KITCHEN KRIME KAUSES KOMPLETE KHAOS!

by Kaptain Kangarookourt

The I.U. Law School was shaken to its foundations last week when Dean Alfred Aman and Associate Dean Lauren Robel reluctantly called a press conference and announced a 500 per cent increase in student tuitions for the coming year. While Law School officials were initially reluctant to justify the outrageous fee hike, A.D. Robel, in yesterday's exclusive interview, told this reporter, "We're having some problem with silverware." When pressed for details, Robel grimly added, "Okay, it's not just the knives, forks and spoons-- there's plates, bowls, saucers, coffee cups, dishwashers, microwaves, stoves, overhead ovens and refrigerators! I give up! I'm at my wit's end! For the 29th time in the last year, somebody has stolen everything that wasn't bolted down from the 3rd floor faculty kitchen! Not to mention a whole lot of stuff that was bolted down!"

Professor Rob Fischman immediately stepped forward to confirm Robel's catastrophic statements. "Not only did the fiends make off with every place-setting," Fischman said, "the criminals took my Brita water pitcher! And I'd just put a new filter in!"

The entire state was soon up in arms, as the price tag on replacing faculty kitchen supplies for the last year alone has surpassed the million dollar mark. "Nothing would make me happier than restocking the kitchen with disposable cutlery," Dean Aman maintained, "but when you're holding a reception for one of the members of the Supreme Court, you just can't expect a Justice to eat off a paper plate with a plastic spoon! What would U.S. News & World Report say?!” Associate Dean Angela Lieurance was even more specific in her lamentations. "Just think about Alumni Weekend! Do you think we're going to get any financial contributions when we're serving our distinguished alums cocktail weenies on paper napkins that have the McDonald's logo on 'em?"

Although a few students were sympathetic to the administration's financial plight, a majority were something less than understanding. "Excuse me, but this is all coming out of my pocket!" complained one student. "You gotta be kidding me-- I've been living off Ramen noodles for the past two years, and the professors want china and silverware? Look, pal, I've been using the same pair of chopsticks for...

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15 months! exclaimed another student who asked not to be identified (note to Law School faculty members: in case you want to call on him for the rest of the semester, his name is Sam Slacker). In the midst of Dean Aman’s impromptu press conference, yet another student shouted out, “Sure, I’ll take the tuition hike! As long as I get a free A parking sticker!” A cohort of staff members and librarians hastily escorted said student to a nearby restroom for a spirited “swirly.”

When contacted for followup commentary, Professor Joe Hoffmann immediately said that he hoped “these isolated incidents of theft won’t lead to covert surveillance of the 3rd floor faculty kitchen or lie detector tests of any Law School employees, which would certainly violate the 4th and 5th Amendments, you betcha!”

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**THE NEW MILLENNIUM: LOOKING BACK**

*by Rhoda Rumormonger*

Just in case you were unconscious for the last six months (e.g., you’re a typical 3L), nearly every periodical in the country devoted at least an entire issue to recapping the momentous events of the 20th century and the second millennium A.D. through a series of meaningless lists. Since most of the staff of *Res Ipsa Jocular* is still recovering from a St. Patrick’s Day "retreat" to the Guinness Breweries in Ireland, the editor decided the best way to pad this issue of the newsletter, errr, celebrate the new millennium (yeah, that’s what we’re doing here! Ed.), would be to provide you with a number of "top ten" lists commemorating various aspects of I.U. Law School life. So to get the ball rolling, here’s our most momentous news stories from the first decade of this newsletter!

1990: Professor Conrad sets the scientific community on its ear by suggesting that after secretly writing the entire text of the U.S. Constitution, founding father James Wilson also formulated the theory of relativity and invented penicillin

1991: A Bloomington textbook store goes bankrupt after 100 1L students suddenly seek refunds for casebooks, nutsells, hornbooks and commercial outlines upon Professor Pratter’s announcement he will base all his contracts class on the case *Hadley v. Baxendale.*

1992: Dean Aman goes an entire day without using the word "global."

1993: Lured by a discarded piece of pizza, an army of squirrels invade the Law Library and hold Professor Greenebaum for ransom.

1994: Professor Cate reveals that all of his articles are written by a troop of rhesus monkeys chained to word processors.

1995: Professor Markell attempts to buy Cate’s monkeys.

1996: Professor Aviva Orenstein sues Sesame Street’s Big Bird for legal education malpractice when the friendly fowl incorrectly recites the exceptions to the hearsay rule.

1997: Professor Tanford and Community Legal Clinic Director Earl Singleton go platinum with their version of the Beatle song “Happiness Is A Warm Gun.”

1998: The Law School’s budget dips into the red when half of all profits from lucrative hidden camera "amateur adult video" sales are awarded to performers after Professor Leaffer opines "It doesn’t matter that no one knew you were filming everything that happened in the Library conference rooms--I’m sorry, but you’ve got to pay the students the same as actors!"

1999: The Law School outsources Library conference room hidden camera scheme to Bob Guccione and *Penthouse*; Associate Dean Robel quips, “Civil rights violations? Are you kidding me?! After the last few Supreme Court decisions, there’s no such thing!”

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**DYING DECLARATIONS**

*by Edward Imwinkelried*

Hey there, Mr. & Ms. I.U. Law Student! Ever open your mouth and say something you immediately regretted? Of course you have! Here are ten of the most ill-advised statements ever uttered by law students, just moments before they sank into a pool of their own ignominy.

10. "So what if I made up half the cites in my brief? Those App Ad judges aren’t gonna bother looking up all these silly cases!"

9. "Yo! I sit in the very back row-- Bradley will never notice I skipped Crim Pro for half the semester."

8. "Yeah, I know the cite-checking assignment is due Monday, but, what the heck, I’ll just head into the Library Sunday after dinner and I’ll have it all wrapped in time to watch *X-Files!*"

7. "Amortization, Professor Popkin? You mean, uh, like, Gomez’s wife in The Addams Family movies?"

6. "Prepare for class tomorrow? Are you insane? He called on me last week. Let’s order another pitcher."
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1. "So what if this nutshell is 7 weeks overdue? Jennifer Bryan at the Library is a pushover-- she wouldn’t dare charge me for a fine."
2. "Under arrest, Officer? See here, now! I'm a law student: I know my rights!"
3. "Professor Baude? What's the big deal about mud-flaps?"
4. "A-stickers? I don't need no stinkin' A-stickers! I can park anywhere I want!"
5. "Just between you and me, sir, no one here at I.U. pays any attention to grade point averages-- the fact of the matter is, your firm can’t do without me!"

PRO SE CAN YOU SEE
by The Law Library’s Reference Staff

Although the Law School Faculty ask us to find some pretty obscure legal information (e.g., Professor Popkin: "What did Chief Justice Marshall have for breakfast the morning he wrote the decision in Marbury vs. Madison?"), our pro se patrons present far greater challenges to the reference staff. Pro se patrons, who are representing themselves in court, frequently ask the kinds of difficult questions that make us absolutely relish Professor Gellis's requests for statistics on municipal bonds. Here are ten of the best.

10. In what states can I marry my first cousin?
9. I need First Amendment cases supporting my failure to pay a parking ticket as a form of political speech.
8. Can I get a temporary restraining order against the voices in my head?
7. Where can I find forms for a lease by a public university granting exclusive use of the Jordan River and Dunn Meadow to a private yacht club?
6. My four-year-old daughter wakes me up at 3 a.m. every morning with nightmares about Barney. Can I emancipate her yet?
5. In what states can I marry my sister?
4. I chopped off a piece of my husband’s anatomy when I found out he was cheating on me. Can I get the prosecutor to drop this silly criminal assault charge by telling him my spouse signed an organ donor card?
3. Is there any legal way a friend of mine who is not a law school professor can get a whole lot of silverware past an airport metal detector?
2. God appeared to me in a bottle of Jack Daniels’ and told me not to take that breathalyzer test-- don’t I have a freedom of religion case?
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FROM THE FROMM
by Studs Polka

As you can probably imagine, Dean of Students Len Fromm has gotten more than his share of unusual complaints and requests from the student body. Here’s the ten best, accordion to Dean Fromm.

10. Even though I don’t believe in substantive due process, scheduling Civil Procedure at 8 a.m. has got to violate some part of the Constitution!
9. So what if I flunked Legal Research? Once I’m an attorney, my firm will hire lots of guys to do all my research for me! Right? Right?
8. I kept raising my hand to answer questions in my Conflicts class-- I had no idea I was bidding on an antique armoire! Now Shreve is claiming I owe him $3000!
7. Make my Contracts prof stop using the Dawson & Harvey casebook: Learned Hand’s eyebrows are giving me panic attacks.
6. Why don’t you teach more practical classes at this school? Like, how to shop for BMWs or improving your putts?
5. Could someone please tell Professor Bethel that just because I went to Michigan, it’s not my fault they beat the stuffing out of Ohio State?
4. Why can’t Nick’s run the snack bar instead of Howie’s?
3. When I failed the Grammar Proficiency exam, Professor Crosson told me the only way I’d pass Legal Writing was to spend 10 hours cleaning out her alpaca stables-- isn’t that, like, involuntary servitude?
2. I’ve never been so embarrassed in my life! I tried answering Professor Bradley using some hand gestures I learned in Professor Conkle’s Con Law II class, and Bradley asked me if I was doing the Macarena!
1. Why do we even have to go to classes? Can’t you just teach everything over the web?

WORKING WITH TROWELS
by Harry Hand

Professor Joe Hoffmann stunned the Law School community this week when he announced his immediate resignation and his plans to depart this country. "While I have thoroughly enjoyed my years with Indiana University, some very lucrative commercial opportunities have left me no choice but to enter the private sector. I must admit I was reluctant to make this decision, but Dean Aman offered every encouragement when I explained the global nature of my pursuits." Although Hoffmann refused to provide any details as to the nature of his new career, this reporter has learned that the entrepreneurial crim pro
The Suggestion Box
Every month in this space, Library Associate Director Linda Fariss dons her asbestos-lined gloves and gingerly removes your comments from the Library's Suggestion Box. This month, in keeping with our "Top Ten List" theme, Ms. Fariss has graciously provided us with her favorite suggestions.

10. The guy in the carrel next to mine snores all the time. Could you please epoxy his mouth shut?
9. I can't ever remember the password to the Law School Exam File-- why don't you tattoo it on the desk attendants' foreheads for our convenience?
8. Could you do a better job sound-proofing the conference rooms? Last night the couple in the room next to mine kept me awake for three hours with the noises they were making!
7. Help! Half the books on the Law Journal carrel just fell over on me ... and I can't get up!
6. Please send me the name of your attorney-- I was down in the "Pit" and just got hit in the head by a two day-old Howie's all-seed bagel someone threw off the 4th Floor. P.S.: I'm willing to settle for 2.5 million dollars and a clerkship with William Rehnquist.
5. I am being held for ransom by the Library squirrel. Leave a jar of peanut butter in the Computer Lab at midnight. Whatever you do, don't call the Animal Shelter!
4. Who keeps erasing the Netscape bookmarks to porn sites I post on the Library computers?
3. I run an Internet porn site. I'll donate 5 per cent of my annual net if you let me install cameras in your conference rooms.
2. Okay, forget the 2.5 million dollars and the clerkship with Rehnquist. Could you simply turn my C in Civ Pro into an A star?
1. I know who you are. I know where you live. Subscribe to The Detroit Free Press ... or else.

A STAR-GAZER: HOROSCOPES FOR LAW STUDENTS

ARIES - Your future is almost as dim as you are. If you haven't bought the Gilbert's for all your classes, now may be the time.
TAURUS-If you’re taking anything related to commercial law this semester, do your professor and your classmates a favor: shut up and stop volunteering all the time.
GEMINI-Wasting away your life on the Internet may be fun, but get a clue-- spend less time on www.espn.com and a lot more time on LEXIS or WESTLAW.
CANCER-Remember that B706 project you started last year? Sorry to tell you this, chump: you've got five weeks until graduation and you haven’t written a paragraph!
LEO-Better stock up on coins-- the change machine on the Ground Floor is going to reject your dollar bills for the next month.
VIRGO-April is going to be a totally disastrous month for you ... perhaps you should consider putting your name in the CLS prayer box.
LIBRA-Even worse than poor Virgo-- your run of bad luck lasts for the entire semester. Find out if Sherrilyn McCoy-Lawrence accepts bribes.
SCORPIO-The accent is on romance for you this month: avoid the Library conference rooms at all costs!
SAGITTARIUS-Your mailbox is filled with ding letters from the firms with whom you interviewed-- resign yourself to spending the summer at Kilroy's.
CAPRICORN-The stars say "Make yourself scarce." When Professor Heidt finds those three missing Oscar Award statues in his office, he'll blame it on someone born between December 22 and January 19.

AQUARIUS-The water sign, eh? Are you the one who's been wreaking havoc with the Law School's plumbing system?
PISCES-This month will have a lot of ups and downs for you ... and that should tell you not to get on the Law School elevator unless you have a really good health insurance plan.

FROM THE AUTHORS OF THE NEWSLETTER

As we wrap up yet another year’s edition of Res Ipsa Jocular, the editorial staff would like to leave you with a list of things they would’ve enjoyed doing instead of laboring over this newsletter.

10. Chasing vicious attack squirrels through the Library stacks.
9. Getting called on every day for a month in Torts by Professor Dworkin.
8. Writing the next edition of the Harvard Bluebook.
7. Root canals.
6. Taking a high-speed Professor Stake pancake straight between the eyes.
5. Retaking the bar exam.
4. House-breaking Professor Cate’s monkeys.
3. House-breaking Professor Cate’s elephant.
2. Bungee-jumping the Library atrium.
1. Interviewing I.U. basketball coach Bob Knight for an upcoming biography of Neil Reed.

Happy April Fool’s Day!