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ASSOCIATE DEAN'S PLANS GO AWRY

Associate Dean Lawrence Dessem's efforts to eliminate the persistent annoyance of skateboarders on the plaza fronting the law school by digging a twenty-five foot deep pit across the sidewalk were thwarted by officious interlopers who placed a large concrete box in the hole.

"I really felt for the guy," Dean Richard S. Wirtz, Dean of the College of Law said. "He took Basic Backhoe in UT Evening School last term and did quite well. I guess they're right. 'It's not too late to learn.'"

The Dean said that it was virtually impossible for the administration to think deep thoughts because of the constant distraction of skateboarders. A random sampling of the faculty confirmed that this was at least half right. The only objection to the Dessem strategem came from Director of Development Suzanne Livingood who feared that

the skateboarders probably included some influential alumni.

Wirtz said he was nevertheless proud of his Associate Dean whose efforts symbolized the vision and originality of his administration. He denied that Dessem's efforts had resulted in total failure. "We got those damn magnolias pruned, didn't we?" the Dean said.

FACULTY GIVES BLESSING TO BECOMING ENTERTAINMENT LAW CENTER

Following Tuesday's faculty meeting, Dean Richard S. Wirtz categorically denied that certain members of the faculty had been promised their own Mickey Mouse ears if they supported the addition of an entertainment component to the Center for Entrepreneurial Law.

"There is no truth to that at all," the Dean said.

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"Mouse ears are strictly for members of the administration, and perhaps Professor Lloyd, but I repeat myself."

According to the Dean, members of the faculty should be content with their Pilot Oil baseball caps and Clayton Homes windbreakers. "In fact," he said, "they better get used to them."

The Dean told the faculty that the new program would attract students to the college. To what was not made clear.

Meanwhile, Professor Lloyd, on assignment at Opryland, indicated that he had found several promising candidates for the Conway Twitty Chair of Excellence. "This will mean real diversity for the law school," Lloyd said. "As the Dean noted this morning, they don't dress like us."

Lloyd echoed the Dean's view that the Vanderbilt Law School did not appear threatened by the presence of GCT in Nashville. "The faculty I talked to were all smiles," Lloyd said.

LIBRARIANS DOWNSIZE COLLECTION

In anticipation of reduced stack space, the law library has placed in storage all but one set of the federal reporter system,

while retaining two sets of the regional reporters as well as the official state reports.

When a faculty member noted that the library now contained three copies of every decision of the Supreme Court of North Dakota and only one copy of every decision of the federal courts of appeal, Head Librarian William Beintema huffed, "Of course we could have taken an equal number of Northwestern Reports volumes from the shelves, but they're not as thick. It wouldn't have solved the problem."

Beintema said his staff was unanimous on the decision. He said there was no need to consult the law faculty "because we know what's best for GCT."

ADVISOR DISCONTINUED

Whittle Communications announced today that as part of its downsizing it was ceasing publication of *The Transition Advisor*. "It was just the last thing I had for Rukeyser and Giamatti to do," Chris Whittle, chief executive officer of Whittle Communications, said. "It had the dubious distinction of being the least talked about of all our publications. Perhaps we should have included ads."