Letter from Ed Edmonds

All of the pictures in this issue of the Law Library News point towards the opening of Biolchini Hall. That will happen before you know it. The reading areas in the new building look outstanding, and I am pleased that all of our current first- and second-year students will be able to enjoy the new spaces next year after the challenges of locating study space in Eck Hall or outside of our building during the past year. I truly appreciate the willingness of everyone to stay cheerful as we complete the renovation project.

The law library is often referred to as the heart and the laboratory of the law school. I know that the shift to online access requires us to consider that concept in a different way. The Kresge Law Library in Biolchini Hall will allow us to blend much of the traditional, like the Reading Room, with the new, our new technology spaces. We will have a significant number of group study rooms that will be outstanding spaces for collaborative learning. I am sure that they will be popular. We will be able to house our entire print and microform collection for the first time in years while continuing to provide access to digital resources. Our most important library resource, our wonderful staff, will be able to occupy significantly better work areas, and they will be able to more efficiently handle incoming resources while maintaining and improving our services.

We are all excited as we anticipate starting the move soon, and we know that this fall will begin a great new chapter in the history of the Kresge Law Library.

-Ed Edmonds
The Morris L. Cohen Student Essay Competition

The Legal History and Rare Books Section (LH&RB) of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), in cooperation with Gale Cengage Learning, announces the second annual Morris L. Cohen Student Essay Competition. The competition is named in honor of Morris L. Cohen, Professor Emeritus of Law at Yale Law School. Professor Cohen’s scholarly work is in the fields of legal research, rare books, and historical bibliography.

The purpose of the competition is to encourage scholarship in the areas of legal history, rare law books, and legal archives, and to acquaint students with the American Association of Law Libraries and law librarianship.

Eligibility Requirements:
Students currently enrolled in accredited graduate programs in library science, law, history, or related fields are eligible to enter the competition. Both full- and part-time students are eligible.

Membership in AALL is not required. Essays may be on any topic related to legal history, rare law books, or legal archives.

The entry form and instructions are available at the LH&RB website: http://www.aallnet.org/sis/lhrb/cohen.html.

Entries must be submitted by midnight, April 15, 2010. The winner will be announced by May 15.

Prize:
The winner will receive a $500.00 prize from Gale Cengage Learning and up to $1,000 for expenses associated with attendance at the 103rd AALL Annual Meeting, July 10-13, 2010, in Denver, Colorado.

The runner-up will have the opportunity to publish the second-place essay in LH&RB’s online scholarly journal Unbound: An Annual Review of Legal History and Rare Books.

Please direct questions to Jennie Meade at jmeade@law.gwu.edu

Upcoming library conferences

Many conferences offer grants or scholarships to cover full or partial costs of attendance. Check out the websites listed below for more information. Note that applications for such funding are typically due several months before the event, so check them out soon!

American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting: July 10-13, Denver, CO (http://www.aallnet.org/events) Funding available for law and library school students, law librarians, library staff, and others.


Innovative Users Group Annual Meeting: April 18-21, Chicago, IL (http://www.innovativeusers.org/iug-conferences)


Proximity Searching on HeinOnline

When you’re trying to find articles on a specific subject (e.g., bar journal articles discussing Chief Justice Roberts’ nomination to the Supreme Court), requiring your search terms to be located near each other is very helpful.

It’s hard enough to keep the commands for proximity searching on LexisNexis (w/N = within N words) and Westlaw (/N = within N words) straight without throwing HeinOnline’s convoluted command into the mix ("search terms within quotations~N"). Happily, the good people at HeinOnline have simplified the process.

Now whenever you want to use a proximity search on HeinOnline, just select the “Field Search” option from the Search menu at the top left of your browser window and you can use the drop down menu on the left to indicate that your search terms must be "Within 5", "Within 10", or "Within 25" words of each other. Please note that proximity searching only works when searching across the full text portion of HeinOnline’s database, therefore you must use the “Text” field from the drop-down menu on the right (and not the “Title”, “Creator/Author” or “Description” fields). Currently, HeinOnline’s search syntax supports proximity searching for single terms but not for phrases. So, even if you search for:

“john roberts” Within 10 nomination

your query will, nevertheless, be interpreted as “john roberts nomination~10” Confused yet? Don’t be! Give proximity searching a shot next time you’re using HeinOnline.

-Chris O’Byrne

For more information about proximity searching, see HeinOnline’s video tutorial. To learn more about other advanced search options, see their print publication Searching in HeinOnline.

Don’t Miss Out on these Library Instruction Sessions!

The Hesburgh Library is offering a series of free workshops open to anyone at Notre Dame. They will be held in the Hesburgh Library Classroom 222. If you’d like to learn more about any of the following topics, register today! For information, contact Cheri Smith at 631-4271 or csmith@nd.edu.

Finding and Using Digital Images— Librarian Marsha Stevenson and Art Image Library Curator Denise J. Massa discuss image resources and demonstrate applications for the handling of digital images. Thursday, 3/4, 4-5:30p.m. Register

Data Sources—Data Services Librarian Michelle Hudson shows some of the social sciences and economic data sources available to the ND community and how to use them to manipulate data in the format you need. Tuesday, 3/23, 4-5:30p.m. Register

RefWorks—Outreach Librarian Felicia Smith and Project Developer Tanya Prokrym demonstrate how to use RefWorks to easily manage and track citations in your research. Wednesday, 3/31, 4-5:30p.m. Register

Maps/GIS—Reference Librarian Mike Lutes presents an overview of how to find and use maps as well as GIS resources. Wednesday, 4/21, 4-5:30p.m. Register
Off the Shelf ... A review of selected law library resources

Develop Awareness of Current Legal Issues with United States Law Week

As discussed in the previous installment of “Off the Shelf,” JURIST offers excellent (albeit selective) coverage of breaking national and international legal news. But sometimes you need a more comprehensive legal news source, one that summarizes the most significant cases and key legislative, regulatory, and pre-decisional developments, across the country, across all areas of the law. In short, you need BNA’s U.S. Law Week.

BNA’s lawyer-editors sift through thousands of federal and state court and administrative cases, to select those that establish new precedents, address new statutes, contribute to emerging legal doctrines, tackle current controversies, or further splits in the circuit courts (n.b., viewing circuit splits is a great way to find a paper topic).

Summaries of these important cases and developments are presented in a newsletter format each week. You can also browse back issues or the topical case index, use the advanced search option, or simply view recent articles arranged by court, agency, state or law firm.

In addition to U.S. Law Week, BNA also publishes many topic and industry specific newsletters, reporters, and practice materials. If you want to develop current awareness in a particular practice area, signing up for BNA email alerts is an excellent way to track decisions and other important developments across specialized fields of law.

For more information about BNA products, see a friendly research librarian today!

- Chris O’Byrne

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run Innovative’s Millennium on older computers. Joe has been busy in preparation for this conference as it also marks the end of his tenure as a Member-at-Large of the IUG Steering Committee. He is currently a candidate for the position of IUG Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect.

Sue Hamilton has been following the hockey exploits of her 11-year-old grandson, Max Saveedra, this season. Max’s traveling team, the South Bend Irish Rovers Squirt AA team, just capped an impressive season with a win in their division at the prestigious International Silver Sticks Tournament in Forest, Ontario!

Technology Services

Dan Manier and Susan Good will be attending the ESCON 2010 Electronic Services Conference on April 13–15 in Las Vegas along with Melissa Fruscione, Wendy Barnes and Wendy Noecker from Admissions.
Biolchini Hall under Construction

At right: The stairs to the library stacks. The walls surrounding the stairs have been cut back on all levels to create a more open stairwell.

Above: An up-close view of one of the chandeliers before being raised to the ceiling. The chandeliers are replicas of those original to the Main Reading Room.

Photos courtesy of Susan Good.

Coming This April...A Little R & R!

Research Redux, offered by the research librarians, is a series of small-group, nitty-gritty, sessions designed to: 1) review topics covered in the 1L Legal Research course; or 2) introduce new sources that could come in handy this summer. Topics to be offered:

Administrative Law
Where do I find that EPA regulation?

Advanced Google
How do I limit my search to government sites?

Ctitors: Shepard's and KeyCite
Is my case still good?

Free Legal Internet Sites
My firm restricts our Lexis/Westlaw usage. How can I still find that case online?

International Law
Where can I find the text of that treaty?

Legislative History
What is a committee report and are they available online?

State and Federal Court Dockets
How do I get a copy of a complaint, motion, or order?

Statutes
What is a session law and how can I find one online?

West's KeyNumber System on Westlaw
I've got a good case from Ohio; how do I find one from New York?

Further details and registration information will be announced via email and on the law library home page in late March. But remember, you can always stop by a friendly research librarian's office at any time to review these or other topics.
Four years ago, in 2006, Ed Edmonds became Notre Dame’s sixth Kresge Law Library Director. As a Notre Dame undergraduate, he earned an AB in History in ’73, an MLS from the University of Maryland in ’74, and a JD from the University of Toledo in ’78. His former law library directorships include the Law School at the College of William & Mary (1978-1988), Loyola University New Orleans School of Law (1988-2000), and the University of St. Thomas School of Law in Minneapolis (2001-2006). Dean Edmonds currently teaches Legal Research and a Sports Law Seminar along with his directorship. He taught Antitrust Law, Criminal Law, and Entertainment Law prior to coming to Notre Dame.

Coming here, Dean Edmonds (“Ed”) took on the major challenge of overseeing the moving of the library and staff from the old law school building, which has been under renovation since December 2008, to the temporary quarters in both the new Eck Building and the southern end of the old law building, and then start moving everything and everybody back again into the renovated law library accommodations in Biolchini Hall in April of this year. As he says, “I am most proud of the fact that we have continued to deliver a high level of service and support for our students, faculty, and others on campus in a really challenging environment while having one-half of our print collection in deep storage and one-fourth of it in the lower level of the Hesburgh Library. I am pleased that everybody has embraced that challenge due largely to their truly wanting to help people learn, and to support the work of the faculty. I am enormously proud of the spirit of the people who work here, their devotion to their job, and sense of purpose.”

As an undergrad history major, Ed did not look to library science as a career, but neither did he know exactly what he wanted to do. Working at a historical society or museum were professions he was considering when he took a class with Professor Marshall Smelser. Smelser, a specialist on the American Revolution and Jeffersonian America, suggested librarianship to Ed. Considering this suggestion, Ed thought about combining library science with a law degree. He found the combined fields very appealing, and knew he wanted to do both. He was accepted at both law and library schools after graduation, and decided to pursue his MLS first so he could work in a library to gain experience while completing his law degree. Ed considers himself atypical at that time, in that he had a MLS before a JD, and went to law school to become a law librarian, not vice versa.

The University of Maryland was Ed’s library school of choice. His most respected professor there was Stanley Bougas, the head of the Department of Commerce library. He wore a Stetson, smoked cigars, had an enormous, flowing grey handlebar mustache and was an inspiring teacher who kept Ed’s desire to teach alive. After getting his MLS, Ed visited the law schools where he had been admitted that offered part-time programs. While visiting campuses, Ed spoke with librarians to see if there was any work for him to do. Preferring public services or reference, he chose the University of Toledo even though they offered him only a student position in the Circulation Department. He began working there shortly before school started. Less than two weeks later, the Head of Circulation, a certified teacher, resigned to accept a teaching position. The Law Library Director, Jan Wallin, who would become Ed’s first mentor, had confidence in him and offered him the job. As he recalls, “I was foolish enough at that age to think I could do it well, supervising a lot of students and people older than me. That was a tough first year because I was not an experienced supervisor, and I was supervising a lot of students and they were willing to take advantage of me. So, I learned the hard way.”

In addition to being the full-time Circulation Department head, Ed attended law school part-time at night. He recalls, “as soon as I started to work for Jan […] I was motivated to become a Director because I saw it CONTINUED ON PAGE 7…"
as an opportunity to do many things.” One of these things was teaching. Ed always wanted to teach, but teaching was not necessarily a given in library work. “I was ambitious as a young adult and thought that I could be a library director at an early age. I take humility as a great virtue now, but I can’t say that as a young adult I exhibited it.” However, “I did become one [a library director] at the age of 31 at William and Mary. I had enough sense at that time to know that it was too early when it happened, but unfortunately my boss, Caroline Heriot, died of cancer and so I became the Interim Law Library Director.”

Career-wise and just prior to coming to Notre Dame’s Kresge Law Library, Ed is most proud of his time as Director and Professor of Law at the St. Thomas Law School because he was hired to help create a whole law school program with a strong Catholic mission. St. Thomas had a law school in the 20’s and 30’s but closed. Monsignor Terrence Murphy, the St. Thomas president from 1966-1991, had lobbied for years to reopen it, which finally happened in 2000. Dave Link, the former Dean at Notre Dame Law School, and Roger Jacobs, former Notre Dame Law Library Director and the consultant involved with that hiring process, hired Ed as the new law library director for St. Thomas. “So, Roger has been a dear friend for a long, long time. And now here at Notre Dame, because of my strong feelings for the place, I often go out and look at the Dome or go to the Grotto and places like that and realize how fortunate I am to be doing this. This is a great gift to be able to do this.” Part of Ed’s attraction to coming here to the Kresge Law Library is due to the great staff, dedicated to service. “I knew Roger Jacobs, Dwight King, Patti Ogden, Warren Rees, Joe Thomas and Sandra Klein before I even got here. I particularly knew Roger, Dwight, and Joe. So, to a certain extent, I wanted to build on what all those colleagues had created.”

One of Ed’s personal challenges, which he strives to consistently achieve, is balancing the time he spends on direct library issues with the other things that he is committed to, and seeing the library within the context of the entire law school. “Sometimes I worry, that in trying to teach, write, and be a good administrator, I try to do a lot and sometimes that means you have to sacrifice some things. But most notably here, I have been blessed with great librarians with a lot of experience, particularly the Department Heads: Dwight King, Joe Thomas, Carmela Kinslow and Dan Manier. On my part, I want to make sure that I try to help everybody have as successful a work environment as they possibly can have, so that they can do what they need to do, as well as interact with each other, students, and faculty, and other campus community folks, and really feel like their time and efforts are appreciated and well spent. That is what I want to try to help continue.” Ed says he doesn’t like to think of himself as a boss, but rather, “I see my job as facilitating and helping the work of others […] I like to think of myself as a colleague. And it is my responsibility to get people the resources that they need to do their job, to find fulfillment in their job, to think of their job as a vocation, particularly because we are a service entity. I hope that by my behavior I model the right service commitment.”

As an administrator, Ed strongly believes in the Catholic principles of subsidiarity. He wants everybody here to control their daily work activities. Goals are set with expectations but not micromanaged. End results are identified, yet people are allowed to use their own experience and capabilities to design how they get there. “I want people to be empowered to think for themselves and to control as much of their daily work as possible because I think that is a fulfillment of a work day. Not to do just what you are told, but be allowed to do it the way you know is best. As I mentioned at the State of the Library recently, the most important asset of this library is the people who work here. They are the great advantage that we have.”

Ed admits that he is shy but he comes across as candid, fair, direct, reflective, and engaging in conversation. He is a person of great interior depth and character. He is a person of integrity, is pragmatic and reasonable, and strives to maintain balance in all that he does whether that is with his work load, relationships, or emotions. “He is dedicated to high moral standards and the empowerment of people. He respects self-discipline and holding oneself accountable for goals and responsibilities. He attributes all these moral values and his faith to his parents, who were dedicated and devout Catholics. As a young man, his opportunity to study at Notre Dame was very important to them.

Ed’s mother, a native Texan, gifted him with the values of compassion and understanding, as well as an acute awareness and need for maintaining balance in all things. From his Ohio-born father, Ed learned leadership skills, commitment, self-discipline, loyalty, and dedication to the institution to which you belong. His father had the greatest influence on him. Ed admired his father’s military values and traditions of loyalty to God and country, along with the sense of patriotism, service, dedication, organization, and teamwork. “Maybe that is one of the reasons I was attracted to coming here to Notre Dame,” Ed reflected.

Ed’s father went in the service as a freshman at Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, spent some time at the University of Virginia studying meteorology, and then became a Bombardier/Navigator. He did not fight in WW II, but he was en route to the Pacific going to Guam when they dropped the bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. In the 50’s, after Ed was born on an Air Force base in Omaha, Nebraska, his family went back to Guam with the Strategic Air Command for a few years. Continued on page 8...
Apart from his military activities, Ed’s father was an adult leader in the Boy Scouts on the regional level. True to form, Ed followed suit and became an Eagle Scout. Reflecting on his relationship with his father, Ed said, “We weren’t what contemporary fathers and sons might think of as pals or buddies. He was definitely head of the household. As I think of him now, looking back, I understand both his strengths and his weaknesses. But as a little kid I wanted to do things exactly the way he did them. He and my brother were my role models.”

In 1969, Brigid and Ed met as undergraduate freshmen. Although Brigid went to St. Mary’s College and Ed went to Notre Dame, (ND was not co-ed until 1972), they attended the same Sociology class that met on the second or third floor under the Golden Dome as part of the co-ed exchange program. Brigid, originally from McKeesport, Pennsylvania, married Ed in 1975, at the end of his first year of law school. Joining him there, Brigid earned her Master’s in French and then taught at Toledo Central Catholic High School while Ed finished law school. To date, Brigid is still very much involved with education and social justice activities. She is active with volunteer work at a local soup kitchen, refugee involvement, parish activities at Sacred Heart, and shares her language and educational skills helping limited English speaking students with their reading, writing, and comprehension at St. Adalbert’s grade school. The fruit of their marriage are their three children Paul, Anne, and Kate, who are all grown. Paul is a banker living in Houston with his wife, Marcia, and their 18-month-old boy, Hunter, the first and only grandchild to date. Anne is a social worker who lives in Boise, Idaho, with Sean and their dog and new cat. Kate and her husband Eric live in Minneapolis, where Kate works for a marketing firm.

In answer to the question, “If you could have done anything differently with your life, what would you have done?” Ed’s response was that people assume, since he is a sports aficionado and his legal specialty is Sports Law, that he would have wanted to be an athlete. He quips, “I would say from the time I was young I wanted to be a folk singer, but I have no singing ability nor can I play the guitar.”

-Susan Hamilton
Recipe Box

Shared by Janet Rose. This dessert can be cut into cookie bars which are quick and easy to make. Makes about 24 bars.

Peanut Butter Fingers

Ingredients:
- ½ cup butter
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup peanut butter
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup quick-cooking rolled oats
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp vanilla

Directions: Cream butter; add granulated sugar and brown sugar. Blend in unbeaten eggs, peanut butter, baking soda, salt, and vanilla. Stir in flour and oats. Spread in greased 9 x 13 pan. Bake in 350 degree oven for 20-25 minutes. Top with frosting (see following recipe) when cool, and cut into squares to serve.

Frosting: Janet uses a modified vanilla butter-cream frosting recipe that replaces some of the butter with peanut butter. Half of the recipe below is adequate to frost the Peanut Butter Fingers, unless you “really love frosting!” Another option, “Mom’s recipe,” is to make a glaze using powdered sugar, milk, and peanut butter.

Peanut Butter Frosting
- 1 package powdered sugar (16 oz.)
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 3 Tbsp milk
- 2 tsp vanilla

Beat sugar, butter, peanut butter, milk and vanilla with electric mixer at low speed until well blended and smooth. If frosting becomes too thick, beat in additional milk by teaspoonfuls until the frosting is of spreading consistency.

Calendar

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Library Birthdays

- Ed Edmonds March 3
- Beth Klein March 12

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Events

- Spring Break March 6-14
- Easter Break April 2-5
- Final exams April 30-May 11
The primary mission of the law library is to provide services and to acquire and organize legal information in support of the research and curricular goals of the Law School. It also supports the legal research requirements of the University community and provides legal information to appropriate members of the local community.

Library Hours

Spring semester hours:
Monday – Friday 8:00a.m. – 10:00p.m.
Saturdays 9:00a.m. – 10:00p.m.
Sundays 10:00a.m. – 10:00p.m.

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Send contributions, questions, or comments to Beth Given (given.1@nd.edu).

AT RIGHT:
A view of the Main Reading Room under construction. The fluorescent light panels on the ceiling have been replaced with recessed lighting, and the former chandeliers were replicated.

Photo courtesy of Julian Velasco.