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Letter from Ed Edmonds

As the holiday season approaches, we have much to be thankful for at the Kresge Law Library. We have a beautiful facility that is now decorated in honor of this joyous season. I hope that this provides some happiness to all of our students during the otherwise stressful examination period. Best of luck to all!

This issue also highlights a significant new initiative for the Kresge Law Library: NDLScholarship. This freely accessible digital repository will collect and preserve the scholarship, publications, and archival material of the law school for a global audience. It will also expand the range of our efforts to highlight the intellectual productivity of our faculty and students.

Group events such as the annual law school and library trick-or-treating, fundraising and food drives for local families in need, and the many Christmas programs that take place on campus remind us of the strength of our community as a whole. At the same time, sharing the joyous news about students' upcoming marriage, the addition of a new family member (including pets), and achieving extracurricular personal goals (such as completing a 5K or participating in artistic performances) prompts us to reflect on how the impact and influence we have on each others' lives extends beyond the classroom.

At the Kresge Law Library, reminders like this motivate us to do our best for our patrons and colleagues every day. As the stressful exam season nears, please remember that the law library faculty and staff are not just eager to support your legal education, but also to share in your accomplishments and help you to reach your personal as well as curricular goals. We take a lot of pride in our library, but even more pride in our students and other patrons.

- Ed Edmonds

NYT Addresses the Issue of “Link Rot” in SCOTUS Opinions!

In a recent New York Times article that comes as no surprise to anyone working on an NDLS journal or law review, Adam Liptack comments on a new study of “link rot” in SCOTUS opinions by Jonathan Zittrain, Kendra Albert, and Larry Lessig. According to the study, 49% of the hyperlinks in SCOTUS opinions no longer work or (as the example on the left indicates) no longer work as originally intended. This unfortunate (but unsurprising) development poses serious problems for contemporary researchers and will only get worse in the future. Read the article to learn more about how Zittrain and other information theorists intend to solve this issue.
Love in the Library!

It may be Fall but love is in the air at the Circulation Desk as two of our student assistants, Christina Margiotti and Tom Giardina, are planning a January 2014 wedding. Christina is from Feasterville, PA and Tom is from Wheaton, Illinois, near Chicago.

The chance meeting happened at a "Meet the Professors" event and it grew from there. They had three classes together and managed to sit by each other in the unassigned-seating class. Christina kept trying to catch Tom's eye, and eventually they realized that the flirting was mutual. Somehow, they managed to set aside their reservations and now they are planning a life together.

Constant smiles and laughter are definitely in their future. "He makes me laugh!" Christina declared. "She makes me smile," Tom said and continued to make faces at her throughout the interview, keeping her smiling and laughing, sometimes in embarrassment.

While Tom isn't quite sure what part of law he intends to work in, Christina is very definite. Prosecution is her declared area. A softie at heart, she had wanted to be a doctor but the thought of losing someone in death would be more than she could handle. So her father and a college professor talked her into going into law. Yes, she could still prosecute for the death penalty, but the circumstances would be far different and easier to handle. She loves the thought of going after the bad guys. While opening up an office together isn't something they would rule out, it isn't in their immediate future.

Working together at the Circulation Desk together is both challenging and fun. On Friday evenings, you can find both of them working the desk. On the weekends, Tom works on Saturday, Christina works on Sunday, but you're just as likely to find both of them hanging around the desk all weekend. Christina laughing while Tom makes faces at her, and smiling with love shining in his eyes.

- Janet Rose
An Introduction to Access Services’ Student Staff

The students working in Access Services are often the first faces that patrons see when they come into the library. They are law students and undergraduates who perform many crucial tasks. They assist at the Circulation Desk, checking books in and out and retrieving reserve materials. They also do shelf-reading to make sure every book is where it should be, and search for books that are improperly shelved or missing.

The Access Services assistants can help you with study room reservations, finding books and other resources in the library, law related popular movie recommendations, using the INDUS 9000 Overhead Book Scanner or the Canon Microfilm Scanner 800 II, and much more. Got questions? Stop by Access Services today!
City of South Bend’s New Open Data Portal: Freely Accessible and Transparent Municipal Data

Are you interested in performing original research based on local government records? Or just curious about what’s going on around town? Then take a look at data.southbendin.gov.

As noted in the South Bend Tribune, “As part of an ongoing effort to improve transparency and empower residents, the mayor’s office has launched data.southbendin.gov, an open data portal that provides access to city of South Bend data such as Code Enforcement cases and abandoned home locations …. The site includes 12 data sets and 10 Geographic Information System, or GIS maps. The data sets include information on Code Enforcement cases, abandoned homes, employee compensation, financial transactions, investments and grants.”

Not sure how to access and use this kind of data? That’s ok, see the series of video guides to learn what you can do with it.

Follow ND Sports on Your Mobile Device
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As Finals approach and the weather worsens, making it to every home game for your favorite ND team becomes more and more difficult. But that doesn’t mean you have to miss out on up-to-the minute information about Fighting Irish sports!

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The Making of Modern Law: Trials, 1600–1926

*The Making of Modern Law: Trials, 1600–1926* is the world’s most comprehensive full-text collection of Anglo-American trials. In addition to works pertaining to English-speaking jurisdictions such as the United States, Britain, Ireland and Canada, this fully searchable digital archive also contains English-language titles about trials in other jurisdictions such as France.

Users will find:

- Published trial transcripts
- Popular printed accounts of sensational trials for murder, adultery and other scandalous crimes
- Unofficially published accounts of trials
- Briefs, arguments, and other trial documents that were printed as separate publications
- Official records of legislative proceedings, administrative proceedings and arbitrations (domestic and international). Books encompassing multiple trials are included as well as books and pamphlets about a single trial. Books about general trial procedures, legal doctrines, and advocacy methods are excluded, as are books about crimes not resulting in trials.

Many of the trials covered in *The Making of Modern Law: Trials, 1600–1926* are highly important legally, factually, historically, or culturally. Many trials are fascinating human stories or literary documents. Even seemingly unimportant cases often serve as illustrations of the evolution of law and procedure, both criminal and civil, or of political or social or economic or literary history.

*Source MOML: Trials*

Learn the sordid details of famous love trials:

- Trial of Richard Vining Perry for abducting an heiress
- Confessions of Dr. Pritchard to the murder of his wife
- Collection of “Cases of Divorce for Several Causes”

Relive celebrated U.S. trials, including:

- Court-martial of Major General Benedict Arnold
- Impeachment of Andrew Johnson
- United Mine Workers of America vs. the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company

Famous subjects in British history include:

- Charles I
- Queen Caroline
- Daniel O’Connell
- Henry Sacheverell
- Warren Hastings
- Oscar Wilde

Famous subjects in French history include:

- Joan of Arc
- Martin Guerre
- Caron de Beaumarchais
- Alfred Dreyfus
As Director of National Intelligence, James Clapper, has noted:

“In Congress and across the nation, Americans are engaged in a discussion about the value and appropriateness of the foreign surveillance authorities granted to the Intelligence Community. The discussion will ultimately lead us, as a nation, to make decisions about the future of some foreign surveillance-related laws and practices.

As we make those decisions, it is imperative that we do so with a full understanding of what the existing foreign surveillance authorities allow, what the oversight mechanisms are, and most important of all how they contribute to our safety and security.”

Kresge Law Library Featured in “American Ride” Program on Notre Dame

Have you already seen the Fr. Hesburgh biopic God, Country, Notre Dame? Well, here’s another great television feature about “Notre Dame’s past and present, with a focus on its founding, growth and academic mission as a Catholic university.”

“American Ride” is hosted by Stan Ellsworth, a former history teacher and football player and coach who tours the country on his Harley-Davidson, exploring America’s past. He and a production crew spent several days on the Notre Dame campus last fall and in the summer gathering information.”

Keep your eye open for external views of Biolchini Hall (at the 12:06 minute mark) and the inside of the Kresge Law Library (13:28—14:02) in the November 14 episode “To Notre Dame” which can be viewed online for free via BYUtv.

-Source: Notre Dame

The tornados that struck Indiana and Illinois earlier this month were unexpected and devastating. When it comes to tornados, an advanced warning is a major contributing factor to survivability.

Most of our readers have already signed up for ND Alert and will receive email, telephone, cell phone, and text messaging informing the Notre Dame family about emergency situations.

However, since many of us live off campus and outside of St. Joseph County, it is a good idea to sign up for WNDU.com to receive emergency updates on mobile phones.

For more information about Tornado Safety, see the Notre Dame Office of Human Resources Tornado Safety - Procedures and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Storm Prediction Center (SPC) Online Tornado FAQ.

That goal is being addressed by the recently launched (August 21, 2013) website IC ON THE RECORD which provides the public with “direct access to factual information related to the lawful foreign surveillance activities carried out by the Intelligence Community.”

If you are interested in privacy law, national security law, telecommunications law and regulation, civil liberties, or criminal law, be sure to visit IC ON THE RECORD today!

-Source: Welcome to IC ON THE RECORD
NDLScholarship
a Digital Repository for the Law School Community

NDLScholarship is a showcase of the scholarly endeavors of its faculty members and the greater law school community.

This digital repository has been developed by the Kresge Law Library in partnership with bepress’s Digital Commons.

NDLScholarship enables the Library to collect, organize, preserve and make accessible to a wide audience the digital work product of the Notre Dame Law School community.

Faculty scholarship, law journal issues, alumni magazines and a variety of other law school publications are freely available and searchable within the repository by anyone with access to the Internet. As the repository grows, it will provide access to a variety of other content types such as working papers and conference proceedings.

If you have questions or wish to contribute your content to NDLScholarship, please contact our repository staff at lawdr@nd.edu.

Please DO NOT Attempt to Move or Reposition the Classroom Lecterns

Doing so runs the risk of disconnecting or completely disabling the electronics in the lectern.

If you have any questions about classroom equipment, or need any assistance, please call Scott Hengert at #15766.

The large classrooms all have phones in the bottom drawer inside the lectern.

Thank you!

-Dan Manier

Update on Lighting & Electrical Improvements in the Law Library

You have probably noticed a lot of electricians in the library during the weeks since Fall Break.

University Electrical Engineers have repositioned and modified the existing motion sensors to ensure that they are working as planned to save energy and help the law library to be more sustainable.

The lights in the stacks and study areas are now motion controlled.

If you experience any difficulty with lighting, please contact Terri Welty in Rm. 2345.
Laptop Reservations for Exams

Beginning Monday, Dec 2, the Circulation Desk will take reservations for laptops that are on reserve. Reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

In preparation for the exams, laptops will not be available Dec 9 - Dec 12, so that the Electronic Bluebook software can be loaded onto the laptops.

During the exam period, Dec 13 - Dec 21, laptops will be available only for Electronic Bluebook and there will be no overnight circulation of the laptops.

Because of the limited number of loaner laptops available, we request that you do not reserve a laptop as a backup for your personal laptop.

Around the Bend

If you need a break from your studies but are not sure what there is to do in the South Bend area, check out “Around the Bend” regularly (it’s printed in every issue of the Law Library News) for a collection of recommendations.

Play Chess With Jumbo Pieces!

As noted in the South Bend Tribune, “the new Studebaker Plaza at the southwest corner of Michigan Street and Jefferson Boulevard has opened.” The heart of the new plaza is the giant playable chessboard, but law students, faculty, and staff playing chess on a winter day will also appreciate the “…outdoor patio area adjacent to The Exchange, a new whiskey bar on the ground floor of the Citizens Bank & Trust Building.”

Santa’s Workshop

Fri., Dec. 6—Tues., Dec. 24

Located inside the College Football Hall of Fame, Santa’s Workshop is where you can spend time with family and friends doing all sorts of activities and having fun!

- Coloring, holiday movies, hands-on activities - cookie decorating and demonstrations, plus live musical performances throughout the month.

- Visit Santa’s Gingerbread Village!

Comet Festival

Multiple Locations: Thurs., Nov. 28—Sun., Dec. 8

Celebrate nature’s spectacles as Comet ISON passes near the sun on Thanksgiving Day and moves into the twilight sky on December mornings—if the comet survives its sungrazing! Events at multiple venues around South Bend, IN, include an art exhibit, guest speakers, a community treasure hunt, family activities, dining specials, educational outreach, and observing with telescopes.

Looking for More Holiday Ideas?

The South Bend Tribune’s In The Bend has more local events!

So does Downtown South Bend Holiday Events!
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- December 15 for the January/February issue
- February 15 for the March/April issue
- May 31 for the Summer issue (May-August)
- August 15 for the September/October issue
- October 15 for the November/December issue.

Send contributions, questions, or comments to Chris O’Byrne (cobyrne@nd.edu).