



Taggart Law Library News

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Computer Lab Upgrades

The computers in the computer lab have all been upgraded to the Windows 2000 Professional operating system. You should notice a significant increase in computing speed as well as a more robust operating system. This should eliminate the “frozen” screens that became a too-familiar sight last semester. The programs are the same; the only change is the underlying operating system. If you used the lab computers last semester, you should not need to learn anything new to get your work done.



Some things to note about the new lab configuration:

- Each computer keeps detailed logs of all activity. If you load games or software, the computer keeps track of what was loaded, when, *and who did it*.
- The default workspace has a blue background and shortcut icons for the standard programs you need to get your work done. If you change the appearance of the standard “desktop” theme, those changes will only be effective on *that particular computer* when *you* log in. The next user will see only the standard desktop.
- Lexis and Westlaw citation checking software has been loaded. Those programs are incorporated with the word processing programs and web browsers.

New Spaces



Over the break we reconfigured two library spaces for group study and conversations.

The most noticeable space is at the east end of the main hallway, near the glass doors. Informal chairs and foot stools have been set up in a casual seating arrangement for student use.

The carrels that were in this space are now in the 24-hour mini-computer lab. They will become fully networked carrels later this month. We are also adding another computer to the mini-lab.

To make room for these changes, the typewriters were moved. They are now located in the microfiche room and in the main computer lab.

The other space that was reconfigured was room 160B (a small room near the end of the Periodicals section). This room is now a group study room with a table and 6 chairs. You can reserve the room at the circulation desk.

REFERENCE DESK HOURS for the Spring Semester

Monday – Friday 2 – 5 PM

Due to our short staffing this semester we need to reduce our reference desk hours on a temporary basis. We will also have selected Sunday coverage and will post those dates shortly. At other times please ask for help at the circulation desk and staff will locate a librarian to help you with your research.