CARBO-PORN ROCKS THE LAW SCHOOL!

by Ima Zoner

Hysteria gripped the I.U. School of Law this week as health-conscious jurisprudes were assaulted by images of salacious sweets, prurient pastas, brazen baked goods, erotic risottas, strutting starches, and concupiscent confections. Yes, all you Atkins disciples: carbc-porn has invaded the Law School computers!

"Systems Coordinator Randy Sparke has assured me he is doing everything humanly possible to rid Law School monitors of these vile videos of streaming strudel and decadent doughnuts," announced Dean Lauren Robel. "All we know for certain is that this digestive virus began ... in the Library!" Government Documents Librarian Jennifer Bryan confirmed Dean Robel's statement by adding, "I caught the criminal red-handed. Several students on the Neanderthal Diet complained to me about a person they called Creme Brulee Guy. He was coming into the Library late at night and openly accessing web-sites depicting tawdy blood glucose elevators. I confronted the perpetrator just as he was leaving a bowl of custard at the scene of the crime. Little did I know he'd already breached our computer system!"

While this story may sound like a small potatoe to you, Dan Quayle, it's an absolute desesterater to the protein-positive members of the Law School community. "I've been low carb for almost two years!" shrieked Reference Librarian Keith Buckley, "But now all I want to eat are Krispee Kremes!" "If Americans don't keep consuming more beef, the meatpackers' union will die!" warned labor law expert Professor Ken Dau-Schmidt. Professor Emeritus Bill Oliver has also weighed in on the subject by adding, "What if I rename my product 'Camelot Meat'?"

On the other hand, some law faculty members have rallied around the carbo-loaders. "All this talk about animal byproducts is making my alpacas very nervous," commented Professor Cathy Crosson. "The only way to assure true health is to consume massive amounts of garlic. And morels!"

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LATE BREAKING NEWS: In an effort to counteract the effects of carbo-porn, West Publishing has announced all WESTLAW printers will now produce documents on very thin sheets of pastrami. Reviews of this new product have been decidedly mixed. "Pastrami is not a particularly renewable resource," opined Professor Rob Fischman. "West wants to print the next edition of my administrative law hornbook on prosciutto," complained Professor Fred Aman. "Who'll want to take it off the shelf in five years? Yecch!"

WORKING WITH TROWELS

According to a recent NASA news release, one of the greatest puzzles confronting mankind was solved last week. While searching for the first signs of extraterrestrial water, the Mars probe, Opportunity, has uncovered a journal article manuscript originally thought to be lost in the I.U. Law School Faculty Library in 1987. "That's utterly amazing-- I could've sworn I left it on my carrel," stated the manuscript's author, I.U. Professor Bob Heidt. What is even more amazing are rumors circulating on the Internet that NASA has footage of someone who appears to be either Dick Cheney or James Wilson reading Heidt’s manuscript on this "remote location." "Pure slander" was how Professor Steve Conrad characterized charges that he was the source of those rumors. "I don't know why I'm mentioned every time James Wilson’s name comes up!"

Much to the dismay of I.U. Law School fundraisers Catherine Dyar and Brian Kearney, Mel Gibson announced this week that he will not be filming his next movie, "The Method of Socrates" in Bloomington. "All I wanted was two hours of extreme blood, torture, and suffering. Then, out of the blue, Associate Dean Len Fromm tells me Tom Schornhorst retired years ago! What am I supposed to do-- I tried Roger Dworkin, but he threw me out of his classroom because I wasn't enrolled!"

Police are still investigating a freak vehicular accident that occurred late last month during the rapid temperature changes. The mishap occurred when a sudden thaw sent Professor Gene Shreve’s Land Rover tumbling off its arctic parking perch. What continues to baffle the authorities is how former Boston Red Sox first baseman Bill Buckner happened to be standing beneath Shreve’s SUV when it rolled on top of him. "It was a complete coincidence!" Shreve insisted to his skeptical inquisitors. "Besides, everybody knows I’ve been trying to get Steinbrenner to stand in the same spot for years!"

Professor Dan Conkile announced today that he refuses to take any evasive action whatsoever in the face of reports that U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld has labelled Conkile’s hand gestures and flowcharts as “weapons of mass instruction.” "Jokes about my pedagogical methods are the products of a broken down, creatively bankrupt mind," Conkile charged. Guilty, guilty, guilty ...

I.U. Law School Associate Dean John Applegate has flatly denied rampant speculation that I.U. basketball coach Mike Davis would be teaching torts in the fall of 2004. "Coach Davis did approach me with an offer to teach a class," Applegate admitted, "but when I found out his curriculum strategy consisted of hiding the ball from the students the first half of the semester and giving away the final in the second half, I had to turn him down."

Note: Professor Steve Conrad’s new book, "James Wilson: Shakespeare’s Forgotten Ghostwriter" is due to hit the stands next week. Highly recommended for your summer vacation reading!
THE SUGGESTION BOX

(Each month in this space, Associate Director Linda Fariss reluctantly opens the Suggestion Box, praying that among your well-meaning yet gratuitous rants she'll find either a few dead presidents or at least some incriminating evidence against the editors of Res ipsa Jocular. This month, however, Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman has kindly agreed to give Professor Fariss a much-needed break and answer some choice cut questions.

Dear Ann,
Shortly after eating a hamburger from one of the Law School snackbar machines, I totally pooched my contracts exam. Do you think Bethel would give me a do-over if I told him I got mad cow disease from the burger?
Desperate 1L

Dear 1L,
There is absolutely no evidence whatsoever that U.S. beef products have been infected with mad cow disease. On the other hand, Professor Bethel assures me there is plenty of evidence you read Gilbert's on Contracts exactly once. Get to work. (And just to be on the safe side, quit eating those snackbar burgers.)
Ann

Dear Ann,
Help! Every once in awhile, I give my monkeys White Castles as a reward for particularly good articles. In the last few months, though, all they can write about is who's going to be the next American Idol. Could they have contracted mad cow disease?
Send your answer as soon as possible-- I need to finish this book!
Professor Fred Cate

Dear Professor Cate,
Based on our experiments on Paris Hilton and Martha Stewart's defense team, there are no indications that lower primates are susceptible to mad cow disease. Do your monkeys, by any chance, lister to Britney Spears? (p.s. If you're serious about your next book, don't let those monkeys near the Law School snackbar burgers.)
Ann

Dear Ann,
Enclosed is a tape recording I recently made of Professors David Snyder and Luis Fuentes-Rohwer singing "Eye of the Tiger." What is your professional opinion?
Professor Alex Tanford

Dear Professor Tanford,
My professional opinion? #1) Tell Mssrs. Snyder and Fuentes-Rohwer NOT to quit their day jobs. #2) HOLY COW! Have those guys been eating burgers from the Law School snackbar?
Ann
DEAN IN 2004! AGAIN!

The I.U. Law School once again became the center of national media attention when Professor Jeff Stake called a press conference in the Moot Court Room to announce the school's latest recruiting coup. "You heard it here first, ladies and gentlemen!" Stake declared into his own antique RCA condenser microphone. "Please welcome the man with whom I will team teach property next year, former Vermont governor, Howard Dean!" Thunderous applause greeted the early Democratic presidential front-runner as he made his way to the front of the assembly, after which Dean and Stake invited questions about their new joint venture. When Professor Aviva Orenstein asked how today's law students would respond to his fiery and temperamental side, Dean insisted, "I've learned my lesson and put all that behavior behind me. Iowa and several helpings of Jeff's pancakes have helped me explore my gentler, kinder side."

And then my foot " bellowed a red-faced Dean, grabbing the microphone from his "colleague." "Let me tell you what we're going to do with property when I get into the classroom! First we're going to cover the law of finders! Then we're going to go to wild animals! Then we're going to go to the rule of capture! Then we're going to go to the recording acts! Then we're going to bona fide purchasers! And then we're going to take easements! And eminent domain! And then we're going to riparian rights! And then we're going to fight on to landlord-tenant! And then we're going to take back the rule in Shelley's case for every state in this great country of ours!!! YEEAAAGGGGGHHH-HHHH!!"

At this point, out of sheer springing interest, Stake leaped forward, wrestled the microphone from Dean's spasming hands, and shoved a bucket of Penn Station fries into Dean's mouth. "Calms him down faster than my pancakes," Stake explained as he quickly led Dean away from the frenzied scene.

MORE NEWS IN BRIEFS

This just in:
Child Advocacy Clinic Director Amy Applegate has categorically denied Michael Jackson's request to host a sleepover at IU clinic offices. On a related note, Professor Joe Hoffmann has said Jackson is featured in his next book, Winning By A Nose: The Insanity Defense.

Professors Bill Henderson and Bill Hicks are cosponsoring the next brownbag securities regulation lecture on "How To Carve Your Stock Portfolio From A Block Of Soap" with special guest speaker, Martha Stewart. And that's a good thing.

Constitutional law professors Pat Baude and Dawn Johnsen will present a workshop on Supreme Court Justice Antonio Scalia's decision to recuse the right half of his brain (which controls the ability to aim at duck targets).

by Harry Hand