night, we used the controversy to fuel our determination. No tie breaker point was needed as we crushed the competition as a tune up for next game. So much for the best of times . . .

The worst of times was revealed when we learned we would be facing the defending champs from Wonderlab. Maybe we were worn out from having to play the tie breaker round, maybe we were blinded by the glare of competing on the final night, maybe there really is something to be said for a brain food diet . . . At any rate we failed to advance to the final four. Still it was a great year – Perry and the Masons advanced farther then they had ever before, we proved resilient and never bowed to the pressure, and with a little help from our founder in Vegas we managed to pocket hefty winnings from the sports parlors along the Strip.

HEIN ON-LINE

Recently the Law Library has added the massive Hein On-line database to its Internet Resources web page. Hein Online provides members of the Law School community access to the richest source of secondary materials which, up until this point, has been unavailable in electronic format: the text of most major legal periodicals, extending back to Volume 1 of every title in the database. LEXIS and Westlaw users will immediately realize that Hein On-line’s comprehensive coverage far exceeds the scope of journal treatment on the two traditional computer research systems. The legal periodical databases on LEXIS and Westlaw only include material from the last 16 years, and some influential articles do not appear on either system as a number of authors have refused to sign copyright statements. Hein, however, has acquired releases for every article published in every journal, making Hein On-line an indispensable tool for both historical and current literature surveys.

Aside from complete coverage and its flexible search strategies, one of the most valuable assets of the new database is the option to view and print facsimile copy from the original journal articles. Hein On-line contains computer searchable text as well as PDF versions of each page from every periodical. Researchers can download or copy entire articles, complete with correct pagination, and therefore avoid the bother of consulting hard copy to verify citations.

As always, please feel free to contact the reference librarians if you have any questions about Hein On-line or any other Internet resource.

Keith Buckley
Collections Development Librarian

Suggestion Box
(Every month in this space Associate Director Linda Fariss selects a comment from the suggestion box and replies to it)

Suggestion: Toilet paper and soap. Can we please get better smelling soap? Softer toilet paper would also be a nice thing. Don’t you agree or do you get better stuff than the students?

Response: I couldn’t resist ending the year with this suggestion!! I can assure you that we get the same quality soap and toilet paper as the students! I will happily pass your suggestion along to the Physical Facilities staff, but I would not count on a change. Have a great summer!
**Fun For Numismatists**

For those of you who enjoy collecting coins, the European Union has recently launched a web site that should be of interest. Located at [http://europa.eu.int/euro/html/entry.html](http://europa.eu.int/euro/html/entry.html), this site known as *Euro*, provides information about, and pictures of, the new Euro coins that will be introduced in January, 2002.

The most interesting feature of the coins is that their obverse side is stamped with images unique to each European Union member nation. Thus, each country has had the opportunity to imprint its money supply with images that somehow reflect its particular cultural heritage. Of course, different nations have taken quite different approaches to this task. Several, including the Netherlands and Belgium, have chosen to use the same image on every coin, in their case a portrait of the monarch. However, even here there are differences, as the Netherlands has chosen to use a slightly abstract (and therefore ageless) image of the queen, while the Belgians have chosen a more traditional portrait of their king. Other countries have chosen a few, culturally distinct images. For example, Portugal uses an attractive abstract tile design on many of its coins. Finally, several countries, such as Greece, Italy, and Finland have decided to use a variety of images, unique to each coin, that refer to specific historical figures, artistic artifacts, or even typical scenic landscapes (Finland). Despite the features designating these coins as specific to particular nations, all the coins will be interchangeable, so that a Frenchman could use Spanish coins to purchase products in Germany, for example. To reflect this fact, the “European side” of each coin will have an image common to all.

*Euro* also provides pictures of the new paper money, which is due to be released in January, 2002 as well. Unlike the coins, the notes will not have country-specific pictures on either side. Instead, the notes are designed to illustrate various periods in European architectural history, with pictures of a window and entry on one side, and a picture of a bridge on the other. At the time designs were being considered, there was a great deal of controversy over which images would be included, because no country wanted to be left out. Thus, it is not surprising that the designs ultimately approved refer to artistic trends common to Europe in general. Nor is it surprising that the images are not of any windows, entries, or bridges that actually exist or ever existed; instead, they are made up images that contain details that are typical of particular architectural vocabularies.

Why the European Union chose to address the issue of cultural diversity in one way with the coins, and in quite a different way with the notes, is a bit of a mystery. One other point of interest: the notes have a map of Europe imprinted on them which includes much of east Europe and the United Kingdom. Is this optimism, or just good planning? Only time will tell.

Ralph Gaebler  
Foreign and International Librarian

**Reflections on the School Year**

Another academic year has come and almost gone. To some of you, graduation is close, with the bar exam looming in the near future. The rest of you have another year or two to go. To us in the Law Library, the 2000-2001 academic year has been particularly significant. The conversion of IUCAT from the old Notis LMS system to the new Sirsi Unicorn system has been a major change in the way we order, pay, receive, catalog, look up, and circulate material. We have been in operation with the new system since early January, and we continue to clean up data, input prediction patterns, check in serials, and learn the new system in general. This has been the most dramatic shift in the way we do our work since the advent of automation over a decade ago. We wish all of you a great summer, while we continue to learn and refine the new IUCAT.

Michael Maben,  
Cataloging Librarian
NEW DOCUMENTS LIBRARIAN APPOINTED

Jennifer Bryan has been appointed to replace Marianne Mason as the Documents Librarian, effective May 1, 2001. I’m sure you are all very familiar with Jennifer, since she has been the Head of Circulation and Patron Services since 1995. In Jennifer’s new position, she will be responsible for maintaining all aspects of the Law Library’s depository program. Additionally, as part of the public services team, she will have substantial reference and teaching duties.

Jennifer received a B.A. in English Literature from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and M.L.S. from Indiana University. She also did graduate work in Comparative Literature at Indiana University.

Until a replacement is found for the Head of Circulation, Jennifer will be splitting her time between circulation and her new office in Room 101E.

Congratulations to Jennifer for a well-deserved promotion!

Linda K. Fariss
Associate Director

Happy July Birthdays to:

• Lisa Farnsworth on the 1st
• Amy Cheek on the 2nd
• Tim Martin on the 4th
• Dean Fred Aman on the 7th
• Ann Likes on the 9th
• Profs. Sophia Goodman and Susan Williams on the 12th
• Profs. Perry Hodges and John Scanlan on the 18th
• Prof. Steve Johnson on the 27th

Happy August Birthdays to:

• Prof. Laura Daghe and Beth Plew on the 5th
• Prof. Gene Shreve on the 6th
• Prof. Dawn Johnsen on the 14th
• Associate Dean Len Fromm on the 15th
• Prof. Steve Conrad on the 16th
• Prof. Seth Lahn on the 17th
• Dale Calabrese and Profs. Ed Greenebaum and Jeff Stake on the 19th
• Prof. Jeannine Bell on the 20th
• Sherrilyn McCoy-Lawrence and Prof. Harry Pratter on the 27th

Happy April Birthdays to:

• Rebecca Bertolini-Meli on the 6th
• Prof. Pat Baude on the 7th
• Kim Bunge on the 8th
• Linda Fariss on the 13th
• Marjorie Young on the 16th
• Prof. Rob Fishman on the 17th
• Jan Turner and Prof. David Williams on the 25th
• Katherine Johnston on the 27th
• Prof. Val Nolan on the 28th

Happy May Birthdays to:

• Ralph Gaebler on the 3rd
• Christy Cazee on the 18th
• Jeanne Brown on the 19th
• Prof. Fred Cate on the 20th
• Prof. Don Gjerdingen on the 22nd

Happy June Birthdays to:

• Chandra Little on the 11th
• Jennifer Bryan on the 22nd
• Prof. Sarah Hughes on the 26th
• Jean Janisse on the 27th

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