This is the first edition of the Hue and Cry newsletter. Why a newsletter? One way to answer this question is to explain what a newsletter is. A newsletter, according to Merriam-Webster, is a small publication containing news of interest aimed chiefly to a special group. Forerunners of the modern newsletter were the “Corantos,” single-page collections of news items from foreign journals. They were circulated by the Dutch early in the 17th century, and English and French translations were published in Amsterdam. In the Colonies, the Boston News-letter, first printed in 1704 http://www.earlyamerica.com/review/2005_winter_spring/boston_news.htm, is credited as the first English-American newsletter but was actually more of a newspaper, for which it is also credited to be the first in Colonial America. Postmaster John Campbell started the publication, which was subsidized by the British.

In modern times, Roger W. Babson of Massachusetts introduced an investment advisory letter in 1904 which was basically a central clearinghouse for information on investments and business conditions. In 1918 a very successful business newsletter, Whaley-Eaton Report was introduced to be followed five years later by what would arguably become the most famous newsletter of all time, The Kiplinger Washington Letter, by Willard M. Kiplinger.

In the 1960’s a proliferation of newsletters began and they stayed relatively popular until the advent of desktop publishing in the late 1980’s making it possible for any organization or individual to produce professional-looking newsletters in both print and online formats.

So there you have it. The Hue and Cry will be just as described above; a small, short or whatever other diminutive connotation you want to attach to it, newsletter. It will be an informal but hopefully not too irrelevant rag, intended for everyone who walks into and out of the law school buildings. The law library intends to publish it only three times a year, once for each semester, in the hope of keeping it from becoming overexposed while enhancing its collectable and, nar I say, soon to be cult-like status. A few copies will be lying around at the entrance to the Law Library but we encourage greenness, so please check it out off of the Omer Poos Law Library website or our Law Library Facebook page.

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Omer Poos Law Library,

Joe Custer
Federal Regulations 2.0... Who Knew???

by Helen Capdevielle, Legal Reference Librarian

Once upon a time legal researchers had to spend hours perusing print copies of the *Federal Register* and the *Code of Federal Register*. With the advance of computer technology in the following generation, legal researchers spent less time looking at print, but paid the price in mental angst browsing online versions of the *Federal Register* and *Code of Federal Regulations*.

Today, online social media has combined with vast expanding pools of metadata and lead to regulations.gov 2.0.

Who knew you would actually be able to “Like” *Federal Regulations* on Facebook or interact with others and comment on proposed regulations? The latest interface is very user friendly and provides greatly improved access to the regulatory process.

An example of the new ease of the system occurred when a computer crashed and some valuable information was lost. A librarian was asked to locate correspondence submitted as part of an official “Request for Comments” on a proposed rule as well as the official *Federal Register* page that solicited those comments. She was given three clues: a date range of two months, the name of a federal agency (the NIH), and the last name of the person submitting the letters as comments.

In the old days this request would have taken a while to complete, and it would have involved heavy scrutiny of on-screen pdf images of the *Federal Register*. Using the regulations.gov interface, she entered the three clues on the Home Page and within fifteen minutes was able to locate pdf copies of the letters submitted in comment and the page in the *Federal Register* that solicited the request for comments.

Locating specific information in the *Federal Register* is much less of an onerous chore than it has been in the past. The regulations.gov interface is easy to navigate and has easy to understand search parameters, pull down menus, and interactive links. In the future, regulations.gov will become more interactive and people will be able to provide regulatory comment or input in more interactive shared formats. Until then, anticipation will grow for Regulations 3.0.

Check it out: www.regulations.gov

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**Library Staff & Faculty News**

**Matthew Tuegel** joined the Access Services staff as a Senior Associate in August. He previously worked at Becker Medical Library at Washington University. Matt will be working with the Law Library’s growing archives collection as well as managing electronic reserves.

After serving as the Vice-President/President Elect, Assistant Professor of Legal Research **Joanne C. Vogel** took over as President of the Greater St. Louis Chapter of the Catholic Library Association in March.

Congratulations to Reference/Educational Services Librarian **Lynn Hartke** who has been elected to serve on the Board of the Research Instruction & Patron Services (RIPS) Special Interests Section of AALL as a Member-at-Large for a two year term. RIPS focuses on all aspects of public services with librarians from academic law, court, county and private libraries as members.

**Book Review**

**PEOPLE, PROPERTY, OR PETS?, edited by Marc D. Hauser, Fiery Cushman, and Matthew Kamen.** Purdue University Press: 2006. KF 390.5 .A5 P46 2006 Reviewed by Lynn Hartke

This provoking collection of essays makes readers take stock of their own view on animals and their treatment. The book balances both sides of animal issues by presenting opposing essays from lawyers, scientists, philosophers, and students. Topics include philosophy, law, cognitive science, biomedical research, and animal care. Each topic has essays both for and against the resolution with ethical and moral issues and questions raised in each topic area. Contributors include Temple Grandin, Gary L. Francione, and Bernard E. Rollin.

This book is not a light read, but rather one that makes the reader think and consider reevaluating his own views. The book balances both sides of issues about animals. Should society, law, or we as individuals think of animals as property? If we choose to view animals differently what will the consequences be? These questions can only be answered by each person individually.

**Shout-outs**

“**Study room 252A is my favorite. I can set up my stuff there, and my friends know where to meet me.**”

“**I like any of the study rooms but the atrium one. As a commuter student, it gives me my own isolated study space.**”
The study room keys might be the most frequently checked out material in the library. Great for solitary and group work, these spaces provide an out-of-the-way escape from the rest of the building. If you haven’t picked out a favorite yet, or are trying to recall exactly which room has two tables, then head over to the library’s Facebook page. You’ll find pictures of each study room to jog your memory or help you select the room that will best meet your needs.

New study rooms! Room 117B is the newest addition to the study room line-up. It’s a smaller room that’s perfect for solitary or small group work. Find this new room right outside the library’s front doors.

Fall Hours

Regular Hours
Mon – Thurs 7:30 a.m. - Midnight
Friday 7:30 a.m. – 7 p.m
Saturday 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Sunday 9 a.m. - Midnight

Fall Break, October 21 - 25,
Fri, Oct 21st 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sat-Sun, Oct 22-23 9a.m. –5 p.m.
Mon-Tue, Oct 24-25 8a.m.-5 p.m.

Thanksgiving, November 23 - 27
Wed, Nov 23 7:30a.m.-6p.m.
Thurs-Fri, Nov 24-25 Closed
Sat, Nov 26 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sun, Nov 27 9 a.m.– 5 p.m.

Extended Hours
Mon, Dec 5 - Mon, Dec 19
Mon - Fri 7:30 a.m. - Midnight
Sat - Sun 8 a.m. - Midnight
Mon, Dec 19 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Reference Desk

Around the World : World Constitutions Illustrated

By Peggy McDermott, Head of Reference

World Constitutions Illustrated is a new database available on HeinOnline. This amazing resource brings together constitutional documents, books, articles, bibliographic references, and web sites.

The entry for each county includes:
- The current constitution of the country in its original language and an English translation when available.
- Links to commentaries and other relevant sources.
- Links to chapters within constitutional law books.
- Links to scholarly articles.
- Citations to resources discussing the development of the constitution in a particular country.
- Links to other sources such as official government websites.