BUSINESS AS USUAL AT I.U. SCHOOL OF LAW:
PANIC SWEEPS THE BUILDING!

by Harry Hand

Just as I.U. Law School students and faculty thought it was safe to return to the classroom from Spring Break 2005, rumors of unparalleled chaos gripped the hallways, or something to that effect. Yes, while you were soaking up the rays in Florida and Cancun, overzealous legislators in Indianapolis and our nation’s capitol were burning the midnight oil (now estimated at $60 a barrel), drafting new plans for the School more bizarre than Luis Fuentes-Rohwer’s interpretations of Sixties musical hits during his recent appearance on American Idol. I.U. administrators were frankly appalled at some of the recent proposals.

“When My Man Mitch said he was committed to improving our state highway systems, I hardly imagined he was talking about re-routing I-69 through the Law School,” admitted a shaken Dean Lauren Robel. “It was generous of him to promise that Lilly would give our students all the Prozac they could eat during the construction phase for the next fifteen years, and we could sure use the revenues from the tollbooths Governor Daniels said he’ll build where the Library will have once stood, but Rob Fischman and I are very concerned about the exhaust fumes.” Assistant Dean of Admissions Dennis Long was even less enthusiastic about Daniels’s plan to reduce prison populations and outsource correctional facility operations by enrolling all repeat offenders in the first year curriculum. “While most of our new, umm, students will have more experience with the legal system than our current 1Ls, I somehow doubt their LSAT scores will help our ranking in next year’s U.S. News & World Report,” mumbled Long.

Of equal concern is the Indiana General Assembly’s “visionary” plan to fund the new Indianapolis Colts’ stadium by raising the subscription rates on the Law School’s three journals. “While I truly believe I.U. is top drawer, I don’t know if anyone who’ll pay $50,000 an issue,” remarked a dubious David Williams. On the other hand, former dean Fred Aman, tried to be optimistic. “I’ll do my best to drum up people willing to cough up that kind of money for the Global Legal Studies Journal. Maybe if we list the price in euros ...” Professor Leandra Lederman queried, (continued on page 2)

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"Shouldn't new taxes be considered?" just before she was named as a "person of interest" by the state's recently appointed Inspector General.

Perhaps the most mysterious governmental mandate introduced was an unprecedented early morning federal statute demanding the reininsertion of the Law School's feeding tube. "I have absolutely no idea of what this means!" exclaimed law and biology expert Professor Roger Dworkin. "Are they talking about bringing the Snack Bar back to life? Will there be pizza for lunch every afternoon?"

"Does this mean even more squirrels are going to be lured into stacks?" demanded Library Director Colleen Pauwels. "Squirrels, indeed," Professor Dawn Johnson confided in this reporter. "Things have gotten seriously weird since I was in Washington."

TIME FOR AN INTERVENTION? YET ANOTHER LIST

As graduation approaches and all you've gotta show for your law school career are a dwindling G.P.A., class outlines written on placemats from Nick's, an empty bottle of Professor Emeritus Bill Oliver's Camelot Mead, and involuntary hand gestures that you hope remind those "in the know" you once studied with Professor Dan Conkle, then maybe, just maybe, you might have put too much emphasis on partying instead of pedagogy. So for any of you who have uttered the immortal words, "Hey-- where we gonna go tonight?" we offer this list of top ten signs you may have misplaced your priorities for the last three years.

10. Your favorite drinking game is Con Law: you take a shot whenever Professor Pat Baude says "the Court"
9. Your exam number is 186. No, wait-- that's your class ranking. Oh, sorry -- that's your proof.
8. Earl Singleton reluctantly informs you he has been asked to serve as your liver's guardian ad litem.
7. You ask Professor Yvonne Cripps if it's illegal to clone a bottle of Jaegermeister.
6. Pesky librarians keep telling you to get the keg out from under your carrel.
5. You enroll in Assistant Dean Mark Hilyard's Accounting for Lawyers class in the vague hopes of learning how to leverage the debt on your student loan to pay your tab at Kilroy's.
4. You rely on beer to sober up for a weekend of super site checking.
3. You feel oddly self-conscious whenever Professor Jim Barnes mentions "polluted systems."
2. You walk into Professor Gene Shreve's office to discuss your Civ Pro exam, but you can never figure out where his voice is coming from (oh, sorry... that's happened to everyone).
1. Every Sunday morning, you empathize with Mrs. Palsgraf as you consider the scales banging down on her head.

by Johnny Walker

REMINDER:

During the month of April, domestic goddess Martha Stewart will be fulfilling a portion of her community service hours at the Law School. This week, Martha will be teaching students how to turn their old Gilberts into compost and using the leftover plastic spiral bindings as a decorative raffia to festoon their carrels. If you wish to make an appointment with Ms. Stewart, you can find her on the third floor of the Law School, in a heated debate with securities wizard Professor Bill Hicks.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Professor Kevin Collins wishes to announce there is no truth whatsoever to the rumor that he is collaborating with DaVinci Code author Dan Brown on a new book concerning the architecture of the Law School. "All these stories about Sherman Minton secretly marrying the mother of the next Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court in a library study room are absolute nonsense," Collins said, and Recorder Sherrilyn McCoy-Lawrence has not -- I repeat -- has not been instructed to give fire A stars to the student who can find the final clue to the puzzle in the Library's microfiche collection of House appropriations hearings," to which Government Documents Librarian Jennifer Bryan responded, "I dare you. I double dare you."
THE SUGGESTION BOX

(Each month in this space, Associate Director Linda Fariss reluctantly opens the Suggestion Box, hoping against hope that among your petty, insolent yet contemptible kvetches she’ll find either some winning lottery numbers or at least the final evidence she needs to initiate involuntary commitment proceedings against the editors of Res Ipsa Jocular. This month, however, Visiting Professor of Metasemiotics and the Law, Pomeroy Pompobabble, has kindly agreed to tackle some of the thorniest issues facing tomorrow’s lawyers today.)

Question: Can we possibly get a higher page limit on our Law School printing accounts?
Last month I had to run off 500 copies of the NCAA brackets for a pool I’m running, and I don’t think I should have to pay for that!

Answer: “Class is intrinsically elitist,” says Derrida; however, according to von Ludwing[1], it is not so much class that is intrinsically elitist, but rather the meaninglessness, and thus the dialectic, of class. The main theme of the works of Foucault is the rubicon, and eventually the collapse of dialectical society. Therefore, the subject is interpolated into a Baudrillardist hyperreality that includes language as a totality.

Question: Uhhh, yeah, whatever, but like, while you’re working on the page limit thing, could we also get double-sided printing in the Computer Center?

Answer: The subject is contextualised into a cultural preconstructive theory that includes language as a totality. Thus, Lyotard uses the term ‘realism’ to denote the difference between sexual identity and class[2]. The subject is interpolated into a cultural preconstructive theory that includes art as a whole. However, if Baudrillardist hyperreality holds, we have to choose between cultural sublimation and subdialec tic nihilism.

Question: Dude, what is wrong with you? All I want to do is print off a final copy of my appellate brief for Professor Goodman without paying ten cents a page!

Answer: An abundance of discourses concerning the common ground between class and society may be discovered. However, the primary theme of the works of von Ludwing is the role of the reader as poet. Derrida uses the term’semanticist subtextual theory to denote the collapse, and hence the paradigm, of subpatriarchial class. But Bataille suggests the use of capitalist predialectic theory to attack and read art.

Question: Wow ... does that mean that a predominant concept is the concept of capitalist consciousness, so when Lacan uses the term ‘Sartreist existentialism’ he denotes the fatal flaw, and eventually the economy, of precultural sexual identity?

Answer: Dude! Can I use that as the title for my next article for the Yale Law Journal?

1. Von Ludwing, S.B., Realism in the Works of Brad Pitt, 10 Loompanics 656, 945 (1996)
WORKING WITH TROWELS

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs John Applegate reported this
week that the Law School is proposing a revolutionary and abbreviated
curriculum for students eager to complete their education "in the most
expeditious manner possible." "The law school student of the future
wants to be in the trenches as soon as possible," Applegate told this
reporter, "and so we're offering select candidates the option of
completing all of their credits in a single calendar year." When pressed
for details, Applegate mumbled, "in the event they're willing to go twelve
months without sleep." Heading up this radical approach to
jurisprudence, tentatively billed as "One And Done," will be none other
than soon-to-be former I.U. men's basketball coach, Mike Davis. ""One
And Done" students won't have to be worried about offensive teaching
tactics such as the Socratic Method," Davis announced, "because I don't
believe in offense." When asked if his students would really be
prepared for the bar after such a brief period of training, Davis crisply
replied, "If they don't make the grade, it's absolutely their fault and not
mine!"

Faculty reaction to this frankly insane scheme were varied, to say the
least. "I'm not buying it," said Professor Jeannine Bell. "This sounds
suspiciously like some odious April Fool's hate speech, concocted by an
embittered former I.U. basketball fan." Au contraire, opined Professor
Ken Dau-Schmidt, the law and economics tyro. "As a lowly employee
of the state, I welcome any opportunity to increase the value of the
Law School Faculty's season tickets for basketball. Why, I bought N.I.T.
tickets for the Vanderbilt game, and I couldn't even scalp them for five
dollars! I'm calling for a strike!"

A horrible mistake: that's how Associate Dean of Students Len Fromm
explains the recent appearance of himself and several other Law School
faculty members on Celebrity Poker. "As God is my witness, I swear I
thought they said "Celebrity Polka,"" moaned Fromm. "Iffy Stake got
involved because he heard we were playing for dimes, Sarah Hughes
was told she could be the bank, and somebody told Terry Bethel the
game was contract bridge. As a matter of fact, Terry thought it was
Lemon Bridge, and then he bid five no trump! So I pushed on all the
keys of my accordion and we folded!"

And, speaking of serious weirdness, family law expert Professor Julia
Lamber will offer an early summer seminar, "British Royal Marriage Law:
Fact or Affliction?" Topics to be included are Camilla DeVille, Steak
Diana, Wilf's In Trust, and Shall We Despencer With DeHarry?"

Just for the record: Law & Sports Professor John Scanlan wishes to go
on record and proclaim that the recent, wildly productive wool harvest
from Writing & Research Professor Cathy Crossen's alpaca was not a
result of rampant steroid use. "Even though Jose Canseco told Congress
he'd injected Cathy's animals with testosterone on numerous occasions,
extpert evidence testing by Professor Alexander Tanford confirms these
quadrupeds are dean!"

NOTA BENE:

The staff of Res ipsa Jocular wishes to acknowledge the debt it owes to
the recently departed father of its particular form of journalism, Hunter S.
Thompson. To paraphrase the words of the good doctor, we cannot
advocate sex, drugs, violence and rock 'n roll for everyone, but they've
always worked for us. After all, we are professionals. Good luck on

Famed rap artist Lil Kim will be presenting a guest lecture entitled "What
to Wear When Your Job Interview Turns Into A Shoot-out," hosted by
Assistant Dean for Career Services Michael Keller. Topics to be
covered include resume enhancements, Kevlar vests, dressing for
success, and perjury defenses. Assistant Dean Keller will provide pizza
and Glocks.