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"He laughs best who laughs last." The byline for the lead article in the Spring 1997 issue of Hearsay announced that "The Law Library is Moving!" The issue date was April 1.

We did catch a few students with our idea of a joke, but the more striking – and telling – realization was just how few students were even fazed by the prospect of the law library being in some distant, physically-removed locality. We're still trying to make sense of the seeming lack of response.

Regardless, here we are five years later, and guess what – the law library is moving, and this time we mean it. Really. We're even planning on taking the rest of the law school with us. But that doesn't mean we will be taking **everything** with us.

For those of you who will be returning this fall, you will notice a lot of empty shelves where the regional reporters used to be. We have already begun discarding duplicate copies and should finish the task over the summer.

We have canceled our subscription to the USCS and will remove the set at an appropriate time prior to our move. The faculty library committee has endorsed in principle canceling our Shepard citator print subscriptions and the faculty will later this spring be asked to put its imprimatur on a proposal to cancel and discard various digests.

Early volumes of many law reviews are being shipped to PASCAL, an offsite storage facility. Eventually, we will store the majority of our pre-1980 law reviews in PASCAL. Full-text access to these materials is available now from the library's homepage via Hein Online.

We expect to also send our pre-1900 legal treatises to PASCAL, where the controlled environment will aid in the preservation of these rare and fragile resources. Likewise for our early English legal materials, including the nominative

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Electronic Resources Update

Martha Keister

Foreign, Comparative & International

Law Librarian

IndexMaster is a database containing the indexes and tables of contents from hundreds of legal treatises. The database publisher says that over 8,000 individual treatises are included here. Originally designed as a resource for reviewing the contents of treatises in anticipation of purchase, the database has become a terrific source for the legal researcher.

Users can search for books containing specific information by using keywords, titles, author or publisher. For example, a search of "ski resort" brought up 14 treatises which have the words in the table of contents or in the index. A quick search, by title, of the Westminster Law library online catalog will reveal which of these treatises the library owns.

You can link to IndexMaster from our Electronic Databases A-Z list, from the Computer Assisted Legal Research and Instruction list, as well as from the online catalog, with a direct link to the search form. <http://www.indexmaster.com/>

Global Jurist: bexpress.com is a new electronic publishing venture which has the goal of providing quality, peer-reviewed scholarly journals at a reasonable price and in a very rapid publishing time. At the moment the subject areas of these electronic journals include business, law and economics. Reviewed articles may be published any in one of the several journals.

The Westminster Law Library subscribes to three journals under the Global Jurist collective title: Global Jurist Frontiers, Global Jurist Topics, and Global Jurist Advances.

All of these began in 2001 and it looks as if there are two or three issues annually in each journal. The subject areas are comparative law, law and economics, international law, law and economic development and law and anthropology. The contents of each issue may be viewed and word-searching is available for all issues.

By-the-way, **bepress** stands for Berkeley Electronic Press. <http://www.bepress.com>.

New Library Personnel

Jessica Reed

Library Assistant

Tom Franken joined the library staff on February 1st as the newest member of the Network Administration team. Originally from Montana, he received his bachelor's in business from Montana State and his master's in business from the University of Oregon. Five years ago, lured by the amazing skiing, Tom moved to Colorado. Along with winter sports, he is motorcycle fanatic, devoted to his 1984 Honda Goldwing Aspencade. Addicted to riding, he frequently hits the road to visit his 14-year-old son, David, in Montana, and rather than meander along, Tom prefers the exhausting exhilaration of covering a few thousand miles in a few short days. Perhaps the only person on the library staff to proudly proclaim himself a member of the "iron butt club," Tom is currently working on converting the network to Windows 2000. You can find out more about Tom by visiting his website, www.tomfranken.com.

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reports. We will also prior to the move send to PASCAL an as-yet undetermined number of our lesser-used materials and previous editions of works for which we hold a later edition.

Finally, we are offering to Penrose library approximately 5,000+ non-legal titles that Penrose does not own. If you're wondering why we're taking these steps now, one answer is so that we don't have to move these books into our new facility, where we would have to do some 'right-sizing' later. Because. Because our new library will be a bit more, 'intimate' in its scale.

Actually, it's not only the library's scale that will be different once we are on main campus; the library's scope will also reflect a new reality, ie, that the law library will for perhaps the first time in the university's history, be viewed as a resource expected to serve all members of the university community.

But that's a chapter yet to be written. For those of you who will be graduating soon, we bid adieu, and we hope you will come visit us in our new digs. For those of you who will be returning this fall, we look forward to your return. Until then, Good Luck on exams! 📖

The Emergence of Animal Law

Madeline Kriescher

Serials Assistant

(This article honors April as National Animal Cruelty Prevention Month. Madeline is also a 2d yr evening law student at DU)

During the past ten years, the interest in animal rights law has grown significantly. Law schools such as Harvard, Rutgers, and Lewis & Clark now have well-developed and thriving animal rights law programs. Many State Bar Associations, including the one in Texas, support Animal Law Sections in order to promote the study and understanding of laws, regulations, and court decisions dealing with animal legal issues.

Most people in the world--especially children--instinctively love animals. However, animals do not have a "bill of rights" to protect them as humans do. Animals' interests are not generally represented or considered in our laws. Why? Animals have historically been viewed as nothing more than property. We have used them for food, for hard labor, for cosmetic and pharmaceutical testing and for sport/entertainment.

Unfortunately, animal exploitation goes widely unnoticed because people are often not aware of its prevalence. Animal rights law, however, can be furthered through education and policy-making. For example, legislators can enact protective legislation enforcing existing welfare and anti-cruelty laws as well as promoting public awareness of the plight of animals in our society. We can educate ourselves about existing animal exploitation in order to better address current and future problems. Lastly, we can use the law to create an environment where the rights of animals are respected.

Below is a list of Internet and print resources concerning animal rights law:

Animal Law Center
<http://www.animallaw.org/>

AnimalLaw.com
<http://www.animallaw.com/index.cfm>

Law Offices of Toye & Green
<http://www.animallaw.net/products.htm>

Animal Welfare Act
<http://warp.nal.usda.gov/awic/legislat/awa.htm>

Animal Welfare Information Center, USDA -
National Agriculture Library
<http://www.nal.usda.gov/awic/index.html>

Educators for Animal Rights
<http://www.e4ars.org/>

Denver Dumb Friends League
<http://www.ddfl.org>

Animal Legal Defense Fund
<http://www.aldf.org/>

American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
<http://www.aspca.org>

International Institute for Animal Law
<http://www.animallawintl.org/>

National Animal Interest Alliance
http://www.naiaonline.org/body/articles/archives/animal_rights.htm

NetVet
<http://netvet.wustl.edu/welfare.htm>

Rattling the Cage: towards legal rights for animals
By, Steven M Wise, 2000
362 p.; ISBN: 1861972458

Animals and the Law: a sourcebook
By, Jordan Curnutt, 2001
591 p; ISBN: 1576071472

Standing for Animals
By, Cass R Sunstein, 1999
38 p; Law School, the University of Chicago

It's the Law! Pets, animals, and the law
By, William J Wynn, 2002
184 p; ISBN: 094487584X

Amnesty on Overdue Fees

The Law Library is celebrating National Library Week by offering amnesty on fines for overdue materials. From **April 14 – 20**, fines incurred on late materials will be waived with the donation of a canned food item per book. Canned goods received during the week will be donated to Food Bank of the Rockies. Simply bring your canned food item to the Circulation Desk and give the desk worker your name. We'll take care of the rest! What are you waiting for – get your can in here!

Customer Service Goals


Paul Sharpe

Access Services Coordinator

You may have noticed that the DU College of Law prides itself on the ability to capitalize on new technologies. The computers are getting faster and smaller. Web content is enriched by the addition of streaming video lectures. Wireless network hubs allow us to connect to e-mail and Internet throughout many parts of Lowell Thomas. While all of these gadgets and enhancements create impressive fodder for admissions brochures, it means nothing without one common denominator: people. People who care. People who know how to keep the gizmos running. People who can help you find a saved document, or circumnavigate a broken hyperlink, or find printer paper when it counts the most.

For our part of the equation, the Westminster Law Library wants to maintain the high standard of customer service that we feel we can, and sometimes do, provide to our patrons. Making excuses for the situations that arise doesn't take care of the immediate need. Let's face it: people want to get in and out of the library as quickly as possible. You spend enough of your lives here as it is!

When I am asked what my job is, I like to say I keep people happy. I am committed to tackling the problems that occur within the law library. I also feel strongly about solving those problems within the law library. The new motto is "What broke here gets fixed here!" I'm not an expert on every machine and every process, but I can find someone who is.

Many students and faculty members feel the need to go straight to the top with an incident. Whether you start with a Circulation Desk worker or go directly to Dean Ricketson, the problem generally comes back to me in the end. My phone number is (303) 871-6079. My email address is: psharpe@mail.law.du.edu If you want to speak with me face to face, my office is just inside the Administrative Suite of the DU Law Library on the left. I want to be the first to know if things aren't right at the law library, not the last. Thanks! 

Frankel Learning Center on the Web

Theresa Baker

Web / Systems Librarians

The Frankel Learning Center (FLC) is the library's instructional computer lab. The lab has 23 student workstations, an instructor's station, and a SmartBoard projection system. The lab is used primarily for law classes, library instruction, LexisNexis and Westlaw training. When the lab is not scheduled, it is open to all students wishing to use a computer. The FLC schedule is posted next to the door and is also now available on the library's website at <http://www.law.du.edu/library/flc/>.

The FLC web pages can be found in the "Library Information" section of the website. In addition to the FLC calendar, the site includes a form for scheduling the FLC, the equipment and application programs available in the FLC, and usage policies. We hope this new site will help optimize usage of this valuable resource.



Proctors Needed for LSAT & MPRE Exams

Tests offered throughout the year. For information on dates and to put your name on the list to be a proctor, contact Goldie Burton, Reference Librarian at 303-871-6386 or gburton@law.du.edu.

Note - for security reasons you cannot proctor the MPRE if you are planning to take it, but have not already done so.

Terrorism on the Web

Caryl Shipley

Library Assistant

The Internet offers countless resources for those interested in finding out more about terrorism and counter-terrorism. A good starting place is the US State Department's "Significant Terrorist Incidents, 1961-2001: A Chronology". The events of September 11th are foremost in our minds, this chronological presentation shows how regularly terrorist acts have taken place around the globe, even in the US. To focus on one year in particular, go to The International Association of Counter terrorism and Security Professionals (IACSP), takes an in-depth look at terrorist events during the year 2000. The Knox Dudley Library at the Naval Post-Graduate School provides in-depth descriptions of the main terrorist organizations in the world, along with links to their websites and to those organizations combating them.

To explore a range of historical and current documents about terrorism go to The Federation of American Scientists' site. The FAS, a non-profit group founded in 1948, was formed by many of the scientists who helped build the atomic bomb and wanted to find a way to avoid using such weapons of mass destruction. The American Society of International Law provides links to almost all relevant international legal conventions and agreements on terrorism. The CQ Press also offers a wide selection of full articles and some abstracts that explore America's response to terrorism and its often-rocky relationships with its allies (past and present) against terrorists.

The Center for Defense Information's (CDI) Terrorism project offers analytical information (CDI is a non-profit, non-partisan group that doesn't accept any funds from either government or the defense industry.) CDI contains thought-provoking articles on topics such as 'Operation Enduring Freedom,' 'Terrorist Networks, More US Targets' and 'Homeland Defense'.

For an opposing viewpoint (especially if you think the US has risked too many freedoms in the fight against terrorism), The Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC) takes a hard look at the USA Patriot Act, as well as providing information on past attempts by government to either strengthen or loosen, domestic anti-terrorism measures.

United Nations
<http://www.un.org/News/ossg/terrorism.htm>

Institute for Conflict Management <http://www.satp.org>
Focuses on terrorism in South Asia. Includes background information, timelines, and chronologies regarding terrorism and low-intensity warfare.

International Policy Institute for Counter-Terrorism
<http://www.ict.org.il/>
A comprehensive resource on international terrorism and counter-terrorism which features news updates, an interactive forum, and links to other Web resources.

Terrorism Research Center <http://www.terrorism.com/>
This site features essays and thought pieces on current issues, as well as links to other terrorism documents, research, and resources.

Amnesty International <http://www.amnesty.org/>
This annual record of Amnesty International's concerns includes reports as well as incidents of state terrorism: political killings, imprisonment, and torture.

Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism
<http://www.cicte.oas.org/history.htm>
Serves as the organization within the Inter-American system for the coordination of efforts to protect the citizens of the member nations from the scourges of terrorism. Functioning through the exchange of information amongst the preeminent leaders, subject matter experts and decision makers work together to strengthen hemispheric solidarity and security.

Canadian Security Intelligence Service http://www.csis-scrs.gc.ca/eng/miscdocs/200001_e.html
Dedicated to the protection of Canada's national security interests and the safety of Canadians.

Christian Science Monitor <http://www.csmonitor.com/2002/0207/p01s03-usmi.html>

Union Tribune
<http://www.uniontrib.com/news/nation/terror/>

Central Intelligence Agency
<http://www.odci.gov/cia/di/products/terrorism/index.html>

U.S. Department of State, International Information Program <http://www.usinfo.state.gov/>

Terrorism Research Center <http://www.terrorism.com/index.html>

National Commission on Terrorism <http://www.fas.org/irp/threat/commission.html>

ETC.

Or What We Do Outside the Library

Diane Burkhardt,

Faculty Liaison

Theresa Baker attended the Library & Information Technology Association's National Forum in Milwaukee in October. The Forum is a three-day continuing education event on current and future technologies in libraries. Theresa has also been appointed to the Rocky Mountain Regional Innovative Users Group Planning Committee, which organizes training workshops for users of Innovative Interfaces Inc. library systems.

Patty Wellinger attended a ten-week Citizen's Police Academy, offered by the Denver Police Department. She has just finished her last class in University College's Applied Communications program and will soon be starting the capstone project to complete the Master's degree in that program. Patty took time out from working and studying to attend the Big 10 men's basketball tournament in Indianapolis.

Goldie Burton is now a proud homeowner, having recently purchased a condominium in the Capitol Hill neighborhood.

On May 18, **Madeline Kriescher** will be representing the City of Denver in the Mrs. Colorado-America Pageant, a pageant specifically for married women. The winner of the Mrs. Colorado Pageant will compete in the Mrs. America pageant in Hawaii. To purchase tickets to the Mrs. Colorado Pageant, see Madeline in the library. Good luck!!

Sheila Green spent the Christmas holidays visiting friends and family in Florida. In January, she taught a day-long CLE seminar on the Internet, and she has already a beginning class in Italian in preparation for her June visit to Italy.

Ignacio Ferrer-Vinent attended the Colorado Library Association's annual conference in Colorado Springs in October, where he and Susan Ferrer-Vinent presented a paper titled "Community Analysis for Public Library Branches." Ignacio received his Master's degree in Library and Information Sciences from DU in November. Way to go!

Diane Burkhardt's one-year-old dog recently completed a series of obedience classes at the Denver Dumb Friends League. He took first place in musical chairs at his graduation event. Diane has been getting her money's worth from her Copper Mountain season pass this winter.

Martha Keister attended the 20th Annual Course in International Law Librarianship at the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law in Lausanne, Switzerland, in September. The theme for the meeting was "Comparative and International Law in a Multilingual Environment: Current Issues and Information Resources." The conference included visits to the Swiss Supreme Court and the United Nations headquarters in Geneva. Before the conference, Martha and her husband, Bill, traveled to Prague, Budapest, and Vienna, sampling the excellent pastry and beer (not at the same time) at every stop.

Madeline Kriescher has just been accepted to the joint degree program with the Graduate School of International Studies (GSIS) at DU. More homework lies ahead!

Caryl Shipley went to Washington, D.C. in October to attend Parents' Weekend at Georgetown University, where her son, Joseph, is a freshman in the School of Foreign Service.

Debra Austin recently presented a paper on "Using Technology to Connect with our Students" at the national conference for the American Association for Higher Education in Chicago.

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Until next time, enjoy the glamorous legal shows, movies and TV (except for my girl Judy) you watch, but I'll let you be the judge and make your own decisions as to whether you think that is what you're future career in the law will be REALLY like. HAPPY SPRING!



You Be the Judge

Rayna Wandel

Serials Assistant

It's me again, DU Law Library's Hearsay columnist, Rayna. Just call me the Law Library's resident "Carrie Bradshaw" (a.k.a. Sarah Jessica Parker on the show "Sex and the City). Today I want to deal with notion of "legal" genre in Hollywood (including TV and movies) as well as fictional literature (i.e. John Grisham). The question I ask you...Where can we as legal professionals, administrative staff and students draw the line of our realities v. fantasies when it comes to the "legal" programming we watch, the movies we go to (and pay almost 10 BUCKS) and the books we read? The answer - THERE IS NO LINE TO DRAW! In my view, it's all pretty much sugar coated and glamorized to get us to watch and that Nielsen Family? (they must watch a lot of TV) for ratings.

Now everyone, especially you aspiring lawyers who are currently students, I'm sure you all have seen "Ally McBeal", "The Practice" or perhaps seen the John Grisham novel-turned-movie "The Firm" starring one of Hollywood's top actors portraying the main character (a lawyer) Tom Cruise. I don't know about you, but when was the last time you saw a great looking lawyer (Tom Cruise) running for his life down in a street in Memphis (or a street anywhere for that matter)? Perhaps a cutesy, quirky female lawyer, Ally McBeal (Calista Flockhart) wearing a skirt up to her belly button who after work goes downstairs to a chic bar to sing and dance with her fellow lawyers? Don't they have work to do? Or maybe Laura Flynn Boyle (Helen the DA on "The Practice") storming into the courtroom, in a perfectly classic, couture Armani suit, not a hair out of place, makeup perfect, not a run in her panty hose, and give you the evil stare that she will win this case (in less than 60 minutes of the show I might add) with those hypnotic blue eyes. Obviously the legal profession must not be glamorous. Look at David E. Kelley, a former lawyer who opted out of his legal profession to write legal television shows with an added dash of spice (and now he is married to Michelle Pfeiffer! Gimme a break) so we would be glued to our TV's! Though this is for pure entertainment value, I hope this particular entertainment doesn't go to your bright young mind's and picture your law career in the future like an episode of Ally McBeal with one of the partners being Tom Cruise or Dylan McDermott ("The Practice") while you stare longingly into their piercing blue eyes.

In my younger years, as well as now, I have always been more drawn to comedy genre in entertainment. However, I do remember watching "LA Law" as a kid. Who could forget two very handsome lawyers in that firm, Corbin Bernsen and Harry Hamlin. They always got the ladies, won their cases and had a grandiose time at the office everyday. Nevertheless, this never drove me to pursue a career in a law environment despite currently at working one. In my years at DU, I never thought Harry Hamlin (sorry Corbin, not into blondes) coming downstairs to the Tech Services office, looking at me with that adorable cleft in his chin asking me to get him an article for a case of his from the Journal of Pesticide Reform. Then afterwards go for dinner and dancing (however now that I think about it, it doesn't sound too bad). I actually did not care for legal TV shows until a year or two ago. A friend of my family told us to watch "The Practice" because their daughter who worked for David E. Kelley at the time and helped cast extras on the show cast and her brother as one of many nosy reporters and spoke five words. So now I can tell you all, I know someone who was on "The Practice". After that, I was hooked. Good show, but I realize if I am ever in legal trouble not to expect Eleanor (Camryn Manheim), the voluptuous and tough female lawyer along with handsome Bobby (Dylan McDermott) to go whoop some legal behind for me, though it would be nice.

There is one legal show however that I don't watch regularly, but will admit having seen before. That is the one and only "Judge Judy". I love the woman. Sure she gets fixed up for the camera with makeup and probably wears some expensive, designer duds under that dowdy robe (talk about fashion faux pas), but the woman sets it straight. No glamour in her chambers! No sugar coating. She is THE WOMAN and she sets her own Ten Commandments in her courtroom. Sure she's used some corny lines (in which you can see on her website www.judgejudy.com - I found it for this article and AM NOT a frequent visitor), but it's her courtroom. If anything I think she is pretty good even though she has a show on the UPN. Judge Judy not *acting* as a judge, she was one in the NY courts and does not play one on TV, but *IS ONE*. Sure, maybe she is a bit of a drama queen and possibly turns it up a little for her show, has a few corny lines here and there (go to her website and click on "Judy Speak"). However, she is one tough chick (and she has her own fun page www.sterlinginn.com/chene/judy.htm). If anything, I encourage you all, especially the law students to catch a glimpse so she can scare the heebe-jeebies out of you from being a courtroom attorney.

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