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MAY 1994

Calendar

May 1
Law Day U.S.A. 1994 "Just Solutions"
May 3 - 12
Examination Period
May 12
Hooding
May 13
Commencement
May 18 - 22
College of Trial Advocacy
May 19
Grades posted for First-Year Law Students at 5:00 p.m.
May 24
Registration for Summer Term
May 25
Classes begin
May 26
Grades posted at 5:00 p.m.
May 30
Open House for the Class of '97

Student Announcements

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Brian K. Krumm won the 1994 Harold A. Shertz Essay Award Contest. His essay, "High Speed Ground Transportation Systems: A Future Component of America's Intermodal Transportation Network?" was selected by the *Transportation Law Journal* Board of Governors to receive first prize. Brian won a cash prize and the essay will be published in an upcoming issue of the *Transportation Law Journal*. He is a third-year law student from Knoxville who will continue to work for TVA after graduation.

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1994 Judicial Clerks
David Canas* - with the Honorable Hewitt P. Tomlin, Jr., Tennessee Court of Appeals, Jackson
Sandy Copous - with the Honorable

David Welles, Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals, Nashville
Lesla Fugate - with the Honorable Joseph M. Tipton, Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals, Knoxville
Micki Griffin - with the Honorable Walter Kurtz, 20th Judicial District of Tennessee, Nashville
Amy Haddad* - with the Honorable Jerry Scott, Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals, Nashville
John Kea - with the Honorable Jerry Scott, Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals, Nashville
Myrlene Marsa - with the Honorable A.A. Birch, Jr., Tennessee Supreme Court, Nashville
Kim Mitchell - with the Honorable Richard Stair, Jr., U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Knoxville
Travis Parham - with the Honorable W. Frank Crawford, Tennessee Court of Appeals, Memphis
Elizabeth Price - with the Honorable Carolyn King, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Houston, Texas
Cynthia Richardson* - with the Honorable Gary Wade, Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals, Knoxville
Michael Stagg - with the Honorable Hewitt P. Tomlin, Jr., Tennessee Court of Appeals, Jackson
* pending funding

◆◆◆◆◆ Homeless Person Representation Project Earns Honor for Student Intern

Priscilla Brown, a College of Social Work intern at the Legal Clinic, has won the 1994 BSSW Student of the Year from the Knox Area Branch of the National Association of Social Work. She was nominated by Social Work classmates and two Social Work faculty. Her classmates were really interested in her work with the Legal Clinic because Priscilla has made a difference during her internship. She worked with homeless persons, the mentally ill, and clients at various shelters

in Knoxville. "Priscilla has worked very, very well with the law students in educating them about how the two professions can work together to solve problems," said Pam Wolf, an instructor for the Legal Clinic's Homeless Person Representation Project and Priscilla's supervisor, "and then effectively bring about solutions."

◆◆◆◆◆ Legal Clinic Work Study Honored!

Kirby Salton who has worked at the Legal Clinic since last May has been named Omega Phi Psi Fraternity's Man of the Year. He also served as the chapter president.

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James Hatmaker, Ray Hixson, and Elizabeth Price were honored for their academic achievement during the Chancellor's Honors Banquet, April 6.

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1994-95 Moot Court Board Officers
Chair: Bryan Larson
Vice-Chair: Holly Hollman
Secretary/Treasurer: Suzanne Sweet

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1994-95 TAPIL Officers
Vice President: Anna Friedberg
Treasurer: Richard Thornburgh
Secretary: Suzannah Kirk
Co-President of Fundraising: Theresa Willocks
Co-President of Community Service: Chris Taylor
Executive Committee: Ann Sartwell and Rob Rollins

The 1994 TAPIL Pledge Drive total is \$3,858.34!

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Bernard J. O'Connor, a.k.a. Father Bernie and mild-mannered third-year law student, presented a seminar recently at UT on handwriting analysis. He is a certified graphologist. Father Bernie also teaches a spirituality course at UT. When he graduates this month, he will add a J.D. degree to his doctorates in theology and canon law.

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Moot Court Has a Successful Year Banquet Highlighted Honors

The University of Tennessee College of Law recognized law students and faculty for participation in the 1994 Moot Court Program with a banquet Friday, April 6, at the Foundry on the World's Fair site. Awards were given to students and faculty for outstanding achievements during the year.

The Advocates' Prize Appellate Moot Court Competition finals were held March 17. The team of Dianne E. Lashmit and Suzanne M. Sweet won the 1994 competition. Suzanne was also named Best Oralist. Kevin J. Allen and Jane E. Anderson placed second in the competition. The Best Brief award went to the team of Suzanne S. Queen and Theresa C. Willocks. Scott W. Anderson and John M. Gensheimer won for Second Place Brief. All are second-year law students.

The team of Thomas P. Wilson, Jr. and Charles E. Young won the Tenth Annual Ray H. Jenkins Trial Competition on April 15. Chuck also won the Best Oralist Award in the Jenkins Competition. Shannon M. Flynn and Michael L. Gallion placed second.

The Vinson and Elkins Achievement Awards for Moot Court were presented to Jason P. Hood and Jane M. Stahl for Oral Advocacy; and to Michelle L. Gensheimer, K. Hollyn Hollman and Michael G. Stewart for Brief Writing. Michelle, Holly and Mike were members of the National Moot Court team and their brief placed second in the regional competition.

The Chancellor George Lewis Moot Court Board Award was presented to Jonathan Cole for his leadership and service to the College of Law's Moot Court program as its 1993-94 chair. E. Steele Clayton IV received the McClung Medal and the Phi Delta Phi Outstanding Moot Court Attorney Award. Both are awarded for outstanding proficiency in moot court. The Judith Turcott Special Service Moot Court Award was presented to Leah M. Gerbitz.

Two faculty members were honored by receiving the Forrest W. Lacey Award for Outstanding Faculty Contribution to the Moot Court Program. The award was presented to Professor Gary L. Anderson and Steven Oberman, an adjunct professor and a Knoxville attorney, for their work with the National Trial team.

Several law students were also elected to the Order of Barristers, a national honorary organization whose primary mission is to encourage oral advocacy and brief-writing skills through effective law school programs. A committee of Moot Court team faculty advisors selected E. Steele Clayton IV, Rhonda D. Fawbush, Leah M. Gerbitz, Ray H. Hixson, Jr., Jason P. Hood, Clarence Risin, Jane M. Stahl, and Michael G. Stewart. All are third-year law students.

Members of all eight teams were honored with certificates. They included: the National Trial team: Bridget Bailey, Jonathan Cole, Peter B. Halverstadt, Bryan E. Larson, Lori D. Lovin, Trenny Rogers Fuller, Lisa M. Sherrill, and Tina M. Treiss; the Environmental Law team: Hunt S. Brown, Leah M. Gerbitz, and Dallas T. Reynolds III; the Frederick Douglass team: Clarence Risin and Michelle Y. Jones; the Evidence team: Amy E. Haddad, Jason P. Hood, and David M. Sanders; the Constitutional Law team: Ray H. Hixson, Jr., Barbara W. Johnson, and Michele M. Johnson; the Labor Law team: Jeffrey L. Hill, Jane M. Stahl, and Joseph P. Sbuttoni III; and the National team: Michelle L. Gensheimer, K. Hollyn Hollman, and Michael G. Stewart.

The College of Law Moot Court program fielded eight teams this year. "We had great performances from all of our teams," said Jonathan Cole, 1993-94 Moot Court Chair "but the highlight of the year was the second place win by the tax team."

The University of Tennessee College of Law's Tax Moot Court Team placed second in the nation during the

national competition in Clearwater, Florida, January 19-23. Steele Clayton was named best oralist for the competition. The team's advisors were Professor Amy Hess and Timothy M. McLemore, an adjunct professor and local attorney. Team members were E. Steele Clayton, Rhonda Drinnon Fawbush and John C. Taylor. All are third-year law students.

The University of Tennessee College of Law's 1994 Constitutional Law Moot Court team reached the final four at the national competition in Williamsburg, Virginia, February 24-27. Team members Ray Hixson, Barbara Johnson and Michele Johnson were defeated in the semifinals by the University of Georgia. Georgia won the competition. Professor of Law Jerry J. Phillips served as the team's advisor. All the UT team members are third-year law students. "They bore themselves magnificently," said Professor Phillips.

The Jerome Prince Evidence Moot Court team competed in their national competition, March 16-20, at Brooklyn Law School in New York. The UT team won three rounds of the single elimination competition before being defeated in the quarter finals. Team members Amy Haddad, Jason Hood and Dave Sanders argued evidence issues from a suit in which a member of one church was charged with burning the property of a rival church. Professor Neil Cohen served as the team's advisor. "The team worked very hard and performed quite well in New York," said Professor Cohen. "Jason Hood, the senior member of the team, provided outstanding leadership to the team. The UT Community should be proud of these students."

The Labor Law Moot Court team competed in the Robert W. Wagner Memorial Labor Law Moot Court National Competition, March 16-21, at New York Law School. Team members Jeff Hill, Joey Sbuttoni and Jane Stahl made it to the quarter finals during the 40-team competition. Professor Pat Hardin served as the team's advisor. "The team was unusually talented," said Professor

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Hardin "and represented the school well."

A team of law students entered the Association of Trial Lawyers of America's National Trial Moot Court Competition in North Carolina this year. John M. Cooper, Randall J. Phillips, Keith D. Stewart, and K. Greg Williams represented the College of Law well in the competition. Harry L. Weddle III, a second-year law student, served as the team's advisor.

William M. Leech, Jr. was the featured speaker at the banquet and served as one of the judges for the 1994 Jenkins Competition. He is a former Attorney General of the State of Tennessee and is now with the Nashville law firm of Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis. Mr. Leech is also a 1966 graduate of the College of Law.

Moot Court chair Jonathan Cole also mentioned how proud the Board is of the law student participation in the Advocates' Prize and Jenkins Competitions this year due to extraordinary efforts of the competition coordinators. Steele Clayton, Rhonda Fawbush and Leah Gerbitz served as coordinators for the Advocates' Prize Competition. Twenty-four teams competed in the intraschool appellate competition. The Jenkins Competition also had twenty-four teams entered. Melissa Ashburn, Trenny Rogers and Tina Treiss served as Jenkins coordinators.

Dedicated to the Class of '94

Taylor Tidbit:
Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is ... a dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength for our nation.

John F. Kennedy
(1917-1963)

PDP Holds Spring Initiation and Banquet

The Roosevelt Inn Chapter of Phi Delta Phi held its annual initiation and banquet on April 10 at the Radisson Hotel. Professor Jerry Phillips opened the initiation ceremony with an invocation. International PDP President, Karl Mulvaney from Indianapolis, Indiana, presided. New inductees included: Rob Asbury, Albert Bart, Trace Blankenship, Greg Bowman, Angela Carico, Jennifer Clower, Sandy Copous, Melanie Davis, Laura Elkins, Chesney Falk, Donald Farinato, Joyce Francis, Mark Grayson, Angela Humphreys, Joe Johnson, Christine Jones, Linda McCain-Parsons, Jennifer Thompson, Chip Wilkins, Charles Williamson, and John Willis. Dean Larry Dessem was the faculty inductee.

Herbert S. Moncier was the featured speaker. His talk, "Caning; Three Strikes, You're Out; Fear; and Justice," was appreciated by the audience. He spoke about the war against crime in this country being waged because we are afraid of crime and no one is standing up for the rights of the citizenry because of this fear. Mr. Moncier, a 1970 UT law graduate, practices in Knoxville.

Wendy Proctor Addis presented service awards to first-year law students: Greg Bowman and Chesney Falk; second-year law students: Jane Anderson, Phil Burnette, Samyah Jubran, and David Skidmore; and third-year law students: Pete Halverstadt, Stephen Page and John Sholly. They had worked on such projects as Dismas House, the Phone-a-thon, the Mentor Program, and the Bench & Bar Speaker Series.

The new officers for 1994-95 are: Magister: Melanie Davis; Vice Magister: Rob Asbury; Exchequer: Greg Bowman; Clerk: Michael Farley; and Historian: Donald Farinato.

Personnel Particulars

Our condolences to Patty DeArmond, Law Library Specialist, on the death of her mother last month.

Our condolences to CJ Ottinger, Business Office, on the death of her father last month.

Jennifer Valentine organized an Earth Day clean-up for the College of Law on April 22. It was discovered that the biggest trash problem around good ole GCT is cigarette butts!

Jeremy Cohen, son of Professor Neil Cohen, has been elected Student Government Association President at Bearden High School for the 1994-95 school year.

Karla Thompson, daughter of Professor Jim Thompson (who is on leave) received her wings to fly C-135 tankers for the Air National Guard. Proud dad, Jim, pinned a pair of his wings on her during the ceremony. After graduating from a 13-month training program at Reese Air Force Base, she now continues to work toward her commission as a first lieutenant.

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Faculty Facts

Gary Anderson ...

... testified before the Judiciary Committee of the Tennessee General Assembly about a measure that would have preempted the recommendations of the Supreme Court's Post-Conviction Study Committee with respect to the processing of death penalty cases. His testimony defeated the measure and helped ensure that any change in the law in this area will be made as part of a considered judgment of the whole state scheme for post-conviction review.

Reba Best ...

... will serve as the College of Law Faculty Representative to the UT Faculty Senate.

Neil Cohen ...

... continues to work with the Tennessee Sentencing Commission in Nashville. ... coordinated a dinner with Nadine Strossen, President of the A.C.L.U., during her visit to the University in April. Several law faculty and students were able to talk with her informally before her debate on the problem of crime in our society with Daryl F. Gates, ex-Chief of Police for Los Angeles, California.

Judy Cornett ...

... will have her article, "The Treachery of Perception: Evidence and Experience in *Clarissa*," published in a special summer 1994 issue of the *University of Cincinnati Law Review* called "Recent Work in Law and Literature."

... attended the University of Cincinnati Law School's Robert S. Marx lecture in April and participated in a roundtable discussion following the lecture. The lecture was by James Boyd White.

... delivered a paper on "The World Within' Meets 'the World Without': Epistemology in *The Mysteries of Udolpho*" at the annual meeting of the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies in Charleston, South Carolina in March.

Jane R. Feaster, an Adjunct Professor, ... has become associated with the Knoxville law firm of Mason & Peterson.

Amy Hess ...

... has been named one of The University of Tennessee's National Alumni Association's Outstanding Teachers for 1994. She was chosen for her teaching abilities as well as for her professional image. She was presented the award at the Chancellor's Honors Banquet, April 6.

Mary Jo Hoover ...

... received The University of Tennessee's Teaching Council and Student Government Association Award for Excellence in Advising. She was presented the award at the Chancellor's Honors Banquet, April 6.

Carl Pierce ...

... presented "The Special Professional Responsibilities of the Corporate Counsel" at the Second Annual Tennessee Corporate Counsel Institute, April 28-29, in Memphis.

Dean Rivkin ...

... made a presentation to the annual meeting of the Tennessee Association of School Psychologists in Gatlinburg on April 15. The topic was "The Dynamics of Special Education Law and Advocacy."

New Director of Admissions and Financial Aid to join staff in June

Karen Reagan Britton will join the Administrative Staff of The University of Tennessee College of Law as the new Director of Admissions and Financial Aid in June. She replaces Sybil Richards who left in December to begin a solo law practice.

Ms. Britton received a B.S. with honors in 1976 and a Master of Science in 1978 from UT-K. While at UT, she was on the Panhellenic Council Executive Committee and served as the Director of Rushing Activities; was in the Student Government and served as Election Commissioner; was on the Graduate, Academic, and Undergraduate Alumni Councils; was on the Dean's Advisory Board; and was a Alpha Chi Omega sorority officer. Her honors included Mortar Board, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Scarabena Senior Society.

After graduation, Ms. Britton worked in the Department of Student Activities at UT-K as the Program Advisor and the Division of Continuing Education as the Coordinator of Conferences and Non-Credit Programs. She moved to Atlanta, Georgia in 1984 and worked at the Georgia Institute of Technology's Department of Continuing Education.

After returning to the Volunteer State later in 1984, she worked for Cobble Personnel in Knoxville as a Consultant. Since 1986, Ms. Britton has been the Director of Programs for Bass, Berry & Sims in Nashville.

She has held numerous leadership positions in the National Association for Law Placement, the National Law Firm Marketing Association, the Nashville Chamber of Commerce, and the Knoxville Dogwood Arts Festival.

- ◆ **TAYLOR TRIVIA:** Who on the
- ◆ faculty is a follower of the Dead and
- ◆ Learned Hand ... and has been
- ◆ known to jam with LH? **Answer to**
- ◆ **last month's Taylor Trivia:** Not
- ◆ only has our own Professor of Law
- ◆ Judy Cornett found errors in the Blue
- ◆ Book, but has called the publisher to
- ◆ inform them.

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1994-95 National Moot Court Team
Michelle Gensheimer
Jason Long
Bryan Larson

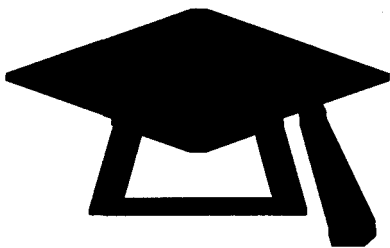


Michele M. Johnson, a third-year law student, has been awarded a two-year \$50,000 grant from Southern Community Partners for her to complete a project for the Legal Services of Middle Tennessee. The project is called the Children's Advocacy Project and will assist with the health and education needs of children. Southern Community Partners is funded by Lynhurst Foundation. Michele was chosen from a field of 96 applicants.

*Thank you
College of Law Community
for support of the
Allen Novak Auction!
Nearly \$2,500 was raised
for the fund!*

May Highlights

May 3- 12: Examination Period



Hooding of the Class of '94
Thursday, May 12
7:30 p.m.
Amphitheatre - World's Fair

Guest speaker:
The Honorable C. Riley Anderson
Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court

Valedictorian
Elizabeth C. Price

Reception following in the Holiday Inn/Convention Center Ballroom

May 30: Open House for the Class of '97