Revelations of radical policy and personnel changes continue to rock the Law School community. You want the truth? You can't handle the truth! So here are just a few of the stories your hard-working Res Ipsa Jocular staffers whipped up at the behest of I.U.'s Central Office of Disinformation.

Top story-- Bryan Hall remains silent on the subject of Dean Aman's replacement. "While we deeply regret Fred's announcement that he will join Def Leppard on their farewell tour, we do realize this is the opportunity of a lifetime," announced I.U. President Myles Brand. "And, no, we will not be hiring Rudy Giuliani to take Dean Aman's place." When asked if former I.U. basketball coach Bob Knight was a candidate for the job, Brand growled, "No $#*!ing way, fool." So our reporters polled Law School faculty members on the subject of Bobby Knight as Law School Dean, but we got very mixed results. "Hey, didn't Knight recruit a German and a Colombian?" said Assistant Dean Scott Palmer. "This would be a great boost for our international program!"

Recorder Sherrilyn McCoy-Lawrence also gave the fiery coach high marks. "Bobby would certainly whip our faculty into shape. No more late grades!" "I have to admit that I strongly approve of Coach Knight's attendance policies-- they're more stringent than mine," confided Professor Craig Bradley. "Any unexcused absences, and you ride the bench!" When asked if that meant truant students would get a seat next to Chief Justice William Rehnquist, Bradley replied, "Let me get back to you on that."

Some faculty members were less enthusiastic. "Bob Knight as Dean?" exclaimed Professor Jeanine Bell. "Are you out of your mind? My subject is hate speech-- have you ever heard the stuff that comes out of that man's mouth?!" "Not even if he agreed to wear mud-flaps," added Professor Pat Baude. Professors Don Gjerdingen and Roger Dworkin presented a novel approach to the deanship question in their recent article, Splitting Heirs: Why We Should Clone Fred.

In the meantime, Law School administrators had their hands full with rumors concerning Dean Aman's decision to step down. "Fred's been looking for a good drum gig for a long time. Bear in mind that we almost lost him to R.E.M. last year," stated Associate Dean Lauren Robel. "But Fred is a big heavy metal fan-- this has nothing whatsoever to do with the University's rejection of our global initiative for students to make their tuition payments in euros," "Euros?" muttered Assistant Dean for Budget and Operations Mark Hilycord. "How I am supposed to pay all these bills in euros?"

News Bulletin: Native Hoosier and late night television host David Letterman has terminated contract negotiations with I.U., and will remain with CBS. "If those jerks wouldn't admit me as a law school student thirty years ago, why should I want to be Dean?" demanded an angry Letterman. "Sure, I wanted the job, but Rob Fischman complained that one of our Stupid Pet Tricks involving a spotted owl violated the Endangered Species Act. And whenever I want to tape something, I have to give Beth Plev 48 hours' notice? I don't think so!"

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Prize-winning vocalists David and Susan Williams revealed they will be donning wigs, beaded gowns and leisure suits, and taking their act on the road. "Until a few weeks ago, we never realized how many baby boomers out there missed The Sonny & Cher Show," Susan Williams confessed. "This was a very difficult decision," admitted David Williams, "but what would you rather do-- teach all that substantive due process stuff, or sing I Got You, Babe? Oh, and by the way, Cherokee Nation will not be on our set list." When asked how closely the couple would emulate the Bonos’ career paths, Susan confided, "I will not get the tattoos, David is planning a run for Congress, I will be starring in several motion pictures, we are not renaming any of children "Chastity," and I have filed a permanent restraining order against Greg Allman." "And most important of all," David Williams said, "I promise to stay off the ski slopes." In other entertainment news, Professor David Fidler would neither deny nor confirm reports he would be starring in a musical version of the classic television drama, Burke's Law. "There could be a germ of truth to that story," was all that Fidler had to say.

Totally Unrelated: The whereabouts of Library Director Colleen Pauwels still remain unknown.

Res Ipsa’s most reliable informants report Director Pauwels was whisked away last January and has joined the top secret U.S. shadow government. "You tell me-- Colleen Pauwels, Colin Powell, what’s the difference?" asked an unnamed source. "We’re gonna need a Secretary of State no matter what happens, right?"

More Media News: Due to the overwhelming number of law students using cellular phones, the Kirkwood Observatory is being converted into a satellite dish. "We were thinking of putting a radio tower in The Pit," said Electronic Services Librarian Peter Hook. "But some of our old fogey reference staff were whining about throwing away all those useless books down there." In an effort to make the Kirkwood dish more aesthetically pleasing, Professor Cathy Crosson will personally crochet it with alpaca yarn.

Extra Exclusive: Good Taste Maven Martha Stewart has agreed to take over the defunct Law School's snack bar. "When law students get hungry, they expect something more than potato chips and Doritos. They want tables decorated with the school colors, cream and crimpson, and the school plant, frangipani, or whatever the heck that is. They want silk napkins, Gilberts' outlines with a dash of wasabi, and a personal palm pilot that will give them the latest sports scores and day-trading figures. And that's a good thing!"
Scorpio-- ILAC Supervising Attorney Bob Beck has explicit instructions to take you on a tour of the federal pen at Terre Haute and leave you there. Perhaps you should start planning how to pay your library fines?

Sagittarius-- Get the professional help you so desperately need. Not even law journal cite-checkers have nightmares about the Bluebook.

Capricorn-- Remember Professor Tanford’s skeet-shooting party you bought at the Womens’ Law Caucus auction? The reason he’ll be laughing so hard is that you’ll be firing at the videotapes from your Trial Techniques class, and not clay pigeons.

Aquarius-- Professors Hicks, Buxbaum, and Gellis have been reading the testimony from the Enron hearings, and are about to blow the whistle on your “partnerships” with Andrew Fastow and Jeffrey Skilling-- have you ever considered practicing law in the Cayman Islands?

Pisces-- No one has ever won a slip-and-fall case against Indiana University, so the next time you walk into Professor Scanlan’s office, carry a flashlight.

By Miss Cleo

SUGGESTION BOX

Every month in this space, Library Associate Director Linda Fariss courageously tries to answer the vicious vipers whose antisocial tendencies force them to stuff the Suggestion Box with their malicious missives and regressive requests (Mr. Suggestion Box was an English major, but Professor Goodman keeps telling him the courts are not impressed by alliteration.) This month, however, Librarian Fariss was otherwise engaged hiring private detectives to monitor the library restrooms, so Res Ipsa asked Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld to answer your questions!

Q: Why does the library need restroom monitors?
A: That information is being distributed on a need-to-know basis, and you don’t need to know. Believe me-- you don’t want to know.

Q: Hey, while we’re on the subject of restrooms, what’s up with the toilet paper and paper towels at the law school? It’s like sandpaper, man!
A: The FBI and the CIA determined that softer paper products produce a powdery white substance that could be mistaken for anthrax spores or, worse yet, shredded chad from those Florida presidential election ballots. This administration thinks a moment’s discomfort is worth the knowledge that your government’s looking after your security … don’t you?

Q: Sweet, dude.
A: Word.

Q: But something’s still jiggly with these restrooms. What’s with those plastic boxes on the wall? Some of my friends tell me they squirt out pre-programmed doses of designer scents like “Bitter Apple,” "Orange Blossom," and "Eau de Sirica." Whatever. Me? I think those things are surveillance cameras. And I’ve got this sneaking suspicion those so-called designer stenchers are mind-control chemicals!
A: Yeah? Well, here’s the administration’s latest assessment on you. (1) You’ve been watching too many episodes of “X-Files.” (2) We’re not using enough “Eau de Sirica.” (3) Try passing a bar exam, chucklehead. (4) Think twice the next time you’re watching a professional football game and eating pretzels. Word, dude: Heimlich maneuver. (5) Some very thorough friends of mine will be waiting for you whenever you go to the airport again. (6) How much do you really know about military tribunals? BWAAAAAAA!

Q: Uhhhh, hey, Mr. Secretary-- you’re the bomb!
A: Got that right, homey.
**WORKING WITH TROWELS**

Professor Emeritus Douglass Boshkoff has recently been named acting judge in the K-Mart bankruptcy proceedings. Due to his busy new schedule, Boshkoff will no longer be able to keep regular office hours. "My contracts students will always be able to know when I'm here, though," said Boshkoff. "Just look for the flashing blue light outside my door."

Last week, Professor Bob Heidt revealed that matinee movie idol Russell Crowe was, for a very short time, enrolled in his Torts class as a part-time student in 1985. "I asked Mr. Crowe about the facts in the Tarisoff decision," recalled Heidt. "The man wouldn't shut up! He just kept droning on and on, and before I knew what was happening, he started reciting T.S. Eliot's The Wasteland. When I interrupted him and asked how "a little life with dried tubers" affected the legal obligation of duty, he went absolutely beserk and began screaming something about his "misunderstood genius." Then? He started hitting me with a Barbie doll made up to look like Meg Ryan. Oh, the humanity!" (Hollywood director Ron Howard has asked the editors of *Res Ipsa Jocular* not to print this story before balloting for the Oscar's Best Actor Award. Unfortunately, he did not pay the editors well enough!)

Professor Jeff Stake adamantly denies rumors that he was inducted into The International House of Pancakes' "Hall Of Fame" by paying off the French judge with a large bag of dimes. "I earned that award on the merits of my performance," insists Stake. "Who else could sing The Rule in Shelley's Case to the tune of Meme, errrr, Mame?"

**JUST A REMINDER**

Over Spring Break, Bloomington Chancellor Sharon Brehm sold the Law School to local developer Jerry Gates, who will be converting the facility into luxury midtown condos. All future law classes will be distance education sessions taught on computer by animatronic figures Professors Ken Dau-shrek and Steve ComRAD.

**ADDITIONAL REMINDER**

After reviewing the Indiana General Assembly’s failure to repair the state educational budget and the school's new distance education initiative, Associate Dean of Students Len Fromm strongly suggests next year's students consider selling any spare body parts so they can pay for the "adjusted" 2002-2003 technology fees. Look on the bright side, folks—Professors Bill Popkin and Peter Van Zante have told this reporter that sales of vital organs can greatly reduce your tax base and may even offset any student loans over $250,000!

**LIBRARY BOOK SALE!**

Thanks to the new distance education initiative, all books in the Law Library must go! Okay, so you never opened a book once you got your LEXIS and Westlaw passwords-- but your future clients won't know that your only research skills are "click and drag," will they? So why not impress them by stocking your new office with an entire set of the U.S. Reports and the Harvard Law Review? Volumes are going for as little as a penny a piece! Acquisitions Librarian Dick Vaughan will even deliver your purchases in the dumptruck of your choice! "And remember," says Vaughan, "a five-inch layer of microfiche insulation can cut your heating bills by seventy five per cent!"

**LAST WORDS** by Hadley V. Baxendale

The editors of *Res Ipsa Jocular* would like to dedicate this issue to their dear friend and mentor on law and comedy, Professor Emeritus Harry Pratter. Laughing at the law just won't be the same without you to show us how, Harry. Au revoir, as we say in Law French.