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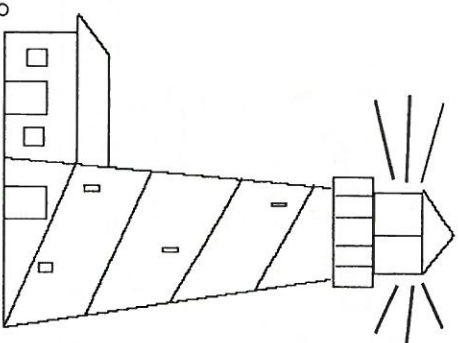
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PRESIDENTIAL IMPEACHMENT

Prior to the current controversy involving President Clinton, only President Andrew Johnson and President Richard Nixon faced the possibility of removal from the Oval Office through the process of impeachment. In Andrew Johnson's 1868 impeachment proceedings, the vote in the Senate was less than the two-thirds required to convict. Richard Nixon resigned on August 9, 1974, before the House of Representatives could vote on the House Judiciary Committee's Articles of Impeachment. Now that President William Jefferson Clinton faces the possibility of impeachment proceedings, the library staff brings to your attention some of the available sources in the law library and through the Internet dealing with the presidential impeachment process.

Major relevant provisions in the United States Constitution pertaining to impeachment are: 1) Article II, Section 4 "The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors." 2) Article I, Section 2, Clause 5 "The House of Representatives...shall have the sole power of impeachment." and 3) Article I, Section 3, Clause 6 "The Senate shall have the sole power to try all impeachments. When sitting for that purpose, they shall be on oath or affirmation. When the President of the United States is tried, the Chief Justice shall preside: And no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two thirds of the members present." Following the constitutional provisions in the *United States Code Annotated* and the *United States Code Service* are annotations to relevant cases, texts and

treatises, and law review articles. An annotated version of the U.S. Constitution prepared by the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress is *The Constitution of the United States of America: Analysis and Interpretation: Annotations of Cases Decided by the Supreme Court of The United States to June 29, 1992* (KF4527 .U54 1996).

A brief discussion of impeachment can be found in §4-17 "The Ultimate Remedy: Impeachment for High Crimes and Misdemeanors" in *American Constitutional Law* 2d ed. by Laurence Tribe (Reserve, KF4550 .T785 1998). A twenty-two page report, *Congressional Resolutions on Presidential Impeachment: A Historical Overview* (Reference Desk), prepared by the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress provides a chronological summary of the impeachment resolutions against eight former presidents and President Clinton. For a more in-depth treatment, see *The Federal Impeachment Process: A Constitutional and Historical Analysis* by Michael J. Gerhardt (KF4958

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By Nan Kelley Balliot, Readers Services Librarian

The RWU law library belongs to several library consortia. As a result of the law library's membership in these consortia, law students and faculty receive several benefits from the member libraries, such as onsite access, borrowing privileges, and inter-library loans. The following is a description of two library consortia: the Consortium of Rhode Island Academic and Research Libraries (CRIARL) and the New England Law Library Consortium (NELLCO). Also included is a description of the Higher Education Library Information Network (HELIN). Although the law library is not a member of HELIN, the RWU undergraduate library is a member, and our affiliation with the Roger Williams University entitles law students and faculty to borrowing privileges at some HELIN libraries. If you need help with locating an item that is not in the law library's collection, please ask the Librarian at the Reference Desk for assistance.

CRIARL

The Consortium of Rhode Island Academic and Research Libraries (CRIARL) consists of fifteen public and private libraries. If the law library does not have a particular item that you need, by searching the various library online catalogs, you may be able to locate a CRIARL library that does own the item. With a letter of referral from a Reference Librarian here, students are allowed access to that library to look at the item. Before going to the library, it is advisable to call ahead and check on the status of the desired item (the item may already be checked out) as well as that library's borrowing policy. Some CRIARL libraries will not let you check out books from their collection. If you are unable to check out the item and need it for a course, you may request the item through inter-library loan. Forms for inter-library loan are available at the Circulation Desk and are to be returned to Donna Miller, Circulation Coordinator.

Another benefit of membership in CRIARL is our access to the CRIARL Union List of Serials online catalog. About fifty thousand titles owned by member libraries are searchable in this union catalog. You can access the union catalog from the law library online catalog or on the Internet at <http://library.brown.edu:81>. A link to the web site is also available from the Law Library web page at <http://www.rwu.edu/law>. To access the union catalog from the law library catalog, select <L> connect to another library. Then select 6>CRIARL Union List of Serials. You can search this online catalog by title; by subject; by words from the subjects, titles, and names; and by names of organizations, editors, and conferences. Select <H> to display the libraries that have the particular journal title you desire. A help feature is available at the union catalog site. The journals generally do not circulate out of these libraries. You can either go to that library and photocopy the article you need or request the article through inter-library loan.

HELIN

The Higher Education Library Information Network (HELIN) is a consortium of several academic libraries in Rhode Island. Member libraries include Roger Williams University, Rhode Island College, Community College of Rhode Island, Providence College, the University of Rhode Island, and most recently Johnson & Wales University. Because the RWU library is a member of HELIN, you are able to access the HELIN online catalog from the law library's online catalog. From the main menu, type <L> to connect to another library. Select 1>HELIN Consortium Online Catalog. You can search the HELIN online catalog by author, title, subject, and words in a title or subject. To exit the HELIN online catalog, enter <D> to disconnect. Enter <R> to return to the previous screen. You will be back at the law library online catalog main menu.

Computer Tips

There have been problems with converting Microsoft Word 97 or MS Works documents to a format compatible with WordPerfect.

The problem with Microsoft Word 97 documents should now be resolved. A patch to the WordPerfect program has been installed to allow Word 97 documents to be retrieved into WordPerfect and to provide Word 97 as a format option under "save as."

The best solution to the problem with MS Works at the moment is to save the documents as an RTF file, "rich text format" file. This will allow the document to be



retrieved into WordPerfect. If this format is not used when the file is initially saved, the Reference Librarian on duty at the Reference Desk can assist with saving the document as an RTF file.



Staff Changes and Activites

During the summer, several personnel changes have taken place in Public Services. Lucinda Harrison-Cox is now Public Services/Electronic Resources Librarian. In addition to overall supervision of Public Services operations and staff, Lucinda will provide computer user support services. She will be offering instruction to law students and faculty in using the Internet, CD-ROMs, WESTLAW, and LEXIS-NEXIS. She will continue to assist at the Reference Desk.

Nan Kelley Balliot (Nan was married in June) is now Readers Services Librarian. Nan will continue to provide reference assistance in addition to supervising public services operations such as circulation, reserve, and inter-library loan.

Emilie Benoit, who worked part-time at the Reference Desk during the 1998 spring semester, has been appointed as a part-time Reference Librarian. Emilie is now a permanent member of the library staff. She is a graduate of Brown University and Suffolk University School of Law. She also has an LLM in taxation from Boston University School of Law and is currently enrolled in the Masters program at URI's School of Library and Information Studies. Emilie is a member of the Rhode Island and Massachusetts Bar Associations. She was employed in both corporate and law firm environments. She was a law clerk for United States District Court Judge Francis Boyle and was a

member of the staff of Senator Claiborne Pell. During the 1998 fall semester, Emilie will be available to assist library patrons on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

As part of the library's participation in the Consortium of Rhode Island Academic and Research Libraries (CRIAARL), the library hosted a continuing education workshop, "Exploring Legal Information: Rhode Island and Beyond," for the staffs of the member libraries on June 16, 1998. Professor Gail Winson, Director of the RWU Law Library, conducted a "virtual tour" of selected Internet web sites which provide legal information. Web sites for locating federal materials such as court decisions, legislation, and administrative regulations were highlighted. Also mentioned were web sites for locating state and municipal materials and legal information by topic. Professor Winson prepared a handout describing the various web sites and a diskette containing embedded links to web sites in a file of bookmarked "Favorites" for loading onto desktop computers. (Note, these favorites are available using Microsoft Internet Explorer available on the computers in all three labs. Click on the "Favorites" folder icon. The "Favorites" are organized by Federal Sources, General Sources, Massachusetts Sources, Rhode Island Sources, Search Engines, and State General Sources). After the "tour" concluded, Professor Winson guided participants' exploration of the web sites in the law library's main computer lab. Lucinda Harrison-Cox, Public Services/Electronic Resources Librarian, assisted Professor Winson with her presentation and the "hands-on" portion of the workshop.



How Can Study Resemble a Computer Game?

A survey of the incoming first-year class showed that 99% came to law school with some computer experience. While we only asked about the types of experience that could reasonably be linked with the law school experience, no doubt using the computer for playing games would be a common link. What if the “game” is an interactive computer-based lesson and “playing” helps to survive law school?

One of the organizations the Law Library belongs to provides law students at member schools with lessons which can provide an engaging form of study. The Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction is the source of over 100 interactive lessons available on compact disk and through the Internet. A sampling of the twenty-seven subject areas represented includes: Civil Procedure, Contracts, Evidence, Legal Writing and Research, and Professional Responsibility. For first-year students, the “Citation Form for Briefs and Legal Memoranda” and “Legal Research 101: The Tools of the Trade” lessons may be of particular interest. Perennial second- and third-year favorites include the exercises on the Code of Professional Responsibility, the Model Rules of Professional Conduct, and hearsay.

Copy Cards for the Photocopiers

The law school has recently changed the card reader system used with the photocopiers. The same card that has been used for printing in the labs can now be used to photocopy. This should provide a simpler, more reliable system for copying. Only the microform reader/printers do not use this system.

A card may be purchased from the dispenser located in Training Lab 1. The initial cost is \$5.00 including \$.50 for the card and \$4.50 worth of prints or copies. The card may be upgraded using the same dispenser in amounts of \$1, \$5, \$10, or \$20. To upgrade a card, insert the card in the dispenser first, then insert the appropriate amount of money. All printing/copying is \$0.10 per page.

Please note that a line is provided on the card for your name. *Please clearly write your name on this line.* If the card is accidentally left in the Library and the name is legible, we will return the card to your law school mail box.

The immediate feedback provided by the lessons can be a valuable self-testing tool.

To try these lessons, students may use the CD-ROM version which is available in the student labs through the network, or may download the lessons from either the CD or from the CALI web site at <http://www.cali.org> for use on personal computers. The password needed to download lessons from the web site can be obtained from any Reference Librarian.

The time needed to complete a lesson varies. The average is one to two hours, with a few taking as much as five hours. However, the lessons may be stopped and resumed at will, thus allowing the student to take advantage of short periods of time available without having to make one huge commitment of time. Of course, as with any learning aid, the ultimate value of the lessons will depend on the individual student’s learning style. If “playing” the “game” helps, who cares if it also provides an entertaining change of pace from reading casebooks and hornbooks.



Students desiring an e-mail account will find the green application forms in the bin next to the bulletin board in the Main Computer Lab. Please leave the completed form with the Lab Monitor on duty. The Lab Monitor will forward the form to the appropriate person in the Information Technology Department for processing. When your e-mail account has been established, the Lab Monitor will notify you by placing your account information in your Law School mail box. The process will take approximately two weeks.