BUSINESS AS USUAL: GIANT INSECTS INVADE SCHOOL!

by Orson Buggy

Panic, horror, and enniui ripped through the Indiana University School of Law last week as thousands of cockroaches the size of Black’s Law Dictionary roamed through these hallowed halls, terrorizing faculty, students and staff alike. Even though munitions experts Alex Tanford and Earl Singleton stated that they didn’t have the stopping power to bring down the menacing beasts, Dean Lauren Robel refused to put the Law School on Code Red Alert. "The cockroaches have not actually attacked anyone," Robel stated at an impromptu assembly of the very nervous Law School community. "They were drawn here by the food that’s been left out during all the recent special events we’ve had. The insects are simply accosting people for free grub, preferably quiche or croissant. We tried placating them with some extremely stale bagels left over from Howie’s, but that only antagonized them. So, just to be on the safe side, be on your guard the next time Assistant Dean for Career Services Rachel Keamye throws a pizza party."

Fischman later exclaimed, "One of those hideous creatures mistook my Brita pitcher for a bottle of and destroyed it!" Fischman admitted that he didn’t have a clue as to the origins of the cockroaches, but his next-door office neighbor David Williams was more than culprit. "It’s Buttercup Conk’s voice, I tell you!" insisted Williams. The amplified sound of that ungodly racket causes profound genetic damage! Why, just this morning, one of Cathy Crosson’s alpacas gave birth to an M.B.A. Oh, the humanity!"

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"After his performance last year, David has a lot of nerve making that kind of accusation," Professor Dan Conkde archly observed. "An unimpeachable source has told me that Cher heard a copy of David and Susan singing "I Got You" and sent David a pair of skis."

"Williams may have a point," remarked Professor Fred Cate as he attempted to repel an enraged cockroach with a volley of stuffed animals.
"Ever since the PILF fundraiser, all my monkeys have been able to write are passages from Kafka. If this keeps up, I'm going to bring Tobi in to work with me and have her stomp these bugs out." Asked how you get an elephant into law school, Cate muttered, "I am not going there."

NEW PLAN HELPS SLASH TUITION FEES

When returning I.U. law students line up to register for classes next fall, they'll be seeing some new faces: a team of transplant surgeons who will happily remove any spare organs in return for very lucrative fee remissions. "Given everyone's economic woes these days, we thought it was high time we offered students some exciting new form of supplemental funding," explained Director of Financial Aid, Jim Schutter. "And what could be more exciting than getting an entire semester's fees covered in exchange for a kidney?" "We're not just talking about tuition, though," chimed in Recorder Sherrilyn McCoy-Lawrence. "If students are willing to forego anaesthesia, they'll also get a 25 percent discount on their textbooks!"

Under a reciprocal agreement that was hastily stitched together with the Jack Kevoian Organ Banking Clinic, students will have a wide variety of options, including no computer fees for a cornea and unlimited laser printing anywhere on campus for a viable lobe of liver. ("The emphasis is on the word viable for the liver program," Dean of Students Len Fromm reminded this reporter, "so a number of 3Ls probably won't qualify.") "We're putting a great offer on the table for our new incoming 1Ls," boasted Assistant Dean of Admissions Kevin Robling. "A free ride for three years, your entire lawschool career paid for, and all for just a set of heart and lungs! Why, I know plenty of probate lawyers who could easily handle their current case load on a heart-lung bypass machine!"

"While I like the new program from a cost-benefit analysis perspective," said Professor Jeff Stake, "I've got to take issue with Kevin about career futures in probate law. I've yet to encounter a student on a Jarvik 7 who could handle the rule against perpetuities. Now, a personal injury practice would be another story. You could just rubber stamp demand letters to insurance companies all day!"

Some faculty members were a bit less enthusiastic about the revolutionary financial aid package. "This is absolutely preposterous!" exploded Professor Roger Dworkin. "Giving someone the heart of a law student isn't just negligence per se, it's battery!"

On a related note, Fromm noted that students who don't wish to take the organ harvesting option may wish to speak to another newface at registration, Peter Francis Geraci. "Talking to him now before the bankruptcy laws protecting credit card companies change could save you a lot of time and money," quipped Professor Douglass Boshkoff.
REALITY SHOW MADNESS HITS THE LAW SCHOOL

In the face of possible state budget cuts, Director of Development Tim Hightower recently announced it had entered into negotiations with several networks for rights to a new reality-based show set in the I.U. Law School. "Fox, CBS and NBC are all interested, and the deals look great," Hightower said. "Warner approached us as well but, I mean, hey- who do you know that watches the Frog?"

Here are some of the projects under consideration. "CBS wants a new theme for Survivor, so we came up with Survivor: The Citation Exercise!" Hightower explained. "The idea was you force teams of starving law students to Shepardize a bunch of cases, but they can't use LEXIS or Westlaw! They have to do it the primitive way, with paper! Unfortunately, that one didn't pan out. We had Professors Sophia Goodman and Laura Daghe try it out on their classes, and the students ended up transferring to an unaccredited school."

Although he couldn't provide specifics about his best shot, a pilot for Fox called "America Chooses the American Idol An A Star," Hightower did say, "Look, we know letting the viewing public select who gets the top grade in a class based on the student's appearance, poise and stage presence has nothing to do with what happens in reality, but we're talking about a $10 million dollar contract with Murdoch, okay?"

In a related story, Professor Joe Hoffmann has admitted to this reporter that Evan "Joe Millionaire" Marriott contacted him about enrolling in the Law School's LL.M. program. "Evan told me that after he broke up with Zora and he finished the Mariah Carey videos, he wanted some new adventure in his life and he thought law school was the answer. I told him he definitely needed professional help. He then asked me if I thought the woods behind the observatory or a conference room would be a better place to audition a "study-buddy" and I told him to take a hike."

by Harry Hand
HIT OR HARM? THE DEBATE CONTINUES

In spite of the storm of controversy (see this issue's lead story), Professor Dan Conkde is allegedly considered going pro and taking his musical act on the road. "If former Dean Fred Aman can get a gig with R.E.M. replacing Bill Berry, I don't see why I can't replace the police guy or the fireman guy from Village People. Did you see me doing "Y.M.C.A.?" Dude, I rocked. After all, I've been practicing those hand movements for twenty years! If The Village People don't want me, I'm going to ask my business manager, Assistant Dean for Finance and Administration Mark Hilycord, to book me on a retro bubblegum tour. "Build Me Up, Buttercup" was only the beginning! Wait until you hear my version of Tommy James and the Shondells' "Crimson and Flowcharts!" I'm also getting in tune with the whole rap scene--I've watched "8 Mile" at least a dozen times!

"I don't want to hurt Dan's feelings," said Professor Ann Gellis, who occupies the office directly across the hall from Conkde, "but sitting here and seeing him try to bust a move is more like watching "The Ring" ... you know you'll be dead several days later."

"It's jealousy, I tell you," Conkde bitterly complained after this reporter told him about Gellis's summary judgment, not to mention Professor Jeannine Bell's opinion that he was committing hate speech merely by attempting to sing. When asked about reports that U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft was going to list him as a "vocalist of mass destruction," Conkde muttered, "See? Bradley used his connections with Chief Justice Rehnquist to do that after I told him his act couldn't hold a candle to mine!" Our interview ended abruptly when I asked Conkde if there was any truth to the rumor he would be joining Robin and Barry Gibbs in a new group called The Feegees. Glancing out of his office window, Conkde said "That is so unfunny on so many different levels."

by Una Vailableforcomment

WORKING WITH TROWELS

Professor Terry Bethel has categorically denied he will be awarding golden retriever puppies to any of his Contracts students who writes an intelligible exam answer without quoting from Gilbert's or Farnsworth. "As if," Bethel growled at this reporter.

Late last Thursday onlookers watched in "stunned amazement" as deranged pop star Michael Jackson dangled 1L student Anna Cephalus over the Law Library atrium railing from the Library's 4th floor. "I was sitting at a table working on my property outline when the elevator opened and Jackson moonwalked out," a clearly shaken Cephalus told this reporter. "He spotted the Tito CD I was listening to on my computer and totally freaked. The next thing I knew he was holding me upside down over the Pit, shrieking "Why won't people buy my albums anymore?!" When asked if she was afraid that the otherwise frail-looking Jackson might lose his grip during her 30 second ordeal, Cephalus replied, "Well, yes, but that's no big deal. My parents dropped me on my head all the time when I was a baby. That's probably why I'm in law school and not studying medicine."

While many wondered what Jackson was doing at Indiana University in the first place, a subsequent I.U.P.D. investigation revealed the singer was in search of his original nose, which is currently on display in Professor Gene Shreve's office.

The Indiana University Board of Trustees has dismissed as "beyond irresponsible" a Res Ipsa Jocular story that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was briefly considered during the early stages of I.U.'s ongoing search for a new president. "What kind of maniacs do you think we are?" demanded one trustee who asked to remain nameless. "Saddam is a ruthless dictator, a vicious bully! We're looking for a university president, after all, not a Torts professor!"

Finally, reference librarians Jennifer Bryan, Peter Hook, Liz Larson, and Keith Buckley will give a benefit performance at Barnes & Noble tonight to raise money for research literacy. The quartet will present dramatic readings from the Bluebook, while Barnes & Noble personnel will pass around large doses of ephedra and crystal meth to prevent coma.