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Students Learn Survival Techniques

Placement Percentages Promise Positions

by Paul L. Barnett

The Placement Office is as busy as ever in providing students with information and resources to help in their preparation for the job market. Mrs. Gail Peshel, Director of Placement, notes that more students are availing themselves of its assistance than when she started some seven months ago. Mrs. Peshel encourages those who haven’t done so to "stop by and see what we've got." Meanwhile, cautions Gail, students should not rely solely on Placement to locate jobs. "It takes more effort than in past years to find a job," she said. "However, as long as (students) are flexible and are willing to put the time in, the jobs are there." Recently released employment statistics from the Class of 1982 seem to support Mrs. Peshel's optimism. Of the more than 93 percent of that class who responded, 96.3 percent have found employment. The average first-year salary is $21,000. However, since only about half of the respondents included their salary, Mrs. Peshel agrees that the figure is probably inflated. The median income from $14,000 to $36,000 per year. This year's graduating class appears no different than in years past in terms of where its members wish to locate. While a few have expressed an interest in the West, and some plan to return to the East coast, a large number intend to remain in Northern Indiana. "Most aspire to associate with firms of ten attorneys or less. Yet, notes Mrs. Peshel, there is a definite trend away from solo practice. "That's good," she said. "It's getting tougher and tougher to do that."

Recently, the Placement Office has increased the arsenal available to students in their battle against unemployment. In addition to resume and cover letter printing capabilities, Placement is also in the process of compiling data on law firms in its word processor. This data bank presently contains the names of over 3000 firms across the country. While all of them are classified by region, some law firms are also grouped according to size. Therefore students who desire to practice in a particular state or part of the country will be able to obtain a list of firms located there. Mrs. Peshel adds that the names of all federal judges are on file in the Office of employment. Placement Office for more information. Although improvements have been made in Placement in the past, Mrs. Peshel is not satisfied in staying put. She is committed to an all-out effort to get more firms to interview at the Law School. Resumes in bulk will be sent to qualifying firms who are not able to interview here. In addition, Mrs. Peshel is putting together a brochure on the Law School to be mailed to prospective employers. This brochure is intended to acquaint them with the Law School, particularly with respect to its grading and admissions policy. Finally, alumni are being encouraged to notify the Placement Office of job openings in their areas. Through these efforts, it is hoped that the school will continue to maintain its high employment rate in the year ahead.

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FORUM STUDENTS LEARN SURVIVAL TECHNIQUES

by Bill Glyn

On Thursday, February 24, 1983, at 7:00 p.m. in the courtroom, members of the Indiana State Bar Association's Family Law Section presented a panel discussion seminar entitled "Domestic Relations Nuts and Bolts: How to Earn Your Living the First Couple Years After Law School."

The six member panel included Judge Robert Leiter, Judge James Toutsouris, Cass Circuit Court; John O'Neil, Lake County Bar Association; William Anderson, Porter County Judicial Commissioner for Domestic Relations; James Toutouris, Porter county Bar Association; and Judge Morton B. Kanz, Lake County Superior Court.

The discussion, moderated by Judge Justice, centered on the "How-to's" of post-dissolution activity and focused on several key areas including: enforcement of child support obligations, regulations of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act, and petitions to modify child custody, support, and visitation decrees. The participants also provided actual forms used in their various courts for filing such motions and petitions.

In addition to discussing these motions and orienting those attending to the various forms used, the panelists also offered valuable advice to the beginning practitioner. Perhaps the most strongly expressed point raised was the importance of the lawyer knowing the stancianus of the judge with whom he is dealing. Mr. Justice remarked: "Pitch your case toward the judge, if you expect to be successful."

Another suggestion offered by Judge Justice in the one and a half hour session was the need for the attorney to "know" the facts surrounding the divorce decree. The attorney's checklist should include 1) study a copy of the divorce decree, 2) check the decree for modifications, 3) talk with the opposing counsel, and very importantly, 4) remember that the client is not impartial. Because the entire area of post-divorce action is under the broad discretion of the court, the participants also said context situations in which the custodial parent wished to leave the area, the objections of some parents to the living arrangements of the custodial parent (often involving cohabitation concerns), and, of course, the desire of one party to reform one or more elements of the divorce decree.

At the conclusion of the presentation, panel members invited questions from the audience. Following this session, the Women Law Students Association held a reception for the panel members and audience present.

The discussion continues in the next issue.

Keelers Top IM Entries

by Vic Fitz

"So close, so close, and yet so far away." Besides being great song lyrics, that little ditty succinctly characterizes the season for this year's law school basketball teams. Reminiscence of last fall's BARD football team-and the high school careers of many a frustrated law school jock-the roundballers managed to win everything but the big one.

Of the five law school entries, the Keeler Stompers fared best, finishing the season 10-2 and making it to the all-university finals before bowing out to some young punks from down fraternity way.

Three of the other four law school teams, the Nocturnal Illusions, the Defenders and Andy's Arsenal, were encouraged to notify the Placement Office of job openings in their areas. Through these efforts, it is hoped that the school will continue to maintain its high employment rate in the year ahead.

Panellists give pointers

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For a lack of opportunity the season ended on a high note, with the Stompers, the Defenders and Andy's Arsenal coping by winning titles.

During the regular season, the Stompers featured a slow-it-down, pass-it-around, freency substitution type of offense that managed to wear down opponents by the fourth quarter. Nothing flashy, but then the Washington Redskins weren't exactly dazzling either. This I.M. over-the-hill gang, composed of all third-years, finished the league season with a 5-0 record.
Cooperative Efforts — Avoid Readmission Process

by Ed Nemeth and Susan Hemminger

The Petition and Readmissions Committee of the School of Law is sometimes in the position of a dentist—once you get there, it's often too late for it to help you. The Committee is comprised of four faculty members currently Professors Stevenson, Ehren, and Bartel, the chairman, and assistant Dean Downs and one student member, third year Ed Nemeth. The Committee is charged with the unenviable and always difficult task of considering student petitions. The petitions can, and do, take many forms. It routinely hears student petitions for permission to take a "light" or "heavy" course load. It also considers petitions for readmission from students who have failed to maintain the minimum grade-point average for re-tention students who have flunked out. The vast majority of the students who are faced with an appearance before the Committee have failed to meet the mark by only a slim margin. Often two points or less below the retention standard, many could have spared themselves from the procedure had they practiced a little "preventive medicine". Some, of course, have made every effort to come up to par and stay in school. They have consulted frequently with professors for guidance on areas they didn't understand; they engaged in meaningful study groups which had the goal of success for every participant; they made use of the vast resources of Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Emmanuelle, and Mr. Legaline. Others, however, even though they knew they were in academic hot water, ignored reality and, like the embarrassed person who has contracted a social disease, hoped things would get better all by themselves.

Things generally don't get better all by themselves when a student is in trouble academically. Unless there is some extenuating circumstance which has caused a student's grades to drop drastically one semester which drags his entire grade point average below the retention standard, most students who petition the Committee knew that they were on or near the borderline for more than one semester. Although students may have put forth every effort to bring their averages up, unsuccessful study or test-taking techniques don't generally remedy themselves, and the students therefore fail.

One of the big problems of students who must raise their grade point averages or face the prospect of a date with the Petition and Readmissions Committee is that they feel very alone and isolated. They are embarrassed and scared, and it is the combination of these two forces working against the student which often leads him or her into ultimate failure. Many students who appear before the Committee knew they needed to take action to remedy their situations, but they underestimated the courage it would take to speak to the Committee that they didn't know how to help themselves or who they could turn to.

Those who are woefully close to flunking out of school as well as those who are getting a "easy" street", need to explore different resources and develop better skills for mastering the rigors of law school. However, you only lack a system which could help these and similar situated students. Who knows you couldn't provide a little help at least once in a while?

Student-to-student help groups for various subjects, beginning for first year classes to get first-year students going and continuing through second and third year classes, could be an invaluable aid to those who participate in them with the goal of exchanging, understanding, and being helped on the pertinent subjects. We often don't have many opportunities to "tutor" law in an organized yet informal setting, yet expressing one's understandings of the law and learning from others is a useful tool in honing one's comprehension of a subject. There is, however, no structured system of tutorials after the first year, and even the first year tutorials are populated only by those chosen by the administration based on their performance. After the first year everyone is thrust into the pool to sink or swim on his own. A startling number of us are simply floating.

The formulation of student-to-student tutorials is a cause which could easily be administered by the SBA. Trish Morris, president of the SBA, has been approached with the idea and was receptive; however, her term in office is quickly coming to a close. Although something could well be organized for exams in May, future SBA administrations would need to work to make the idea a viable and concrete permanent project. Another plan which could help prevent student failure would be the appointment of student counsellors by the SBA. These counsellors would be resource centers and sounding boards for those who are in, or those who want to avoid, danger. Persons interested in being available to talk with students about specific subject or subjects would register with the SBA, and when someone requested help in a course, the SBA would match the student to the person to whom he could refer the person. Furthermore, the counselling could organize talk sessions about study techniques, test anxiety and how to deal with it, or anything in which students have expressed an interest. The counsellor need not be at the top of their classes, nor should they be. Someone who has experienced even the first year tutorials after the first year tutorials after the first year, and even the first year tutorials are populated only by those chosen by the administration based on their performance. After the first year everyone is thrust into the pool to sink or swim on his own. A startling number of us are simply floating.

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Dear 3rd Year:

Please thank the kind soul who put the ‘Mr. Yuk’ stickers on the Poison Control Center on the R.W. Pool junk food machines.

Signed,
D.R.

Dear D.R. Pleasings:

All that is needed now for some of us more infirm law students with note taker’s arthritis are triple seal puncture proof blister packs for those Andy Capp hot fries, so that we will be deterred from begging. I suppose they do not use them these days, and it’s not the sound heard around the law library. You don’t get any mail because you don’t hang around the right letter writing circles. I suggest you write your congressman repeatedly and have the corrdial replies sent to the law school. Receiving one’s mail on the bulletin board is much cheaper than having a F.O. Box in Wheeler.

Dear 3rd Year:

Why didn’t the dean search committee woo Herrschel Walker to our law school as a viable candidate? Just think of the Oversight popula- larity our school could have attained. Granted, he doesn’t know a lot about the law and its administrat- ive functions, but I’m sure he could be a great fund raiser. Besides, being top banana here has to beat doing anything in New Jersey, even being a general.

Signed,
Y.A. Tittle

Dear Members of the committee were negotiating with him until the eleventh hour. It came down to the issue of office space. We were willing to buy the green apartment complex next to the Big Wheel to accommodate him while Jersey of- fered him a stadium. Oh well, at least we have one Urschel Hall.

Signed,
Paper Hungry Pete

Dear 3rd Year:

How nice it is that the law school doesn’t want us to catch pneu- monia in the law library! It’s wonder- ful that the school is so richly and fabulously endowed with greenbacks that it can afford to heat the place to infernal tempera- tures! But is this all really neces- sary? Can’t they just lower the temperature and stop the waste?

CAN’T THE HEAT BE TURNED DOWN?

Signed,
Y.T. & Dorky

Porkers-At-Law

Dear P.H.P.:

Don’t feel too bad, the only mail I get is from 3D and the L.R.S. I know some of the aforementioned types can’t control their urges but I won’t admit it in public. You don’t get any mail because you don’t hang around the right letter writing circles. I suggest you write your congressman repeatedly and have the corrdial replies sent to the law school. Re- ceiving one’s mail on the bulletin board is much cheaper than having a F.O. Box in Wheeler.

Dear 3rd Year:

What, me worry?

A SURE CURE FOR ALL YOUR DISORDERS...

Hack, Hack, Hack. That’s the sound heard around the law library these days, and it’s not the sound of students preparing erudite pa- pers. If codeine can’t control your cough, look for some comfrey leaves. Boil them to make a light green tea. Strain it through a little screen strainer or a Mr. Cof- fee filter. Put a teaspoon of sugar in it, if you like. Drink it. It will work. It had the added advantage that it won’t make you groggy or put you on alert- not even during the lecture of your favorite philosopher.

Check out the local health food stores, or Indiana Botanical Gar- dens, just off the expressway in Hammond. Or, if you want to grow your own for next year thus giving you again something legiti- mate to do with your flower pots, write to Guerny Seeds, Yankton, South Dakota. They at least used to carry Symphysiun officinale (com- frey) seeds.

Dear Professor Frank Fritz:

I am aware of the sizable lean prob- lem in Weemann’s inferno border- ing on farenheit 451. The warm- ness around the law library is just superseded by the sweater at Lembke Hall. A frie-d of mine (Steven Schmengi, a clinic jock), took me over there once and I sweat thru two shirts, a sport jacket and tie, in less than seven minutes. As for the library, the heat is a form of mind control because studies show that those students that study at home at room temperature do consistently better than those who study at the library and sweat their farflek- beries off. I’ve even noticed Marge has shed a few pounds which can- not be attributed to vacuuming dur- ing prime time study hours. Fill two baggies with ice cubes, tape them to your armpits, and burst them at a slow and slapping motion for instant relief.

Ejection Types Exposed

by Vic Fitz

If you examine the traits and back- grounds of the four ‘ejection Types’ who surfaced during IM play this year, telling characteristics begin to emerge. Three of the four were over 6’ 5” tall, three of the four played college basketball at one time or another. Three of the four were single. Two of the four had beards for parts of the basketball season. All four of them had completed at least one year of law school.

With information of this type, a composite can be developed for a future review board. In the future, all 6’5” ex-college basketball players who are single and have completed one or more years of law school should be given the green light to play. Also, beard- growing during the season should be considered an obvious tip-off that a player is undergoing ejection-type stress.

By following these simple screen- ing procedures, we will not only be allowing the vast majority of level-headed law school players to continue in their sports activi- ties, we will also have an oppor- tunity to aid those who are in such dire need of our help.

This year’s IM basketball season was marred by raucous language and threats of violence, causing many commentators to suggest that desperate measures need to be taken in order to rec- tify a desperate situation.

At least four law students, includ- ing Jim Shea, Jerry Hodge, Mike Clark and Ben Pavec are known to have been ejected from basketball games this year for unsportsman- like behavior (See Vic Fitz’s longer article in this same section). This as we know it for future law students.

Hoping to be a voice of reason midst such reactionary opinions, I suggest that we approach the sit- uation with a more level, cool- headed approach. Why deprive participation for everyone on ac- count of the actions of a small minority of law students? By calm- ly looking at the individuals involv- ed, it becomes obvious that with proper procedures, most violent types can be spotted, removed from IM participation, and be given the proper treatment and training so that the need BEFORE the travesties of this year’s events repeat them- selves.
By Paul A. Vance

People in law school often complain about the lack of "real life experience" that the traditional legal education offers the student. But for the clinical program we really do not learn anything in our courses that does not come from a text or the advice of a professor in question. In short, we do not see the practical/applicational application of what we learn through a bizarre twist of fate, I had a small taste of the practical application that I have been complaining about not having.

Earlier this month I, a mild mangled mid-western law student, was on my way back from dropping my wife and her parents off in the works at that posh little Italian restaurant on Calumet known as Plazza. As I turned to put my hands on the mirror only to see five police cars were doing I rolled down my window. The officer told me to "get out of the car with your hands up and put them on the roof". I began to realize that these guys really wanted me to buy one of those tickets when my eye caught sight of the rather formidable weapon that the officer was displaying. The back was not the kind of gun that the officer was displaying.

Imagine my surprise when my car was pulled over to allow these "men in blue" to search us. They were doing I rolled down my window. The officer told me to "get out of the car with your hands up and put them on the roof". I began to realize that these guys really wanted me to buy one of those tickets when my eye caught sight of the rather formidable weapon that the officer was displaying. The back was not the kind of gun that the officer was displaying.

As I turned to put my hands on the roof, two other officers came into view. They were positioned with their hands on the trunk of my car and each of them had a gun pointed at me. At this point I was convinced that this was going to be a hockey game for the rest of my life. I occurred to me that either: 1. Bruce Berner wants to be sure I am paying attention in Crim. Pro. or 2. Going 35 mph in a 30 mph zone is a capital offense in Illinois.

I asked them -- very nicely and in a voice a few octaves higher than normal -- what the problem was. "First Federal of Gary was just robbed and the suspect fled after in a vehicle that matches this one." After hearing this I became very nervous and I hoped that I could remain in control of my lower bowel function. "I didn't rob no bank," I responded in my typically, educated and articulate manner.

After my quick come-back to their accusation, the officers began to 'pat' me down. Now, when the 'pat and reach' concept was explained to me in Criminal Procedure I had visions of this police search being conducted. I'm here to tell you that no one but this officer and my wife know the real me. The 'Pat and reach' is not a very mild invasion of your person. My wife says so. If you were a member folks, do not try this at home-- these officers are professionals.

Finally one of the officers exclaimed, "We got the wrong guy!" At this point the boys put their guns away, got back in their cars and began chasing the real suspect who at this time was well on his way to the Mexican border where the officers were detaining me -- a mild mannered mid-western law student.

One officer remained behind to get to set some information for his report. The people who were stopped on Calumet, watching this whole affair, were busy having a good laugh at my expense. The officer said he was sorry.

Later that day the police did catch the man who robbed the bank. He was 63 years old. Upon learning this information I did better understand the officer's actions. After all, I am 24 going on 63.

In the final analysis, I am no longer of the opinion that law school should be more 'practical'. I'll take the books and lectures any time. And if there is anyone who does not believe that those initial encounters with the police do not give rise to a 'psychologically coercive atmosphere' they should think again.

Windy City Thugs Blow Shopping Spree

By Sally Schalk

After reading about Mr. Vance's encounter with police and crime in our fair city 'The Law Student' I thought I could tell a story to match his. Practical experience is something, isn't it? Let my practical experience be a sort of conclusion to you. I will never forget my trip to Chicago Saturday, February 26, 1983 and neither will my companions. After a long and profitable shopping excursion on Michigan Avenue I motored back. Hour was in order. I was in the mood for celebration, after all I had just purchased my wife's dream of a car radio can of course. Being the observant driver that I am I had just purchased a small taste of the practical application of what we learn. Thrown about the lack of 'real life experience,' I padded my side of the road to allow the officers to do their duty. I am 24 going on 63.

Ah, the miseries of hindsight. In stead of an illegal speed I at first thought that the officer was displaying. I was not the kind of gun that the officer was displaying. 'Pat' me down. Now, when the 'pat and reach' concept was explained to me in Criminal Procedure l had visions of this police search being conducted. I'm here to tell you that no one but this officer and my wife know the real me. The 'Pat and reach' is not a very mild invasion of your person. My wife says so. If you were a member folks, do not try this at home. The lucky scavenger who is deying my lingeres.

We poor, bitter victims. When I wryly pointed out to Chicago's finest that the thieves had left the shopping bags and boxes in the car, one of them said, "Well sure. We're carrying the goods, they can't do with those?" Indeed. Officer. However, we were lucky to have them. We tore the coat box into a makeshift 'wind-shield' for the broken side window and our gloomy ride home. The next time I see someone walking down the street with an arm load of clothe clothing, I won't bat an eye. Of course, they could have zipped everything into the black bag no doubt they are so practiced in such things that it wouldn't take much time at all. But then why worry about time? They had all the time in the world! They knew we were in a nearby bar toasting the good times to future sunny Saturday afternoons in the city. Citizens of the future-to-be. And to all you public defenders out there close your eyes at least 75 percent of the time. It's a tough ride. Moi? The world of criminal justice is something I just don't want to get involved in.
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The Defenders were also 5-0 at the completion of their season, and looked like they might be the team to beat. But not Cyril. Jim Shea and Jerry Hodge, as well as Dave Brown and a host of other second-year law students, managed to handle most regular-season opponents.

Andy's Arsenal also skated through league play. A first-year team, this rag-tag fleet finished the regular season 7-0, on route to securing the post-season playoff berth. And finally, last, and with all due respect, really least, were the Magnetic Healers. This second-year squad fell considerably from last season's pace and finished the regular season 7-0. A victim of the I.M. free-agency wars, the Healers management team offered only two wins during the regular season, which just wasn't quite enough steam to catch the play-offs express (try putting that in your appellate brief!)

In the first round of the Indepen dent Division, the Unicorns (Fraternity Division Play-offs) faced off against the Illusions. Each team offered only one win during the regular season. The Unicorns' win was unstoppable in the first half, missing only once while scoring 18 points in 30-15 halftime lead. In the second half, momentum swung to the De­fenders against the Illusions. Realizing the lead from inside and out to close the deficit and actually give his team the lead at one point. The Illusions re-grouped, however, and re-establish­ed a six point margin by the final buzzer.

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Unfortunately for the Stompers/ Vale of Paradise, the new jerseys just weren't enough. In the early going, the lead was saw-saw back and forth. The Stompers displayed their typical tough-match-up zone defense, and managed to keep in the competition with Steve Affeldt jump shots and offensive tip-ins by Jon Abernathy and Mike Clark. At half-time, the Stompers trailed by three.

The second half picked up where the first half left off, with both teams scoring in spurts. Midway through the second half, however, the Stompers fell into a cold-shoot­ing streak, and suddenly found themselves down by 12 points. Although they managed to close the gap to four points with 2:13 left to play, the Phi Deltas held off the rally to win by a score of 41-36.

So, as in football, a law school championship in basketball just wasn't meant to be. For most first- and second-years, there is still a season or tw o of intramural sports to play. But the plight of the third year student-athlete is a bit more foreboding. With only volleyball and softball left, a sense of de­peration has begun to creep into their lives and souls. A sort of agony, yes, even a trembling can be seen as they make their daily rounds from classroom to lockers, to the practice fields. The question that is being asked is this: Will their senior year at Wesemann High be devoid of even a single trip to the sidelines and replied, "Hey, Championship?"

Only time will tell.
Abortion Debate Rages

by Dan Avila

A debate entitled "Abortion and Informed Consent: How Much Detail?" was held on Thursday, March 24, 1983 at the Valparaiso University School of Law. Sandy Mahkorn, M.D., a young physician active in the pro-life movement, squared off against Frank Brenn, M.D., an obstetrician/cynee., who is on the medical school faculty. In addition, information tables run by the National Organization for Women (NOW) and by the University Campus Prolife (CPL) was set up in the Law School lobby on the evening of the debate. The debate's sponsor was Campus Pro-life.

Informed consent is the biggest legal issue in the abortion debate today. "The Supreme Court right now is deciding whether it is constitutional to force a woman to receive certain information before she is allowed to obtain an abortion," said Brenn. What it is clear that informed consent requirements are constitutionally permissible, nobody knows how much and what type of information can or should be required. Nobody knows how many women know the medical risks to her own body? Or can a state require that a pregnant woman be told that an unborn child has a heartbeat at eighteen days, for example, or feels pain as early as thirty-eight weeks?"

Dr. Gessa, a pre-med member of CPL, states that the issue is not only a legal one. "The medical and moral issues are divided. The woman and the doctor should be allowed to go in withholding information from her or her partner. Some authorities take the paternalistic approach, that is, the doctor knows best and what the best interest of the patient. It would be unfair to give the woman knowledge about fetal development in its abortion counselling. The issue revolves around the question of professional freedom to treat on campus, and so we thought a debate of this nature was well-received," stated Avila.
Don 't Mow No Mo'

Look from the south east corner of law students' parking lot toward Azar's. What seest thou? Nothing. Last year a suggestion was made to the president of the University concerning use of that slot of land. The gist of the suggestion was, do nothing. Do not plant trees there, do not even cut the grass. First of all, this would of course save a little money, as no gasoline would have been used in mowing. But there is another reason.

An empty field is natures' work-shop. Next year and the next the grass will grow tall. No doubt local biology students will be tramping around in it observing the beginnings of ecological succession. Cot tonswood and maple saplings will take root and grow, and in some years that area will have the beginnings of a copse. Much later, of course, oaks would grow. This is not to say that a pathway could not be kept mown through this parcel, say, one to Azar's and one cutting that one, so that the country skiers and others would have easy and more attractive passage to and through this area. One would, however, think that this would be an easy, inexpensive and natural way for the university to acquire a more 'wooded campus.'

Note, however, that the University currently instead spends tuition and alumni dollars to landscapers to march in and plant a tree here and there. Attention to a number of those transplanted trees? like this could help the university hold down its and your costs. Nature would do a more intense and thorough job for nothing, if we would do a more 'wooded campus.'

Site of proposed wooded area. Note that this site would not obstruct the view of the chapel from the highway...

Interested persons are urged to write to the office of the President of the University.

Essay Contest Announced

Topic: What is a 'Fair Hearing?'' Deadline for filing April 15, 1983 with completed essays due August 31, 1983.

Presentation of winning essay at the National Judicial College; publication of the essay; a commemorative plaque and cash stipend.

1. The contest is open to degree candidates in law.
2. Entries will be judged on the basis of their contribution to the development of the theory of administrative adjudication; the originality and practicality of suggested changes and improvements in the administrative hearing process; demonstrated breadth of knowledge, depth of analysis, and style.
3. Entries may not exceed 5,000 words, exclusive of footnotes. They must be typed, double-spaced, and submitted in triplicate to the address set forth above. Entries may be postmarked no later than August 31, 1983.
4. The cash stipend awarded to the winner shall consist of the actual cost of transportation to and from the National Judicial College, and the reasonable cost of accommodations during the 1983 Annual Meeting of the NAALJ, but shall not exceed $500 without special approval of the Board of Governors.
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A letter of intention to compete, setting forth the competitor’s name, address, school and year, must be mailed to the undersigned no later than April 15, 1983. The letter must be accompanied by a check in the sum of $5 payable to the order of the NAALJ, to cover the cost of administering the contest.

Submit registration notices and completed essays to Judge David J. Agatstein at the above address.
The Dean Search has finally come to an end. Peter McGovern has accepted the university's offer and will take over the post July 1st. This space has been provided by The Forum for a 'Draw the Dean' contest. Entries most closely resembling Mr. McGovern will win a prize, the nature of which will be announced at a later date. Those who have met with the new dean are automatically disqualified. Please affix the Honor Code to all submissions.
Professors Provoke Calamitous Conflict

by Tally Talk

A major feud between I. Kin Scoldemfiner and Brutus Burnembetter, Professors of Law, has sent coffee mugs flying in the school’s faculty lounge, according to Sarge, Wesez, Professors of Law, this continuing dispute.

in legal education are the root of purely academic, ‘’ Sarge said. The broken glass in the faculty lounge by has the diversity of these Dean Rhett Button-Down’s. backgrounds offer the faculty past midnight every night for four come from different behavioral day to day inconveniences.

A major feud between is greater that that of the other schools of thought, said Assistant Pith is contemplating criminal charges. Totts admitted that he hopes Pith will come to a decision by April 14, so that he (Totts) can complete Pith’s income tax return in a timely fashion. ‘’We’re all preoccupied with this thing, ’’ Totts said.

Professor Lucinda Song believes the matter can be settled by ‘’principled negotiation.’’ Song has tried to persuade the angry professors to utilize the ‘’Getting to Yes’’ model for negotiation. ‘’Scoldemfiner and Burnembetter do agree on one thing. They both reject this negotiation model. They have lost all objectivity, ’’ she said.

Acting Dean Mal Flyer has suggested that the warring professors compete in duplicate bridge games. ‘’Let’s see how they handle identical cards of hearts, ’’ he chuckled.

Burnembetter said he’s ‘’had it with bridge, ’’ and wants to play chess. Scoldemfiner, on the other continued on page 2

THE RIBALD RAG

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ABA/LSD Seventh Circuit Regional Award Losers … Every Year

Dear 3rd Year:

Which of the following is the appropriate insult to direct at the Professor who tells you that ‘’Your argument is about as appealing as carp heads floating in buttlikem’’?

(a) Call him a flaming beet-tongued geeg

(b) Call him a Draconian fossil

(c) Efling your brief as him and hope he catches the thrust of it

(d) Strangle your opponent and hope he doesn’t catch your points

(e) Agree with him and request a recess to regroup

Sincerely,

Dunno Eddie Kit

Dear D.E.K.: I suggest you practice none of the above because this judge may remember you and taunt you with questions in the classroom. Instead, remind the judge that he is in a courtroom and not a cafeteria. If he persists in badgering you, threaten to expose him as a follower of Jerry Falwell and one who ties flies for a hobby.

Dear 3rd Year:

I was recently walking home near the gymnasium and a law student yelled ‘’lizard roll’’ at me. Was he being obscene, or was that his way of asking me out to lunch to the China House?

Sincerely,

B. Fuddled

Dear Reptilla:

No, a lizard roll is not a new oriental dish resembling an egg roll with squama filling. It happens to be a sort of ritual that the Law School Volleyball team, the Lizard Kings, requires when a team member makes a bad play. When done properly, it resembles the late Jim Morrison doing a 360 degree tumble, and flopping around on the stage floor during the L.A. Woman tour. After some of the shellack-ings that team received this season all team members should do a lizard roll at commencement.

Downer Dictates Demands

by Red Chianti

In a surprise move at last Thursdays Faculty meeting former Head Librarian and Acting Assistant Dean Sad Downer conducted a coup d’etat and named himself Dean for Life.” Dean Downer found little resistance among members of the faculty who were engaged in a quarrel about what color uniforms the students would be forced to wear next semester.

Dean Downer immediately declared martial law and announced he had changed his name to Mr. Dean Downer. ‘’Mr., my middle name’s Dean, and my last name is Sir! ’’ All the faculty made a pained grimace of their allegiance to Mr. Dean Sir, except of course Prof. Hurt Moodspin who was downer in the bowl.

Acting Dean Higher was disappointed at being ousted so early in his reign said be, ‘’I was just getting used to being Dean again. In fact, I was thinking of calling our Dean select candidate and telling him we were just kidding.’’ However, no one was more disappointed than Chairman of the Dean Search Committee, Nap Wilfer, who stated, ‘’D—n, and we just locked out and found someone willing to take the job.’’ Unfortunately, nobody heard him, because they all fell asleep as soon as he began talking. Mr. Dean Sir immediately realized the potential of such a weapon and named Prof. Nap Wilfer Assistant Dean in charge of student complaints.

Mr. Dean Sir then decided to order a new word processor system for the law school and demanded that all students bow their heads and kneel in the direction of his office during chapel break. He appointed cleaning lady, Sarge, director of the Environmental Clean-up Agency and gave her the power to execute at will. They decided any undergrad found in the law library was to be annihilated and Sarge went about recruiting agency members who were willing to cheerfully conduct undergradicide.

Individual students were questioned on their views, but most were too busy worrying about a possible continued on page 2
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Ex-dean of accredited midwest law school seeks position as eyebrow manicurist. Specialist in curling and teasing. Uses environmentally safe methods only.

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President Dictates
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Crim. Pro. quasi to be bothered. Other students said they would respond by not contributing to any alumni fund in the future.

Mr. Dean Sir began to enjoy his new found power and declared no student would be allowed to transfer to another school for any reason. He also declared that all persons falling below the consistency standard would be forced to reshelve books in the library, and be locked in stocks placed in the main lobby. Mr. Dean Sir further mandated that all persons falling below the retention standard would be drawn and quartered by Prof. Sick Cleavemson.

The Student Bar Association met to discuss the proposal. The president decided to have someone draft a letter which was to be presented sometime in the next decade. More radical SBA members seceded from the Association and formed an SBA Motorcycle subcommittee, led by leather jacketed Treasurer Dude Nickles. Dude and his followers roared into the meeting, overpowered Sarge and the new Dean for Life, and declared the University to be safe for students once again.

Meanwhile, Professor Gummie started out of his reverie and awoke to find that he had overslept. He rushed to get dressed and thus started another “day in the life...”

Feud

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hand, will accept “a racquetball challenge or nothing.”

“Whatever they decide, it can’t happen too soon,” Sarge said. “I’m not overly optimistic about an EEOC remedy. Besides, cleaning the faculty lounge and meeting with Attorney Sox to discuss my case each night has robbed me of my will to fight this thing,” she said.

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