PERRY AND THE MASONs RETURN TO THE FINAL FOUR

Nonie Watt (a.k.a. Perry), Head of Technical Services

If you accidently tuned your remote to the locally-produced CATS network a couple weeks ago, you might have had the rare opportunity of catching the Law Library's own trivia experts, Perry and the Masons. Competing for the 13th consecutive year in the Monroe County Public Library's VITAL Quiz Bowl, our illustrious team made its second Final Four appearance in three years. For those of you new to Bloomington, the Quiz Bowl is an annual event that pairs local teams against one another in order to raise money to support the Library's adult literacy program. At the conclusion of every quiz bowl, I write a whiny, pathetic article for Res ipsa detailing the various ways we get cheated every year.

Round One found us matching wits with the B-team from Boston Scientific, a group of lab-rats from Spencer. Consisting of Ralph Gaebler, Dick Vaughan, Nonie Watt, and making his debut appearance, Chris McNeely, Perry and Friends got off to a quick start when our rookie buzzed in and correctly answered the first question. (Name the performer whose great, great, great grandfather was Herman Melville, author of Moby Dick. Answer: Moby. Makes sense, doesn't it?) Yes indeed, all those months we spent training Chris really paid off! While overall, not our most impressive performance, we cruised to victory without breaking much of a sweat.

Round Two saw us pitted against the Wizards of Oz. No one really knows who these people are, but they've been competing for a number of years. Old-time team member, Dave Lankford, returned to the fold for this round and came back with a vengeance. Reeling off the answers to questions that left his opponents (as well as his teammates) dazed and a wee bit confused, Dave single-handedly racked up about 100 points. We ultimately won that round by a record-setting 140-40.

By this point, we are back in the public library for the third consecutive night and the Masons are growing a bit weary of the whole thing. Be that as it may, our fan-base is growing by leaps and bounds as spouses and off-spring fall victim to guilt trips as they enthusiastically root for their favorite team of nerds.

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NEW & NOTEWORTHY: ON DEATH & DYING

The recent legal and media frenzy over the life, and ultimately the death, of Terri Schiavo has prompted a renewed interest in "end-of-life" legal issues. Although one might think these issues are new, in actuality Americans have been wrestling with the question of euthanasia for more than one hundred years. Robert G. Ingersoll, an Illinois lawyer, and one of the most famous orators of the late 19th century, is often cited as the first American to defend a right to euthanasia. Other countries can trace the movement back hundreds of years.

One predictable result of the Schiavo death will be a flood of new books detailing her particular case, the morality of euthanasia in general, and the role and legitimacy of living wills. In the meantime, the Law Library has more than 100 titles cataloged under the subject headings "Euthanasia" and "Right to Die." A few of the more recent titles include the following:


Richard Vaughan
Acquisitions & Serials Control Librarian

FREE RESEARCH DATABASES FROM UNCLE SAM

How can you possibly survive this summer without the unlimited access to Lexis and Westlaw on which you have come to depend (and which the Law Library provides for you)? Well, Uncle Sam has your back! The U.S. Government produces many free databases which can assist you with legal research by providing you with full text access.

Need federal legislative information? Impress your supervising attorney and colleagues by using Thomas at http://thomas.loc.gov. Thomas is a web service of the Library of Congress, which provides access to full text legislative documents and information on congressional activity. Thomas also provides information on the Judicial and Executive branches. With Thomas, you can:

- Track pending legislation
- Find bill summary and status
- Compile legislative histories
- Get full text (PDF) of legislative documents, including: bills, committee reports, the Congressional Record, & public laws
- Find information on members of Congress
- Access the status and text of treaties submitted to the Senate

Looking for Congressional committee data? Go directly to committee web sites at http://www.house.gov or http://www.senate.gov if you are looking for:

- Full text of hearings, testimony, and floor statements
- Streaming video of hearings

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- Committee analysis of major legislation and the FY 2006 Budget
- Legislative and topical fact sheets
- Committee rules and information
- Committee publications, such as JCT Bluebooks
- Congressional schedules
- Roll call votes
- Information related to the legislative process
- House or Senate directories

Need full text documents from the Legislative, Judicial, or Executive Branches? Go to GPO Access at http://www.gpoaccess.gov/index.html. GPO Access is the online service of the U.S. Government Printing Office which provides full text documents in PDF or text format.

- Judicial Branch resources include case dockets, oral arguments, Supreme Court decisions 1937-1975 and from 1992 forward.
- Executive Branch resources include the CFR (1966- ), the Federal Register (1944- ), the Budget of the U.S. Government, the Economic Report of the President, Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States (1992- ), State of the Union Addresses (1992- ), Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents (1993- ), and reports, investigations, and findings of various agencies.
- Legislative Branch resources include the United States Code, Congressional bills (1993- ), and other legislative documents such as hearings (1997- ), committee prints (1997- ), committee reports and documents (1996- ), the Congressional Record (1994- ), Public and Private laws (1996- ), and Independent Counsel Investigation Reports.

Tracking federal rulemaking? Use Regulations.gov, http://www.regulations.gov, to find, review, and submit comments on federal documents that are open for comment and published in the Federal Register. Search by agency, topic, keyword, or CFR citation.

Other useful government websites:
- FirstGov.gov http://www.firstgov.gov, the U.S. Government's Official Web Portal, with links to state, local, and tribal government resources.
- U.S. Census Bureau, State and County QuickFacts, http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/index.html
- Forms from federal agencies of the 500 most popular government services, including IRS, social security, small business, passport, immigration, military, http://www.fedforms.gov/
- State and Local Government on the Net, http://state.localgov.net/
- National and State recreation information, http://www.recreation.gov/

Please let me know if you need any help researching government information and have a great summer!

Jennifer Bryan,
Documents Librarian

WHO AM I?

I am a 2000 graduate of Texas Wesleyan University School of Law and a 2004 graduate of Texas Woman’s University School of Library and Information Science. While in law school, I was a research assistant to Professor Paul George and assisted with his publication, The Federal Courthouse Door: A Federal Jurisdiction Guide. I was also a 2L teaching assistant and taught legal research to first year students.

After graduating from law school, I spent my first year working on the Reference Desk at the Texas Wesleyan School of Law Library, took and passed (WHEN?) the Texas Bar Exam and started Library School all in the same year. After my year as a Reference Librarian, I joined my colleagues and began the practice of law. I practiced in the areas of criminal appellate law and spent a lot of my time with Alternative Dispute Resolution, as I am also a certified Mediator. Private practice did not suit my fancy so I maneuvered my way into corporate practice. In 2002 I became General Counsel/Editor-in-Chief of a legal publishing company; what great fun — my days were swamped with a vast array of legal research issues.

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THE SUGGESTION BOX

Every month in this space Associate Director Linda Fariss responds to a suggestion from the Suggestion Box.

Suggestion: Squirt bottle to get 1Ls out of my seat.

Response: if I give you a squirt bottle I must have to give the 1Ls a squirt bottle to defend themselves. Soon the books in the Library will be soaked and it will be a mess! Seriously, couldn’t you just ask them to move??

Suggestion: Stop charging fees and then not telling people - you cowards.

Response: I would appreciate it if you could elaborate on what "secret" fees we are charging. To the best of my knowledge, all of the library fines that we charge are posted on the wall at the circulation desk.
After graduating from Library School, my husband and I decided it was time to move from the great, hot, state of Texas and we were fortunate enough to land here in Bloomington. You can now find me in the Law Library, Reference Office, Room 106E. Any of you Texans out there who want to chat about the Dallas/Fort Worth area — come on by and see me!

I am Stephanie Marshall, the new Electronic Services Librarian.

MORE THAN THE BBC NEWSREEL

Watching America is a new web-based service that pulls articles about America from on-line newspapers published in countries around the world, translates them, and makes them available on a daily basis. The URL for this service is www.watchingamerica.com. It's free, requires no registration, and currently includes no advertising. Moreover, the translations are edited versions of the original articles, not just raw machine translations.

For foreign news junkies, WatchingAmerica is a useful and convenient source of perspectives that differ from those one might find in mainstream American press reports. Of course, the service is limited in two respects. First, it only includes articles specifically about America. Second, it necessarily includes only a small sampling of the articles that could be included.

Of even greater interest is a secondary service offered by WatchingAmerica.com. At the bottom of the screen (you will have to scroll all the way down to find this), there are links to the online versions of dozens of newspapers, organized geographically. These versions are provided in their original languages, but coverage is limited only by what is included in the on-line versions, and these newspapers provide an excellent way to practice reading a wide variety of foreign languages. Links to machine translations of non-English language newspapers are also included, but these are virtually useless except as a source of amusement.

This secondary service is really for the foreign news junkies, as it provides access to detailed articles about politics and culture in the foreign countries covered. So, if you were looking for a convenient way to read Die Zeit, Le Figaro, or The Sydney Morning Herald, this is the service for you!

Ralph Gaebler
Foreign & Intl. Librarian

TRAINING FOR SUMMER RESEARCH

If you will be researching for a faculty member this summer, whether as a regular Research Assistant or as a recipient of a Graduate Law Fellowship, we encourage you to take advantage of the Library's R.A. Training sessions.

While these sessions will refresh legal research skills that might have become rusty since the first-year Legal Research & Writing class, they will also cover more advanced research skills and subject-specific resources that were not covered in that class. Our goal is to make it easier for each R.A. or fellow to effectively find the information that his or her professor needs.

R.A.'s and fellows can sign themselves up for a session, or their professors can do it for them. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please contact me by e-mail (ellarson@indiana.edu) or phone (855-1888). I would appreciate at least a few days' advance notice. Also, please tell me if you would like to include specific resources or subject areas in the training session.

Liz Goldberg
Reference Librarian

Law Library Semester Break Hours
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WORKING THE HALLS

Happy May Birthday to:
The Library's Ralph Gaebler on the 3rd
Jeanne Brown on the 19th
Prof. Cate on the 20th
Prof. Gjerdingen on the 22nd

BEST OF LUCK
GRADUATES