Waves of confusion and consternation rocked the I.U. Law School this week! So what else is new, you ask? Faculty, students, and administrators alike were utterly dumbfounded Monday when the F.B.I. announced it was placing crusty torts and crim pro wizard, Professor Emeritus Tom Schornhorst, on the Bureau's Ten Most Wanted List. While the handful of 3Ls fortunate enough to survive Schornhorst's brutal verbal flayings were heard to mutter, "It's about damn time," most members of the Law School community greeted the shocking news with a guarded mixture of apathy and whimsy. "How remarkable," opined fellow criminal procedure tyro Craig Bradley. "To the best of my knowledge there are no federal laws criminalizing the use of the Socratic Method as a deadly weapon, but, hey--I think it would make a great new book!" (Note: Bradley later expressed "deep regret" when, some two hours after his statement, Professor Fred Cate's team of specially trained monkeys produced a ten-volume treatise on the same subject.)

Much to the dismay of law students all across the nation, however, there is no reference to the Socratic Method in Title 18 of the U.S. Code. According to F.B.I. Special Agent Gordon Cole, the charges levelled against the Hemingwayesque scholar are far more serious. "Since his so-called retirement to the southern seaboard, Professor Schornhorst, has embarked on his most perilous journey yet," screamed Agent Cole. "He's become a freaking pirate, and I'm personally going to lynch the maniac!"

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According to Justice Department news reports, Schornhorst, now going by the aliases "Tom the Terrible" and "Whitebeard," has been named as the prime suspect in at least a dozen separate acts of piracy off the Louisiana-Alabama coasts during the past ten months. Last August, Schornhorst boarded a schooner rented by group of vacationing law students on a three-hour tour. "At first he just mumbled something about looking for a fax machine so he could send a last-minute appeal to the Seventh Circuit," explained one of the shaken passengers, "but then he found a crate of Gilberts in the hold, and he went absolutely berserk! It was horrible! He made us recite passages from the Model Penal Code until we lost consciousness!" Two months later, Whitebeard rammed his yacht, which he'd rechristened "The Reasonable Man," into a fishing boat owned by a former U.S. Supreme Court clerk. "Had I known Schornhorst was sailing these waters, I never would've painted Scalia's face on the bow," said the hapless victim. "That madman actually keelhauled me and kept shouting 'This is what happens to he who denies Whitebeard his wit of cettioriarii!'" Although inactive during the winter off-season, Schornhorst was back in action during the last few weeks as law students flocked to warmer climes for Spring Break. Time and again, he singled out pleasure craft hired by wannabe attorneys, depriving his prey of their study aids and self-confidence. "He threatened to make me walk the plank unless I could tell him at least five exceptions to the hearsay rule. When I said 'Not Prepared,' I thought he was going to throw me to the sharks! I thought my number was up, but he spared me when I told him I was related to Irving Younger. Some of my classmates weren't so lucky ...

What does Tom the Terrible have to say about the charges pending against him? In a terse email sent to his former colleagues at the I.U. School of Law, Schornhorst claimed "there isn't one shred of credible evidence connecting me with these crimes-- and I should know! The arrest warrants are all defective, and these punk law students were simply overreacting. Heck, I was just tweaking their ears! Sure, I teased a few kids, but what do you expect? They were all wearing those stupid balleps!"

So, is Professor Emeritus Schornhorst guilty of the crimes with which he's been charged? "Who knows? Who cares?" growled Professor Terry Bethel, who was recently seen posting the skull and crossbones on his office door. "I'm thinking of joining him!" While it is for a judge and jury to decide Schornhorst's fate, this reporter is inclined to sympathize with Whitebeard and sing "Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum! Let's nail a LL to the mizzenmast, Cap'n!" [Reporter's note: For the sake of journalistic honesty, I must admit personal bias may have tainted this story, as Professor Schornhorst once gave me the top grade in Crim Pro 1-- thanks for that B minus star, Tom!]

POP QUIZ:
REAL-LIFE SURVIVAL SKILLS

The month of April means final exams, and to help you hone your rusty test-taking abilities, we've prepared this ultimate challenge to your grasp of the educational and professional legal cultures. Successful completion of this exam should demonstrate to you that, while you are thoroughly prepared for the rigors of lawyering, you've wasted a lot of time not studying for your upcoming finals and your chances of sitting for the bar are negligible at best. If that isn't warning enough, good luck on the quiz!

1. Before settling down for a long snooze in the Library, you should:
   a. Wipe the peanut butter off your lips so you aren't attacked by squirrels
   b. Spray yourself with insecticide so you don't wake up with more fleas than the Taco Bell chihuahua
   c. Glue your shoes to your feet
   d. Pay your overdue fines so Head of Circulation Jennifer Bryan doesn't have to come around and harvest your liver while you're unconscious

2. The Number 1 health hazard law students face is:
   a. Curvature of the spine from lugging around all those casebooks in their backpacks
   b. Anaemia from selling too much blood so they can buy a set of Gilberts and Casebriefs for every class
   c. Skull fractures from banging their heads against the glass display case on the Ground Floor whenever grades are posted
   d. Being trampled by the parade of children Aviva Orenstein leads through the Law School every Halloween

3. The most important thing you can do before an interview for a summer job is:
   a. Take Career Services Director Kathy Austin's advice and lose the nose ring
   b. Quote extensively from a law journal note your interviewer wrote while he or she was a student
   c. Not quote extensively from any attorney
malpractice action in which the interviewer was involved

d. Be able to walk into the interview and say, "Hi, Dad!"

4. The best way to obtain fast and efficient reference assistance in the Library is to:

a. Tell Foreign & International Librarian Ralph Gaebler baseball hasn't been the same since Robin Youn retired
b. Tell Government Documents Librarian Marianne Mason G.P.O. Access is the greatest thing since sliced bread
c. Tell Collection Development Librarian Keith Buckley you just bought a copy of his CD at a local record store
d. Tell Electronic Services Librarian Juliet Smith the Cubs are definitely going to win the pennant this year

5. Which of the following professors has contributed the most to your understanding of the law?

a. Dan Conkle and his amazing hand gestures used to explain the First Amendment
b. Pat Baude and his photographic memory for every mudflap mentioned in a Commerce Clause case
c. Doug Boshkoff, who actually woke you up once by climbing on top of a lectern
d. Roger Dworkin and his incredible six octave vocal range when you couldn’t provide the facts in that torts case

6. Cite-checking is nature's way of punishing:

a. Gunners who got the A stars instead of you
b. 2Ls who'd rather be at Nick's
c. Anyone who ever said "Who needs books? Everything's on the Internet now!"
d. The Law Library reference staff

7. While working on your first case at your new firm, the last thing you should tell a senior partner is:

a. "Hey, if it's not on the Internet, I can't find it"
b. "Gosh, I wish I'd known there was a $500 research cap on this file before I spent 30 hours on LEXIS"
c. "Statutes? What are those?"
d. "Shepardize this!"

8. 3Ls who discover they've logged more hours at Nick's than in the classroom:

a. Will be granted safe passage if they ever run into Whitebear in the Caribbean
b. Are on first-name basis with most of the attorneys in Bloomington
c. Are getting tired of tripping over the bodies of 2Ls lying on the floor at Nick's
d. Might want to consider buying a nice fresh liver from Head of Circulation Jennifer Bryan

9. The best way to safeguard your professional earnings as an attorney is:

a. Invest in Professor Joe Hoffmann's Kazakhstan oil futures scheme
b. Invest in the travel agency handling Dean Alfred Aman's account
c. Invest in the service station where Professor Bill Hicks gets his car fixed
d. Tell Assistant Dean Angela Lieurance "the check is in the mail" when she calls during an alumni fund-raising drive

EXTRA-CREDIT VISUAL QUESTION: This is the expression on your face after:

a. Professor Bob Heidt tells one of his lawyer jokes
b. One of Professor Cathy Crosson's alpacas bites you
c. You go into the Recorder's Office to ask about your grades and Sherrilyn McCoy-Lawrence falls out of her chair laughing
d. Len Fromm tells you how many hours you need to graduate on the day before Commencement

Answer Key: 1. (c) 2. (c) 3. (d) 4. (d) (Oh, c'mon, you can lie a little, can't you?) 5. (d) is a trick response- Professor Dworkin's vocal range is actually seven octaves) 6. (d) 7. (d) 8. (c) 9. (None of the above—you should send all of your money to the Res Ipsa staff and let them invest it for you) Extra-credit question (Also none of the above—this was the expression on your face after your first day of law school)
WORKING WITH TROWELS

Perhaps you’ve noticed the extra furniture that appeared in the Law Library over Spring Break. (Or perhaps you’ve been too busy cramming for finals and visiting a rehab center to recover from the effects of Spring Break?) This month, Library Director Colleen Pauwels explains the exciting new changes that will be taking place in the Law School this spring and summer.

Renovation of the Faculty Library: During Phase One of the construction, this luxuriously appointed facility will be dismantled, which, unfortunately, means Kevin Brown will have to find somewhere else for his weight-lifting equipment, and Alex Tanford and Earl Singleton will have to close their target-shooting range. In Phase Two, a circuit of artificial turf will be installed around the perimeter of the present Faculty Library so Don Gjerdingen has somewhere to train for the New York marathon. Consultants from the San Diego Zoo are scheduled to arrive in early May to design a new habitat for Fred Cate’s monkeys and will be followed by a team from the Army Corps of Engineers, who’ve been hired to install an artificial white-water stream for Rob Fischman and Acquisitions Librarian Dick Vaughan. We expect the renovations to be completed by early August after contractors have finished walling off a small, dark, sound-proof room in which the reference staff can hide whenever Ken Dau-Schmidt calls down for a bibliography or Ann Gellis asks for some statistics.

Renovation of the Floors: The search for an affordable replacement floor surface has been difficult and has involved an indictment for industrial espionage. I would like to thank the law students who proposed that we use "the bones of non-law library patrons," but we are exploring other alternatives. Several people have suggested we replace the current parquet floor with wood from the court surfaces at Assembly Hall since the basketball team doesn’t seem to care about it, but those suggestions did come from Purdue graduates. Three of our own faculty members may have the answer: Lauren Robel has generously donated several tons of unpublished Circuit Court opinions to the Library, Bill Oliver has given us a large quantity of Camelot Mead, and Jeff Stake is providing us with a box of Bisquick, so we plan to replace the current floor with a tasty coating of papier mache. John Applegate has, however, expressed environmental concerns about this plan because Stake’s Bisquick has passed its expiration date.

Renovation of the Library: For reasons none of us can quite explain, the Law Library has become infested with these strange foreign objects known as "books." Since neither students nor faculty members seem to have any use for such arcane items, a firm specializing in hazardous waste removal will be ridding the Library of the noxious objects this summer. The Library will then be turned into a giant computer cluster so that students can check their email and sports web-sites to their hearts’ content. We will also be building a series of small, dark, sound-proof rooms in which the reference staff can hide whenever Bill Popkin calls to ask what happened to our collection of early American statutes ...