



New Computers In 2004

We are in the process of purchasing new computers for the law library and computer lab. Upgrades should be done this summer. Some students have asked about these computer upgrades, so we thought we would explain the process here to keep everyone informed.

Computers on the ONU campus are usually replaced every four years. All of the computers in the lab and mini-lab (and most at the Lima law clinic) are now in their fourth year. All are scheduled for replacement this year.



Last fall the law library submitted the required budget request for new computers. We also have requested funding for new printers and other equipment.

Computer upgrades are normally done over the summer after resources become available in June when the new fiscal year begins. The new equipment should be in place by the start of the next school year.

Gateway Profile Series

So what's coming in 2004? The new lab computers will include CD burners with rewritable capability and accessible USB ports for the new USB memory sticks. Memory sticks allow you to save information on a small chip that can be kept in your pocket. They are much easier to use than floppy disks and can hold many times the amount of data. These new PCs will likely be similar to the slim profile, all-in-one computer shown in the picture above. The entire computer with a LCD flat screen monitor will be combined into one unit that will be on the desktop allowing for easier access to the drives and ports.

Please let us know if you have additional questions about our computer equipment.

-Larry Baumgardner, Technology Support & Nancy Armstrong, Law Library Director

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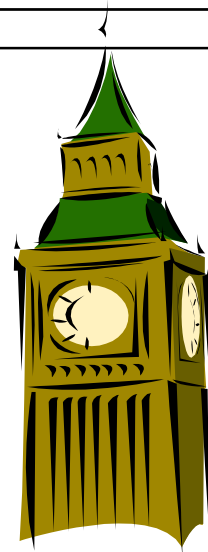
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Taggart Law Library Hours:

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Friday -	February 27	8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Saturday -	February 28	CLOSED
Sunday -	February 29	CLOSED
Mon.-Fri. -	March 1 thru 5	8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Saturday -	March 6	CLOSED
Sunday -	March 7	1:00 pm – 1:00 am

Law Library Resumes Regular Hours– Monday - March 8



Director's Corner

Occasionally in this space I write about areas of concern to me as the director of our law library. I have noticed something that I would like to bring up again — respect for library rules. I also want to share a story.

First, I should note that most folks follow the rules just fine! My thanks to you for this. Since starting here 3 years ago, I have tried to move us toward fewer rules. With only a few policies to keep in mind, we are aiming for more comfort, less “regulation,” and — hopefully — voluntary compliance.

Most library policies try to make the library a better place for all users. For example, we try to minimize things that distract people from their studies, like noise, smelly foods, and ringing cell phones. In short, we try to make the space work for everyone. Sadly, there are some folks who disregard our rules. Worse, they get irritated or angry when approached about them.

Please help us by abiding by our policies, all posted or printed in our library guide. How specifically? Keep meals outside the library. That means no pizza inside the library. No soups, sandwiches, salads, casseroles, or other meals either, please. Small snacks are okay, but the library cannot become a cafeteria. And remember, no food or beverages at all in the computer lab. That's a University rule for all campus computer labs.

What else? Please respect the person near you who may want to concentrate. Turn off cell phones. They drive people crazy! Often I hear cell phones ringing in the library — despite posted signs, despite personal reminders. Don't use doors marked “Emergency Exit Only” when there is no emergency. Keep voices under control. And when the weather gets better, no roller bladders, okay? ☺ Every little bit will help.

Finally, respect for library policies also means respect for staff who enforce them. On the rare occasion when we approach you, please do what is needed. Without hostility, anger, or harsh words. Respect for others helps make a better environment for us all. It is also good preparation for a successful professional career. How? After you graduate, you will be expected to know, understand, and respect institutional rules and players, in many different contexts.

All of this reminds me of some advice I received twenty years ago from my trial practice professor. He was a local judge and had for years observed lawyers both in and out of his courtroom. He told our class, in his distinctive Boston accent, that a jury would listen to what we said in his courtroom, but also watch what we did in his parking lot. If we were rude or cut off other drivers, a juror would notice. Especially if the juror was in the car that we cut off. He or she would probably form an opinion about us, and maybe about our case, too. The judge urged us to be professional and show respect in all the courtrooms and parking lots of life, not just in his.

Why the story? Just to emphasize that small signs of respect toward others, whether in the parking lot, courtroom — or library — really can make a difference.

As always, feel free to contact me if you have any suggestions, comments, or concerns about the library or our services. Thanks for your help!

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