

The Foggy Potion

News of the Hastings Law Library

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Although you all will have graduated by 2007, some of you may be interested to read about the Library renovation which will begin the summer of 2005.

The most anticipated enhancement to the Hastings Law Library will be the addition of two new floors. The UN Plaza Farmers' Market will move to the 7th floor, and the 8th floor will be used to film a new TV sit-com. Negotiations with Tony, who is slated to play the role of "the Circulation Guy," are moving right along.

Librarians Win Championship

The Hastings Law Librarians have won the Northern California Law Librarian (NCLL) Championships. With a little over two minutes remaining in the championship event against Santa Clara, Hastings relied on precise teamwork to clinch their first NCLL championship.

John Madden, a long-time fan said, "John Borden was the difference at the end of the title match. He really performed in the clutch and gave Hastings some life. He was the biggest difference in the game."

The strength of this balanced league-champion team became apparent throughout a perfect February. League opponents couldn't anticipate which individual might step up. The strength of Jenni Parrish's Hastings team was that everybody stepped up, reaching what

Coach Parrish called that "magic level of librarianship."

A librarian can work for a lifetime and never enjoy such a complete performance, where each law librarian individually, and as a team, work together to achieve near perfection. The odds are overwhelmingly against this happening in such an important event, and the one with the most significance for longtime followers of the Hastings team.

Coach Parrish summed it up best in her post-game comments, "Today the Hastings librarians performed at a level previously un-attained and quite frankly unimaginable. I don't know if it was the hard work at practice or the lucky orange uniforms."

Research Grant for Coffee Mugs

Hastings Law Library and Café Rey, S.A. of Costa Rica say they are forming a partnership to research which traveler's coffee mug keeps beverages the hottest for the longest amount of time.

The project will investigate the covered mugs provided during computer research training by *LexisNexis* and *Westlaw*. The Hot Coffee and/or Tea Drinkers Research grant was awarded by the National Institute of Caffeine Addiction in 2003.

Caffeine addiction affects an estimated 300 million to 500 million

people around the world and will be very important in the coming weeks as Hastings students begin to wind down the semester and start to study for exams.

Argentina Joins the EU

Talks will begin 31 April 2004 to finalize the addition of Argentina to the European Union. This is the best solution to a long-running problem for the many Europeans who reside in Argentina. Two out of 5 *Argentinos*, or 41 percent, support the plan.

Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary General, will be able to rule on any disputes if they cannot arrive at some sort of agreement.

Change in Library Policy

A proposed change to Library policy is currently awaiting approval from the Hastings General Counsel which will require all Library employees to smell nice when reporting for work.

Many employees think this is a silly idea, "Why should WE smell nice if some of the patrons don't?" remarked Maria, an un-named Library employee.

An anonymous source embraces the idea, "I find it so much easier to remember where the *Uniform Laws Annotated* are shelved if the person telling me smells of musk." Studies have shown that certain smells trigger cerebral actions and can have long-term memory effects.

Westlaw & Lexis Classes

Mark your calendars for these upcoming *Lexis* and *Westlaw* classes:

Scottish Highland Dancing will be taught by Mark Cygnet of *Westlaw*. You already know that Mark can give you the latest tips and tricks on researching statutes but this month he is also offering Scottish Country Dancing classes. "I teach dancing because it flows from my soul," says Mark, "Many law students don't realize how they can be touched by the magic of dance."

Care and Usage of Chainsaws will be offered by Debbie Myers, of *LexisNexis*. "People put themselves at risk every time they get their chainsaws outta the shed and fire 'em up," explains Debbie, "I will show you proper starting techniques, how to adjust the chain, how to replace a sprocket, and demonstrate proper cleaning and storage."

Articles We'd Like to Read

Bob Denver, *Changes in the Rules of International Waters off the Coast of Gilligan's Isle*, 3 HOUR TOUR L. J. 297 (2004).

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