For lo these many years, Law School librarians, staff and faculty have competed in the Monroe County Public Library’s annual quiz bowl. Volunteers in Tutoring Adult Learners (VITAL) holds these important events every April to raise funds to support and publicize their ongoing efforts to provide assistance to the area’s adult learners.

For those of you who faithfully read this publication (thank you, by the way), you already know that the library-sponsored Perry and the Masons have participated in the Quiz Bowl for many years with varying degrees of success and enormous amounts of whining. If you follow the VITAL QB on the locally-produced television station, CATS, you also know that our own professors Bob Heidt and Joe Hoffmann, cleverly disguised as members of an Italian soccer team, have competed for a number of years as well. Their team, La Forza Viola, were joined this year by 2L’s Charles Persons, Jocelyn Koch and Michael Ott as they plowed through four rounds of the competition to emerge in the finals. While ultimately falling in the final round to the defending champions, the E-Ville Edge-Ucators, La Forza’s efforts were truly impressive and it was great to see our students join in the fun. Their performance would be “the good” I alluded to in the title.

Now for “the bad”... Perry and the Masons won our first round rather handily, if I do say so myself. Now I know you are going to say, “Well, duh, you played a group of high school kids.” While technically that is true, they were members of the Science Olympiad team, so we’re not talking teen-age slackers here. It was just lucky for us there were no bottle rocket questions in our round. The second night we were paired against the Parrot Heads, the Jimmy Buffett-loving scuba divers. Between our “widely grasping at straws” answers followed by extraordinarily long periods of dead air when we couldn’t even find a straw to grasp, we managed to lose rather convincingly. Our long-suffering team was composed of Ralph Gaebler, Dave Lankford, Dick Vaughan and Nonie Watt and on the second night, Micah Van Hoff, who filled in for Dick who opted out of the Masons in order to participate in the World’s Greatest Sporting Event (i.e. the Faculty-Student Basketball Game).

Oh, about “the ugly” — a certain member of our team (who shall remain nameless), thought the Secretary of
State was second in line to succeed the President. In his (or her) defense, the question was rather confusingly worded and given the current Administration, not really such a bad guess.

Until next year ...

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY:
THE COMMON LAW LIBRARY

Sweet & Maxwell has been a publisher of legal titles for more than 200 years. Now a division of the legal publishing giant, the Thomson Company, S&M continues to publish legal materials primarily for markets in the United Kingdom and Ireland. As a research institution with a strong history of collecting British materials, the IU Law Library has many S&M titles. One particular series that has stood the test of time is S&M’s Common Law Library.

First collected as a series in the 1950s (although many of the titles in the series were first published long before that) the series now consist of twelve titles. Unfortunately, volumes in the series are extremely expensive ($300-$600) and most are supplemented each year with an expensive paperback update. In addition, new hardback editions are often published every few years for each title. Still, the Law library has eleven of the twelve volumes in the series, including many of the most recent editions. Listed below are the titles in the series that the library owns:

Walton, C. T. (et al.) Charlesworth and Percy on

JUDGE ANDREW JACKSON

The April issue of American History magazine has an interesting article on the legal career of President Andrew Jackson. The article is titled “Judge Andrew Jackson, presiding” and was written by Christopher Marquis. Marquis shows how, while we think of Andrew Jackson as a military leader and President, law was his initial career choice. Before he turned 18, Jackson began his legal education in a law office in Salisbury, North Carolina. In 1787 at the age of 20, he was authorized to practice law. Eventually he moved west into what is now Tennessee, settling in Nashville. From the fall of 1788 until 1796 when he was chosen as the first United States Representative for the new state of Tennessee, Jackson handled somewhere between a quarter and a half of all cases in Davidson County (Nashville).

Jackson served in the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate for two years. When he returned to Tennessee in 1798, he was elected by the state legislature to a judicial position on the Tennessee Superior Court. He then served as a judge for six years, hearing cases in Nashville, Knoxville, and Jonesborough. Marquis points out that “most sources credit Jackson with having the proper temperament, if not scholarship to preside over the state’s courts.” [p. 44] Another biographer is quoted as having said “It is doubtful if a more unlearned judge ever sat on a bench ... and it would be equally difficult to find one more determined to dispense justice according to his lights.” [p. 44] The author details a number of interesting events that occurred to Jackson during his judicial tenure, including the time he apprehended a man who had stormed out of the court and threatened to kill any one who tried to arrest him. When the sheriff was unwilling to do the job, Jackson took two firearms and proceeded to approach the man, staring him down. Jackson’s determination and lack of fear convinced the suspect to surrender peaceably.

Jackson resigned his judgship in July of 1804. Eventually he built his national following on his military career, culminating with his victory over the British at New Orleans in 1815. He
Every month in this space Associate Director Linda Fariss responds to a suggestion from the Suggestion Box.

**Suggestion:** Dear Librarians, All I want for Christmas is a new big stapler. From, 2L law student.

**Response:** Dear 2L law student, Perhaps Santa will listen to your request. However, many students have been bad this year and have broken the big stapler numerous times! As you know, Santa puts coal in the stockings of bad law students, not big staplers. We will take your request under advisement and maybe by the time you are a 3L a new stapler will appear.

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**SAD NEWS ABOUT LEGAL AFFAIRS**

Four years ago, a group of legal scholars at Yale started a bimonthly magazine they named Legal Affairs. With the motto “the magazine at the intersection of law and life,” the founders’ goal was to breach the gap between the disparate worlds of academia and practicing attorneys.

The founders also sought to maintain an ideologically independent publication that would draw both conservative and liberal readers. Editor Lincoln Caplan describes it as a “demilitarized zone where conservatives seem to feel safe reading liberal ideas and vice versa.”

The magazine proved to be a big hit in many regards. It won several awards for its journalism and was lauded by the Washington Post as “America’s most interesting legal magazine,” while the Chicago Tribune included it in a list of the nation’s best magazines.

But while the editors claim a regular readership of around 150,000, they sold only about 25,000 print subscriptions. And while Yale provided funding at the beginning to help get the magazine off the ground, that arrangement ended in 2004. Since then, money has come from subscribers, advertisers, donors, and grants, but it has not been enough to keep print production afloat.

The March/April issue was the last one to be printed. The magazine will continue to exist in an electronic format at www.legalaffairs.org. The web site will continue to host the popular, biweekly “Debate Club,” in which legal scholars from each end of the political spectrum go head-to-head on a topic of current controversy. The editors are hopeful that the cessation of publication is merely a hiatus and not the death of Legal Affairs in print. Wishful thinking? We’ll have to wait and see.

**Liz Goldberg, Reference Librarian**

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**SPOTLIGHT ON GOV DOCS: SUMMER FUN**

What is FirstGov.gov? FirstGov.gov is an easy-to-search, free-access web site designed to give you a centralized place to find information from U.S. local, state and federal government agency web sites. FirstGov.gov offers a powerful search engine, an A-Z Agency Index, and a topical directory of web-accessible government information and services to help you find what you need.

But can we have fun with government information? There are multiple user categories on the FirstGov web page: citizens, business & non-profits, federal employees, and government-to-government. This is where the fun begins.

Click on the tab, “for Citizens.” In addition to many practical and useful search links (to job banks, medical, environmental, and tax information, registration with the Selective Service, passport applications, instructions for obtaining official records from your state’s public health department or vital records department, etc., etc.) you can go shopping!
Through topical links (under “Information by Topic”) or by clicking on “100 More online Services” you are easily transported to a virtual “Government Shopping Mall.” Once inside, you will find a veritable cornucopia of purchase selections:

- Need a new house? You can buy real property from the U.S. Government Auction House, U.S. Marshals Service Seized Property Auctions, and the IRS Real Property Sales.

- Feel lonely inside your new house? Adopt a wild horse or burro from the Bureau of Land Management.

- Interested in investments? Shop for T-Bills, notes and bonds from the U.S. Treasury Department. Browse the Fed’s store for mortgages, savings bonds, securities and more.

- Feeling adventuresome? You can find auctions of property taken in criminal seizures, including aircraft, automobiles, boats, motorcycles, industrial equipment and more.

- Want to travel? Amtrak and National Parks are only a click away. The U.S. Geological Survey provides digital maps and data, aerial photography, software and atlases. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration can supply you with nautical charts, publications, historical maps, maps of offshore oil and gas leasing areas, plotting maps and posters.

- A special anniversary, or engagement, looming on your horizon? The U.S. Marshals and IRS are waiting for you with auctions of seized jewelry, mineral rights, and even animals.

- Looking for a hobby or need a present for that special graduate or favorite librarian? Shop the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, U.S. Mint, National Parks, American Folklife Center, Library of Congress, Smithsonian Institution, White House, National Gallery of Art, and even the U.S. Postal Service for souvenirs, collectibles, knick-knacks, and holiday gifts.

Have a great Summer!

Jennifer Bryan,
Documents Librarian

**Law Library Semester Break Hours**
May 6 - 14, 2006

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**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**

**WORKING THE HALLS**

Happy May Birthday to:
- Ralph Gaebler on the 3rd
- Jeanne Criswell on the 19th
- Professor Fred Cate on the 20th
- Professor Donald Gjerdingen on the 22nd

Congratulations to:
- The Ochoa/Lynch Family
- The Fairfield Family
- On Their New Additions!