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# Taylor Times

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FEBRUARY 1993

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## February 1

On campus interviewing begins

## February 3-10

American Bar Association Mid-year meeting, Boston

## February 4-7

National Trial Moot Court Team competes in Memphis. Team members are Bridgett Bailey, Heidi Barcus, J.B. Bennett, Allison Cardwell, Jonathan Cole, Jonathan Cooper, Bryan Delius, Robert Durham. Professor Gary Anderson and Steve Oberman, Class of '80, are the team advisors.

## February 5

Last day to buy Advocates' Ball tickets!

## February 10

'93 Development Council meeting 11:00 a.m. - Room 104

## February 10-14

Frederick Douglass Moot Court Team competes in Atlanta, Georgia. Team members are Yolanda Mitchell and Clarence Risin. Professor Carl Pierce is the team advisor.

## February 13

LSAT

Advocate's Ball

Radisson Hotel

6:00 p.m.

Dress semi-formal and enjoy awards, cocktails, dancing, dinner, karaoke, and Law Follies.

Tickets on sale now.

## February 14

Valentine Day

## February 15

Presidents' Day

## February 16

Student Bar Association Elections for 1993-94  
White Avenue Lobby  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## February 18-21

Environmental Law Moot Court Team competes in White Plains, New York. Team members are Hunt Brown, Leah Gerbitz, and Greg Oakley. Adjunct Professor Gary Davis is the team advisor.

## February 19

'93 Development Council Open Forum for the Class of '93 to discuss class gift - Noon - Moot Court Room

America On Trial

Planned Parenthood v. Casey  
The Orangery, 5412 Kingston Pike  
Reception/cash bar at 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Entertainment following dinner.

Tickets: \$35 per person (Prepaid reservations required; limited seating) Sponsored by the East Tennessee Lawyers Association For Women in Celebration of Susan B. Anthony's Birthday. Benefitting the Susan B. Anthony Scholarship fund at the College of Law. For further information call: 523-7230

## February 20

Mid-South Law Placement Consortium, Nashville

## February 24-25

Tennessee Bar Exam

## February 25-28

William Spong Constitutional Law Moot Court Team competes in Williamsburg, Virginia, at William & Mary. Team members are Pete Halverstadt, Melissa Johnson, and Tammi Simpson. Professor Jerry Phillips is the team advisor.

## Dessem and Black Appointed to New Positions

Two professors at the University of Tennessee College of Law have been appointed to key administrative positions by Dean Richard S. Wirtz. Professor R. Lawrence Dessem has been appointed Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the College and Professor Jerry P. Black, Jr. has been appointed Acting Director of the Legal Clinic. Dean Dessem replaced Professor Joseph G. Cook who will now return to full-time teaching and research. Professor Jerry Black replaces Professor Dean Rivkin as the Legal Clinic's Director while a nation-wide search is conducted for a new permanent director.

Dean Dessem will handle many of the internal day-to-day operations of the law school and will also supervise the tenure and promotion process of faculty. He will continue to teach a full course load and participate in other legal activities. He is a member of the Tennessee Supreme Court Commission on Dispute Resolution, a reporter for the Civil Justice Advisory Group and an executive board member of the Inns of Court in Knoxville. Dean Dessem has written two books on pretrial litigation as well as many articles on various legal issues.

As Acting Director of the Legal Clinic, Professor Black will supervise one of the oldest clinics in the United States and one of the best known. The Clinic is recognized by the American Bar Association's McCrate Report as being in the foreground of the concept of a teaching law office. Professor Black is a member of the Knoxville and American Bar Associations, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and the Inns of Court in Knoxville. He serves on the board of directors of the Knoxville Legal Aid Society and the Federal Defender Services of Eastern Tennessee.

## Faculty Facts

### Joe King ...

... had an article, "Exculpatory Agreements for Volunteers in Youth Activity - The Alternative to 'Nerf' Tiddlywinks", published in Volume 53, No. 3 of the *Ohio State Law Journal*.

### Larry Dessem ...

... was interviewed in the Winter 1993 *Tennessee Alumnus* in a story titled "Time Out of Court", which told of his pre-trial litigation course, his book, *Pretrial Litigation: Law, Policy and Practice*, and his position on the Tennessee Supreme Court Commission.

## Personnel Particulars

Susan Davies, wife of Professor Tom Davies, graduated from UT in December with a M.S. in Nursing.

Professor Jim Thompson called from Washington, D.C., to report that daughter, Karla, graduated in May from Colorado College. She is now at Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock, Texas, taking jet pilot training. Upon completion of the training, Karla will be stationed with the Tennessee Air National Guard at McGee-Tyson Airport and fly KC-135s.

Suzanne Livingood, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs, will serve on the board of the Great Smoky Mountain Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives. She founded the local chapter in 1987.

Southern Methodist University Professor of Law Ndiva Kofele-Kale has been granted tenure. He was on our faculty before joining SMU in 1990.

Things are still going well for Julie Hardin (our former Dean of External Affairs) at The Center for Research and Development in Law-Related Education (CRADLE) at Wake Forest University School of Law. The program will receive \$1,111,000 in grants from the U.S. Department of Education over the next three years.

## Student Stuff

A note of thanks!

I would like to thank everyone for the many cards, prayers, flowers, and words of encouragement after the death of my father.

Your kindness and generosity has given me and my family strength during this difficult time.

Thank you,

Donna Tate Hackett

### Calling All Students!

.... and everyone!!!!

It's Time!!

### A Night to Remember

#### 1993 Advocates' Ball

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Dance: 9:00 p.m.

February 13, 1993

Radisson Hotel

Dinner! Dancing!

Law Follies! Karoke!

### Faculty of the Year Award!

Tickets on sale now!

White Avenue lobby

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Last day to buy tickets is

Friday, February 5.

Cost:

Dinner and dance:

SBA member:

\$17.50/person;\$30/couple

non-SBA member:

\$20/person;\$35/couple

Dance and hors d'oeuvre:

SBA member:

\$15/person;\$20/couple

non-SBA member:

\$17.50/person;\$22/couple

## The "Let's Go For It" Section for Law Students

(1) The Legal Section of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies is sponsoring an environmental writing contest. The national winner will receive an all expense paid trip to Atlanta, Georgia, October 10-13, 1993, to present the paper. The paper will also be published in the proceedings of the Association. Deadline: July 1, 1993.

(2) The Roscoe Pound Foundation announces the 1993 Roscoe Hogan Environmental Law Essay Contest. The topic is "Global Climate Change: Treaties, Laws & Legal Remedies." Winners will receive cash prizes and a commemorative plaque. Deadline: Letter of intent-to-enter by February 17, 1993, essays by March 31, 1993.

(3) The International Association of Defense Council announces their 1993 Legal Writing Contest. The topic can be any subject of practical concern to lawyers engaged in the management and defense of civil council. The three winning articles will receive cash prizes in the sum of \$2000 for first, \$1000 for second and \$500 for third. Deadline: April 16, 1993.

See the Contest Bulletin Board or Dean Mary Jo Hoover for further information.

**TAYLOR TRIVIA:** What faculty member is a virtuoso handbell musician? Answer to last month's Taylor Trivia: *Sua Sponte* plans to take its best articles and enter them in the ABA Law School Newspaper Contest (assuming the author consents).

## Voices from the Legal Clinic

Robyn Smith

When I registered for Civil Advocacy, I was excited and eager to begin representing clients. As Fall Semester approached, I began imagining inordinate amounts of time that I would have to devote to the Clinic. I panicked; however, my fears proved to be unfounded. Contrary to my imagination, Clinic did not require an unreasonable amount of time, nor did it miserably consume my life. In fact, during the semester in which I carried the heaviest course-load ever, the clinic became my haven. It was an opportunity to experience the reality of representing clients and to touch my future.

At the close of the semester, I wrote the following to commemorate my experience in Civil Advocacy. While it does not capture my entire experience in the Clinic, it does reflect the diversity of issues and circumstances that I addressed during the semester.

### The Twelve Days of Clinic

- On the first day of clinic, I agreed to lend a hand to a homeless lady denied her SSI.
- On the second day of clinic, I could not represent a beer truck driver who wanted a free ride.
- On the third day of clinic, Dean Rivkin assigned to me a tenant with a rowdy six-year-old.
- On the fourth day of clinic, Kate Bunker gave to me an employee who refused to make chili.
- On the fifth day of clinic, I agreed to go see a lady who had her landlord's house condemned.
- On the sixth day of clinic, landlord tried to evict a mother who assaulted an obnoxious neighbor.
- On the seventh day of clinic, I got to represent a lady with good cause to quit her job.
- On the eighth day of clinic, I helped to interview a woman who can't remember being offered an apartment.
- On the ninth day of clinic, I gave no legal advice to a man who refused to meet with me in person.
- On the tenth day of clinic, the spirits led to me a Wicca woman whose landlord disliked her religion.
- On the eleventh day of clinic, I wrote a letter for a tenant whose landlord doesn't know the law.
- On the twelfth day of clinic, I agreed to review the Housing Authority's egregious grievance procedures.

## Suite 14! Where?

The Office of Development and Alumni Affairs is located in Suite 14. As a vital part of the College of Law due to its fundraising and friend-raising activities, readers are now introduced to some of its new faces and current projects.

Anita J. Monroe joined the staff as a data entry specialist last month. She previously had worked for Cobble Personnel and A.J. Metlers Hauling and Rigging. Anita lives in Knoxville with her husband and two children.

David P. Musich, a junior in journalism in the College of Communications, is currently working in the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs. He will be assisting with College of Law publications (especially *Taylor Times*). David is from Johnson City and enjoys cycling, hiking and photography.

The first mail appeal of the new year will be mailed in February. All alums who have not yet made a contribution to the College of Law during this fiscal year will be solicited.

The 1993 Development Council will begin meeting in February to choose their class gift. Members of the Class of '93 are cordially invited to join. For further information, stop by Suite 14 and see Suzanne Livingood.

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## Possession of Weapons on University Property

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State laws prohibit individuals from either possessing or carrying weapons on University property. The University's Student Hand-book, *Hilltopics*, states that permanent dismissal or any lesser penalty may be issued to any student found to be in "possession, while on University-owned or -controlled property or at University-sponsored or -supervised activities, or any weapon such as, but

not limited to, rifles, shotguns, ammunition, handguns, and airguns, including explosives, such as fire-crackers, unless authorized in writing by the Chief of Police.

"The "UTK Personnel Policies and Procedures" manual similarly prohibits the "unauthorized possession of firearms, explosive materials, or other lethal materials on University premises." Violation of this rule may result in

termination of employment.

The *Tennessee Code Annotated* classifies the unauthorized possession or carrying of any weapon on school property with intent to go armed as a Class E Felony punishable by a maximum penalty of 6 years imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$3,000.

## from SBA President Victoria Bowling

The Student Bar Association has traditionally been known as a 'party organization.' Well, we did manage to have some great parties this year, but the SBA does much, much more! SBA activities and services include:

1. Rents and maintains student lockers
2. Runs Student Textbook Exchange
3. Compiles and publishes a Law School Directory which is free to all SBA members
4. Sponsors *Sua Sponte*, which is a student editorial newspaper
5. Coordinates the Student Advisor Program with the Admissions Office. This year the SBA started a Transfer Student Program and set up an information table at Thompson-Boling Arena during registration. FYI, the student For Your Information booklet, was compiled and published. It lists important College of Law information as well as campus information.
6. Selects students to serve on faculty committees. These include: Admissions, Academic Standards, Faculty Appointment, Readmissions & Variances, Clinic Advisory, Student Affairs, and Career Services.
7. Offers emergency loans to law student through the Alan Novak Auction Fund. Money is raised for this project in the spring when the SBA sponsors the Alan Novak Auction.
8. Sponsors social activities such as the Chilla Halloween Party and the Advocates Ball.
9. Sponsors special activities for students such as Student Appreciation Week, barbecues, and the Election Bash. The SBA this year gave away a Hyatt Regency Brunch and a Final Exam Survival Basket. A special 'Lunch for \$1' and "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" lecture were also presented.
10. Acts as representative/liaison to the American Bar Association,

Tennessee Bar Association, TBA's Young Lawyers, and the Knoxville Bar Association.

11. Allows students to gain leadership experience through SBA Standing Committees. They include: Judiciary, Elections, Finance, Student Textbook Exchange, Senator to UT, Special Activities, New Facility, Grades and Curriculum, Rump Court, Merchandising/Fundraising, Advocates' Ball, *Sua Sponte*, Chilla, and Orientation.
12. Provides student phone.
13. Coordinates and provides marshals for the fall and spring Hooding ceremonies.
14. Sponsors 'Breakfast with the Dean' which is an opportunity for law students to ask questions to administration personnel in an open forum.
15. Presents a forum to investigate and air student concerns, for example: grades and long lines at registration. A report which was compiled from information from 30 other law schools regarding their curriculum and grading policies was presented to the faculty Academic Standards Committee. The registration issue was brought before College of Law and UT administration. The SBA encouraged early registration, voted to extend the drop/add deadlines, and supports the GSA resolution.
16. Holds two Dean's Advisory Committee meetings each semester. DAC members confer with the Dean about student concerns.
17. Conducts the election for outstanding professor and presents winner with a plaque.
18. Supports the College of Law when needed. This year the SBA sent a group to Nashville to speak with state representatives and senators about funding for the new law school building. The SBA also encouraged an in-house letter-writing campaign and delivered the letters from students to the state government in Nashville.
19. Purchased activities calendars

for announcing law school events and student club activities. Calendars are located outside the Record's Office. Club representatives are encouraged to post their meeting/event dates on the calendars as well as notify personnel in Suite 14 so meetings/events can be put in *Taylor Times* and GCT This Week.

20. Coordinates Activities Day at the College of Law with other student legal organizations.

The Student Bar Association Elections will be held February 16 in the White Avenue lobby from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ALL law students are eligible to vote. Christy Allen is chair of the Election Committee.

If you are interested in running for a SBA office, plan to attend a SBA meeting. The next meetings are Friday, February 5, at noon in Room 118 and Wednesday, February 10, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 118. Election petitions and information will be distributed at the February 5th meeting. Plan to attend the meetings and see the SBA in action! Get involved! Make a difference! Open positions include: President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, two 2nd-year Representatives, two 3rd-year Representatives, and six At Large Representatives.

The 1992-93 SBA officers will be happy to give you the low-down about the positions and responsibilities.

President: Victoria Bowling  
 Vice-president: Melissa Johnson  
 Secretary: Leah Gerbitz  
 Treasurer: Jason Hood  
 1L Reps: Ed Murphy and Howard Cleveland  
 2L Reps: Yolanda Mitchell and Mike Hill  
 3L Reps: Christy Allen and M.C. Holland  
 At Large Reps: Brian Addington, Rick Combs, Amy Haddad, Ray Hixson, Derek Crownover, and Chris Sockwell

## McWherter, Manning Lackadaisical With Library Lucre

The renovation of the George C. Taylor Law Center and the Law Library appeared to suffer a setback when Governor Ned McWherter suggested a study of library technology.

Governor McWherter believes that a study of computers and other technology should be carried out before funds are appropriated for the planned renovation, and State Finance Commissioner David Manning supported the governor's opinion.

"I think it would be very useful if the College of Law had the opportunity to benefit from that study before it is funded," Manning said.

However, according to a memorandum circulated by Richard S. Wirtz, Dean of the College of Law, the plan for the law library was developed through two years of investigation of new information technologies.

This investigation consisted of consultation with other law libraries, review of professional literature, and consultations with law library authorities George Grossman at the Northwestern University Law School, and Mickie Voges at Chicago-Kent Law School.

The study addressed the areas of information resources, reading rooms, faculty and staff offices, technical service space, and special purpose rooms to accommodate the incorporation of new technology into the law school.

The renovation plans were prompted by an accreditation visit by the American Bar Association in 1983. According to ABA reports, the law library was out of compliance with accreditation standards. Dean Wirtz, UT Administration and law alums are talking to Governor McWherter to keep the project on schedule.

**David Musich**



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