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# Taylor Times

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## December 1

SBA Farewell Reception for Sybil Richards - 11:00 a.m. - Student Lounge

## December 3

Classes end.

## December 4

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## December 6

December '93 Graduates Luncheon at Noon - Regas

## December 7 - 17

Examination period.

## December 8

Religion, Morality, Ethics and The Law: "One Nation Under God: Rules, Rhetoric, and Religion" by Rev. James S. Sessions, Director, Highlander Research and Education Center - Noon - St. John's Cathedral, 413 West Cumberland Avenue. For luncheon reservations or more information, call the Knoxville Bar Association at 522-6522.

## December 10

Knoxville Bar Association's Annual Meeting - 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. - Main Assembly Room in the City-County Building

## December 19

Commencement and Hooding of December Law Graduates - 3:00 p.m. - Thompson-Boling Arena

## December 24 - 31

Administrative Offices and Law Library closed.

## Richards Becomes a Legal Eagle

1994 is a new beginning for all of us, but to Sybil Veronica Richards, much, much, much more of a new beginning. Sybil, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, will leave the College of Law in December to begin a solo practice in Connecticut.

She is a native New Yorker. "Solo practice is a mixture of equal parts of blood, sweat and tears and heaping spoonfuls of love, labor and luck," says Sybil. "But it is a recipe for my way back to law practice. And I am ready for the challenge."

As Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, Sybil was responsible for the planning, management and implementation of law student recruitment, admissions and financial aid. Before joining the College of Law in August 14, 1989, she worked for the Westchester County Attorney's Office in White Plains, New York, as an Assistant County Attorney.

She earned a B.A. in English in 1984 from State University of New York at Albany and a J.D. in 1988 from Brooklyn Law School. While in law school she received the C. Bainbridge Smith Scholarship for three years, was honored for scholastic achievement in torts, trusts, and real estate, and served as secretary of the Black Law Student Association.

While at GCT, Sybil coordinated the Tennessee High School Mock Trial Competition. She was also instrumental in organizing pre-law days and conferences for minority students. Sybil was spoke at Law School Admission programs on admission policies and minority recruitment.

"Sybil's done a great job for the program," said Dean Wirtz. "She told us that at some point she would probably want to return to practice, and I guess that time has come. She will leave a great

many friends behind." Sybil agrees. "I don't want to say goodbye as our paths may cross in the future," she said. "So I bid you all a farewell until we meet again."

## Faculty Facts

### Dwight Aarons ...

... attended the American Bar Association's Young Lawyer's Division 1993 Fall Affiliate Outreach Project National Conference in October in Nashville. He is a member of the Division's Minorities in the Profession Committee.

... presented "AIDS and Society" on November 4 as part of the University Studies Course.

### Fran Ansley ...

... was a guest columnist for the *News-Sentinel* Business Viewpoint section in September. She wrote about Mexico's maquiladora problem.

... will be a panelist on the program of the Section on Teaching Methods at the Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting in January in Orlando, Florida.

... spoke to the UTK Chapter of the Society for International Development in November on the North American Free Trade Agreement.

### Larry Dessem ...

... has been asked to serve as a member of the Executive Committee of the Association of American Law Schools Civil Procedure Section for 1994.

### Bob Lloyd ...

... has been invited by Senator Robert Rochelle of Lebanon to address the inaugural meeting of the legislature's Uniform Commercial Code Study Committee in December. The committee was created by the bill which enacted Article 2A in Tennessee.

## Faculty Facts continued

**Jerry Phillips ...**

... and Nicolas Terry and Frank Vandall will see their new casebook, *Products Liability Cases, Materials and Problems*, published in Spring 1994 by Michie.

**Carl Pierce ...**

... has been appointed by Chancellor William T. Snyder to be chair of the UTK Residence Classification Committee.

... presented a talk on "The Practice of Corporate Law" in November to UT undergraduate business majors as part of their Executive Undergraduates Workshop Series in the College of Business Administration.

**Glenn Reynolds ...**

... was a member of a panel "The Religious Right vs. Civil Rights: How the Religious Right is Threatening Our Liberties," in November. Members of the panel discussed prayer in public schools, censorship, and gender discrimination. The panel was sponsored by the Knoxville and Oak Ridge Chapters of the American Civil Liberties Union of Tennessee.

... presented "Is Democracy Like Sex" on November 23 as part of the Knoxville Bar Association's Constitutional Law Forum Series.

... is spearheading a campaign to have Arthur C. Clarke (inventor of the communications satellite and author *2001: A Space Odyssey*) named for the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize.

... participated in a U.S. Senate breakfast briefing regarding "low-cost access to space" in Washington, D.C. in September.

**Dean Rivkin ...**

... continues to be an advocate for children as he speaks on changes in Tennessee's foster care system. The Committee on Adoption Reform is studying adoption and foster care through hearings in throughout the state. "State agencies and courts should emphasize keeping biological families together," says Rivkin.

**Barbara Stark ...**

... will have excerpts from her article, "PostModern Rhetoric, Economic Rights and an International Text: 'A Miracle for Breakfast'" (33 *Virginia Journal of International Law* 433, 1993), included in the forthcoming *International Law Anthology* from Anderson Publishing.

**Steve Thorpe ...**

... presented "Computer Assisted Legal Research: A Valuable Tool for the Law Office" at the Knoxville Bar Association's Legal Exposition in October.

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**Student Stuff**
**Congratulations to BLSA on their Holiday Food Drive**

BLSA collected canned foods, non-perishables, and toiletries for the Love Kitchen during the week of November 15. Chris Buford, chair of the Community Services Committee, and Chris Taylor organized the event.

**Moot Court Announces Teams and New Board Members**

The following students have accepted invitations to join the 1993-94 Moot Court Board. Membership was awarded based on winning a place on one of the traveling teams. New members include: Amy Haddad, Ray Hixson, Barbara Johnson, Michelle Jones, Bryan Larson. Lori Lovin, Trenny Rogers and John Taylor.

**The 1993-94 Moot Court Teams****☐Constitutional Law**

Ray Hixson  
Barbara Johnson  
Michele Johnson

**☐Environmental Law**

Hunt Brown  
Leah Gerbitz  
Dallas Reynolds

**☐Evidence**

Amy Haddad  
Jason Hood  
David Sanders

**☐Frederick Douglass**

Michelle Jones  
Clarence Risen

**☐Labor Law**

Jeff Hill  
Joey Sbuttoni  
Jane Stahl

**☐National**

Michelle Gensheimer  
Holly Hollman  
Michael Stewart

**☐National Trial**

Bridget Bailey  
Jonathan Cole  
Pete Halverstadt  
Bryan Larson  
Lori Lovin  
Trenny Rogers  
Lisa Sherrill  
Tina Treiss

**☐Tax**

Steele Clayton  
Rhonda Drinnon Fawbush  
John Taylor

**Attention First-Year Law Students**

There is still space in Career Services Orientation Sessions. Please stop by Suite 13 in the basement to sign up. Sessions still open include December 21 and 22 and January 10-14. Sessions are limited to 15 students and last about an hour.

**Law Review Will Publish Five Case Notes**

The *Tennessee Law Review* announced that the following case notes by second-year law students will be published. They will appear in two upcoming issues. They are: "Property Law - Landlord and Tenant - Validity of Exculpatory Lease Provisions Abolished in Tennessee [*Crawford v. Buckner*, 839 S.W.2d 745 (Tenn. 1992)] by Michael L. Gallion; "Federal Income Tax Law - Home Office Deductions - Satisfying the Principal Place of Business Requirement [*Commissioner*

*v. Soliman*, 113 S.Ct. 701 (1993)] by Rebecca L. Garren and Nagwa M. Hultquist; "Federal Civil Procedure - Fee-Shifting Under Civil Rights Statutes - Award of Attorney's Fees to Prevailing Parties Who Win Nominal Damages in Civil Rights Actions [*Farrar v. Hobby*, 113 S.Ct. 566 (1992)] by Jennifer L. Horn; "Civil Procedure - Tennessee Rule of Civil Procedure 56 - Clarified Procedure for Summary Judgment [*Byrd v. Hall*, 847 S.W.2d 208 (Tenn. 1993)] by James H. Nixon III; and "Constitutional Law - Eighth and Fourteenth Amendment Capital Sentencing Jurisprudence - Jury Instruction Regarding a Mitigating Factor Upon Which a Criminal Defendant Has Presented No Evidence [*Delo v. Lashley*, 113 S.Ct. 1222 (1993)] by William Scott Sims.

#### Keeping In Touch

Marilyn Yarbrough, ex-Dean of GCT, will present "Power and Her Reflection Inside Academia and Outside" at the 1994 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools in January in Orlando, Florida. She also served on the AALS's Special Committee on the State of the Deanship and assisted with writing a manual for new deans.

**TAYLOR TRIVIA:** Which faculty member is a snow skier? Answer to last month's Taylor Trivia: Dean Wirtz enjoys refereeing soccer in his spare time.

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# Good luck on exams!

