Take a Break

by Nonie Watt

Studies have shown that lawyers frequently suffer from a lack of balance in their lives. Long hours at work leave precious little time for a satisfying personal life. This begins in law school when you will be studying longer and harder than you ever have before. Study, of course, but do take time once in a while from your hectic schedule to add some fun to your life. To help you find your preferred means of escape, check out the following websites for suggestions on things to do and places to go.

HoosierNet.com (www.bloomington.in.us). This mega-site will link you to all things related to Bloomington. Whether you are looking for cultural events, volunteer opportunities, or religious groups, practically every Bloomington organization that has a website links it to HoosierNet.

HoosierTimes.com (www.hoosiertimes.com). As well as being the online version of the Herald Times, Bloomington’s local newspaper, this helpful site also provides some fun links you might not find elsewhere. There is a searchable dining guide as well as a rather odd link called “Dumpster Diver” where, if you like, you can buy other people’s discarded trash. In addition, Hoosier Times hosts several discussion forums where locals weigh in on the “hot topics” of the day.

The Indiana Digital Student (www.idsnews.com). Indiana University’s student online news site, the IDS Online is the place to go to find out what’s happening on and around campus. As you might expect, it provides more in-depth coverage of IU news and sports than does the Hoosier Times site.

So, take a break. Catch an art film, learn to swing dance or perhaps you might want to work towards the promotion of insect rights (they have a group for that). Bloomington has a lot to offer—enjoy it while you are here.

Printing Reminders

Please remember that all law students have a separate printing allotment for use in the Law Library computer labs. Each law student receives 1000 pages per year for the printers in these labs. If you exceed your allotment, the Law School will bill you through the Bursar at the rate of $0.05/page. You are responsible for monitoring your printer use through the University’s website at http://www.indiana.edu/~stiu/

For full details, please read the instructions posted in each lab. If you have further questions, please consult with Dave Lankford, Computer Center Supervisor, or Linda Fariss, Associate Director.

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**PARDON THE NOISE**

Everything in the Law School shifts into high-gear with the beginning of another academic year, and the Law Library’s public services staff is no exception. Starting with orientation tours for the entire incoming first-year class, the public services librarians expect to provide lectures, tours, bibliographic and computer instruction to well over 2000 students this semester. Students from a wide range of disciplines, such as Journalism, Business, SPEA, Telecommunications and Political Science will be receiving training in the use of periodicals indexes, legal encyclopedias and the reporter systems during the months of September and October.

In order to make tours of the Library less disruptive to students studying in the reading room and on the first floor, the public services staff will post notices of upcoming tours so that students can seek other study areas during those times.

*Keith Buckley*
*Collection Development Librarian*

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**EVALUATING JUMPSTART**

During the last few weeks of the 2001 spring semester, the Law Library conducted the Jumpstart Legal Research Program, providing concentrated remedial research skills training for law students who were either beginning their professional careers or working as summer associates and clerks. In order to expand the program and better prepare next summer’s body of graduates and clerks, the reference staff would like to invite all returning Jumpstart students to drop by the Reference Office during the first few weeks of the semester and tell them about your work-related research experiences. We are especially interested in whether or not you felt adequately prepared for most of your research tasks, how the Jumpstart sessions helped you and, most importantly, what else we could have told you or what we should be telling you about research in the practicing environment. If you don’t have time to sit down with us during this hectic period of the semester, we would appreciate it if you could jot down your ideas and leave your notes at the Reference Desk. Your comments will help us in structuring next spring’s Jumpstart Program and find new ways of making I.U. law students better researchers, better lawyers, and better prospects in an extremely competitive job market.

Finally, remember that if you discover that you’ve forgotten some of your newly-acquired research skills by the end of the school year, we'll be more than happy to see you at next spring’s Jumpstart sessions.

*Keith Buckley*
*Collection Development Librarian*

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**WELCOME BACK!**

To the second and third year students, welcome back to the law school. To the first year students, welcome to the law school. The start of the academic year is always exciting to me–Bloomington is transformed, and the increase in energy and activity reminds me of why I love the academic environment. There is so much to see and do at this great university–be sure and take advantage of what is available. Of particular interest to me is the opening of the new theater building in January (adjacent to the old theater/drama building). It will be wonderful to see the new, state-of-the-art theaters, but I will miss the old University Theater with the Thomas Hart Benton paintings on the wall. I also enjoy the women’s volleyball games, and there is nothing like a football game on a Saturday afternoon in autumn.

Enjoy the school year–we are glad you are here!

*Michael Maben*
*Cataloging Librarian*
**MY TRIP TO KAZAKHSTAN**

This past May I was fortunate to have the opportunity to visit the Adilet Higher Law School in Almaty, Kazakhstan. I spent almost four weeks there and had a wonderful adventure. My trip was part of a faculty exchange program between Adilet and our law school. This program is headed by Professor Hoffmann and funded by a Soros grant.

Adilet’s library owns many English-language books: most of them were donated by the Soros Foundation or the three different law schools with which Adilet has sister-school relations, including IU. However, because nobody on the library’s staff reads English, none of the books had ever been entered into the computer catalog. So, I transliterated into Cyrillic the title, author’s name, and publication information for each book. Then, I translated the subject matter of each book into Russian. This information enabled the library staff to enter the books into the computer catalog, at last.

In addition, I met almost every day with groups of Adilet’s students to give them an opportunity to practice their English and ask questions about the U.S. Their questions were usually very interesting and gave me an insight into the stereotypes prevalent there. For example, it seems that most Kazakhstani believe that all Americans are wealthy and carry guns. I was also amazed to learn just how pervasive American pop culture is, even in remote outposts like Almaty. For example, Britney Spears and ‘NSync are very popular there, and “Mumiya Vozvraschayetsa” (“The Mummy Returns”) opened in one of Almaty’s handful of movie theaters only one week after its opening date in the U.S. I saw “Run D.M.C.” graffitied on a wall and later found a flyer advertising breakdancing classes. Even that most American of art forms, jazz, can be found here: I attended the Second Annual Almaty Jazz Fest and heard some wonderful music, particularly from two bands based in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. However, I am happy to report that there is still not a single McDonald’s in Kazakhstan. Unfortunately, I think this is because McDonald’s prices are too high for the locals to afford.

I took a three-day trip to Bishkek to visit a Kyrgyz friend who teaches Political Science at a university there. Bishkek is a very pleasant city and, like Almaty, is still without a McDonald’s. My friend, a former member of the Kyrgyz Parliament, gave me a tour of the Parliament and introduced me to several of its current members. I spent one night at my friend’s house in the mountains—this was an adventure, as the house had no running water, telephone, or refrigerator. We drank milk straight from the neighbor’s cow and water from a mountain spring! We spent the next night at the home of Kyrgyzstan’s Minister of Religious Affairs. I also visited the national art and history museums and the American University in Kyrgyzstan.

Everyone I met in both countries was incredibly hospitable: they prepared feasts for me everywhere I went and showered me with gifts. Most of the food (particularly the produce and bread) was delicious, the outdoor markets (“bazaars”) were a lot of fun, and the mountains and people were beautiful. I was delighted to finally be able to speak Russian full-time, having majored in Russian Studies at UCLA eleven years ago. I hope to visit Central Asia again someday soon.

*Liz Larson,
Reference Librarian*

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**Suggestion Box**

(Every month, Associate Director Linda Fariss responds to a suggestion from the suggestion box)

**Suggestion:** Copy card machine. We desperately need one please! SPEA, the Business School libraries have one -- why not us? Hate coins and walking to other buildings. Thank you.

**Response:** This is a question we have had in the past. Believe it or not, we used to have a machine but the University took it out because of low use! That was before it cost less to use a card than put coins in the copy machine. I recently made a request to the copy machines office on campus to place a Value Transfer Station (that’s what the machines are called) in the Law School. Unfortunately, these machines are very expensive and they have no plans to add any in the near future. However, they did tell me that in the next 60 days they hope to announce that students will be able to use the internet and a credit card to add value to their Campus Access account. Perhaps this will eliminate the need for a Value Transfer Station or walking to other buildings! Thanks for your suggestion.
WORKING THE HALLS

Welcome to the following new faculty members:

Professor Amy Applegate is the new director of the Child Advocacy Clinic. She had previously been a partner in the Cincinnati firm of Brown Cummins & Brown.

Professor Jim Barnes, former dean of the IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs, has begun teaching Environmental Law at the Law School.

Professor Michael Grossberg, a professor of history in the College of Arts and Sciences, will be teaching courses on children and the law. He is currently co-editing the Cambridge Legal History of the United States (Cambridge University Press, 1996).

Professor Fedwa Malti-Douglas, Martha C. Kraft Professor of Humanities in the College of Arts and Sciences, will teach cultural legal studies.

Assistant Dean Scott Palmer, who earned his JD from IU in 2000, is the new assistant dean of international programs.

Welcome to the staff members who joined us over the summer:

Michelle Bastin is the new Career Services Coordinator.

Sean Frew joined the Library staff as the new Serials and Acquisitions Clerk.

Rebecca Bertoloni Meli took a new appointment as the Head of Circulation and Patron Services in the Library.

Sharon Nejfelt joined the Law School as a new Faculty Secretary.

Ryan Salerno joined the Business Office as the Business Office Assistant.

Beth Sullivan joined the Library staff as the Monographic Cataloging Technician, and Deborah Westerfield moved to the Dean’s office to be the Secretary to the Dean.

Please join us in welcoming these new faces and old faces in new places to the Law School community!

Happy September Birthdays to:

- Melanie Turner on the 6th
- Librarian Mike Maben on the 12th
- Librarian Keith Buckley and Deborah Westerfield on the 15th
- Professor Terry Bethel on the 18th and
- Shirley Wright on the 29th

THEY WANT YOU!

Looking for a summer internship with the U.S. Government? Want to apply for a judicial clerkship? Interested in a legal career as a Fed?

Then look no further!

The Law Library receives, from the Government Printing Office (GPO), career resources for law students from various federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of Justice, Securities Exchange Commission, Internal Revenue Service, Department of State, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Federal Election Commission.

Most of these materials are located in our Government Documents collection, on the 4th floor of the library. However, as new career materials are received from GPO we will shelve select items in the Career Services Office.

You can search IUCAT for these government documents using the following Key Words: government attorneys, recruiting, vocational guidance, United States, lawyers.

When any of these resources are available in an electronic format, there will be a URL in the IUCAT record that you can click on to access the material directly from the agency’s web site.

Please feel free to ask me for any assistance.

Jennifer Bryan
Documents Librarian