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## THE LEGAL MARKET MAY BE PICKING UP

**by Kathleen Buchler Austin Director of Career Services**

It seems at this time of year, as the leaves begin to change and the days get shorter, many of us lose our motivation, knowing that winter is just around the corner. For students, the motivation to study comes harder as does the motivation to continue the job search, but now is not the time to prepare for hibernation. The fall on-campus interview (OCI) program is drawing to a close, and while a number of you had success with the program, many are disappointed. Some of you found that the type of employer in which you were interested did not participate; others had hoped for call-backs or offers from employers which did not materialize. Before despair sets in, let me remind you of a few things which may make you feel better about what is ahead.

Typically, fall on-campus programs yield less than 20% of total jobs for students nationwide. So if you participated in OCI and you are not happy with the results, chalk this up to some good interview preparation for the future. Remember that most law students will work for small firms, government or in public interest. These employers tend to start their hiring processes a little later than that of larger employers and are typically not in a position to recruit on-campus. If you have not yet begun the search for either a summer clerkship or a postgraduate position, this is prime-time. To convince you further, the National Association for Law Placement (NALP) has recently released their national employment statistics for recent graduates and they are encouraging: - Recent graduates employed within six months of graduation has risen from 83.4% in 1993 to 87.4% for the class of 1996, reflecting a steady upward trend. - Graduates employed in full-time legal work (versus part-time) has gone up slightly in the last few years from 70.3% in 1993 to 71.4% in 1996. - New graduates accepting nonlegal full-time work hit a 12-year high of 9.7%. - The percentage of new graduates pursuing an advanced degree has remained at 2.1% for the last couple of years. One of the most telling statistics in NALP's national survey is the percentage of

graduates who had reported unemployment (10.7 %), the lowest in six years. In addition, the percentage of new law graduates who accepted employment in law firms has gone down slightly in the last six years from 62.9% in 1990 to 55.7% in 1996.

However, the percentage of students who work in law firms of two to ten attorneys has remained fairly constant over that same period at around 40%, indicating that more students found postgraduate employment outside the large firm setting. Additional statistics from our office may also help you become more focused. During the past two years, the number of job listings received by the IU School of Law Career Services Office has increased from 646 in 1995 to 750 in 1996. So far this year, the number of listings is up by 83 from the same time last year. And as far as the number of employers recruiting on-campus, we are up by seven at this point from last year. I think these are good indicators that the legal market may be picking up. Lastly, the most frequently cited source of a job by far, in both the NALP statistics and by our own graduates, was a letter or other "self-initiated contact" with the employer. This can only mean one thing. Nothing works in tracking down employment better than one's own effort.

Performing your own job search does more for you in the long run than any other method. A self-initiated job search helps you focus on not only the type of law you may want to practice, but also the type of job setting and atmosphere in which you may want to work. It may take a little more self-evaluation to determine what you want upon graduation, but it is time well spent. If you need help in focusing your search or setting up a job search strategy, please come and see us in the Career Services Office.

## **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

To the Editor,

To begin, I offer that I am affiliated with the loosely organized group of law students known as the Men's Law Cartel (MLC). And while I did not author the now infamous ILA submission that rests at the center of this debate, I would like to offer a sincere apology to any and all people offended by its content. I must qualify this by stating that I do not seek to speak on behalf of all the "members" of MLC, as they are all articulate individuals and quite capable of expressing their sentiments in the time, place, or manner they deem worthy.

To the best of my recollection, the piece in the ILA was written to express the pride that the MLC felt at the conclusion of a weekend of very successful MLC sponsored events. These events were enjoyed by a significant portion of the law school community, including women and men alike. The language used in the ILA submission was taken from an invitation promoting one of the events, and a particular reference to attire for women contained in the invitation was placed in quotes to reflect the tongue-in-cheek and over-the-top nature of the remark. Unfortunately, it seems that upon being published in the ILA this language had the unintended effect of offending a number of persons in the law school.

Consequently, to the extent that I personally believe that listeners are able to define for themselves what is offensive to them, I wish to apologize. With that said, I confess that I take umbrage at some of the reactionary commentary submitted to the ILA surrounding this issue. How much of it is aimed at educating the unenlightened (thereby fostering understanding) and

how much is posturing, I do not know. However, as we all retreat to our respective ideological bunkers and launch "attack lectures" on civility, manhood and of course, the meaning of "bring the heat," I wonder if we have gained anything from all of this, or if we just feel better about ourselves. Allow me to make a couple of observations. First, I do not believe that the MLC has charged itself with the task of representing model manhood in motion.

Some may argue that it should; however, I believe that the proof is in the proverbial pudding. Though far from perfect, I believe that as individuals, the "members" of the MLC are comfortable that their personal, professional, and spiritual lives rate well against any so-called standard of manhood, of which I am sure there is an infinite number. Furthermore, to attempt to compare a group of men to what is itself an offensive caricature (a drunk, vomiting, misguided misfit) solely on the basis of a social invitation, is at best unfair and premature.

Of course, I would be remiss if I did not point out that this disturbs me less than the fact that some would seek to prove their point not on the basis of something inherently sexist in the use of "bring the heat," but by making an unfortunate plea for outrage through the use of race. Some days it seems that race is the all purpose proxy used by liberals and conservatives alike to conveniently demonize parties on the opposite side of their own pet issues. The problems with this approach are numerous. How disingenuous that in this case we resort to summoning up the sliding scale of offensiveness, whereby all victims are treated either more or less like "those black people." I can't help thinking that under many circumstances, including this one, its use rings a bit hollow. If we must find our remedy through the use of racial analogy (and it seems that we must), allow me to offer up one for size. During the course of a given week spent within the confines of the law school, I run across any number of statements, comments, and gestures that may be reasonably regarded as racially insensitive or offensive to African-Americans.

Whether made by students in the hallway, by a professor in the classroom, or by friends at breakfast, the problem is there, and I assure you that I need no reminder of it. Moreover, I am never "thankful" for the opportunity to address it. However, if my experience at IU's law school has taught me anything, it is that my world-view as an African-American provides me with a unique level of sensitivity where issues of race are concerned. Unfortunately, this world-view is not shared by the majority of the community here and, not unexpectedly, levels of sensitivity vary. Where these differences in viewpoint manifest themselves in offensive speech or attitude, it requires me to distinguish the rare hostile remark from the more frequent unintentional misunderstanding.

To the extent possible, I take steps and try to educate my peers in an effort to create understanding and a more comfortable existence for everyone involved. It is this initiative that I feel is missing from the discourse thus far. Instead, some see fit to rise above any productive personal interaction and give lectures on their political agenda. Worse still, the use of personal insults, lewd and obscene remarks, and attempts to sabotage the professional relationships of MLC "members" belie the image of the "reasonable victim" as advanced by one side of this debate. Who exactly is being less than civil? Perhaps it is high time for our classmates on the other side to stomach a dose of Miss Manners. Stephen W. Beard (3L) To the Editor, If there is anyone left at IU who doesn't know this I penned the now infamous phrase, "bring the heat." I

used it on an invitation to describe the attire requested of female guests to a party at my house. It was supposed to mean something like "semiformal." "Semiformal" seemed a little too professional for a party invitation, so I used language that I thought conveyed my meaning without making a social gathering of friends sound like a job interview. The invitation was intended to be tongue-in-cheek, and I still believe that in context it was not inappropriate. Reasonable people could certainly differ. The portion of the invitation was subsequently reprinted in the ILA, with my consent. It honestly did not occur to me that my language would give anyone pause. I can see now that divorced from its original context, it could be viewed as insensitive or even offensive. To any and all whose feelings were hurt or who felt less part of this community because of my actions I owe a public apology. I offer that apology here and would be happy to do so personally to anyone. Having said that, I take issue with the conduct and letters of some of my colleagues. When I was approached the morning that the announcement appeared in the ILA and asked to explain the meaning of "bring the heat," I was mortified. I did not intend to offend, and I apologized at the time. I would have been happy to write a retraction with the appropriate mea culpa. I was not given such an opportunity. Almost immediately a letter was circulated which claimed that my language was "sexist," "created a hostile environment," and was an attempt to "lash out with disrespect." These assertions fall of their own absurd theatrical weight. Although I felt and feel that those characterizations are grotesque, I signed the letter anyway to make clear that I harbor no ill will and that I supported the general principle. My name was subsequently removed from the letter prior to publication, apparently to clarify who the enemy was. This is particularly disingenuous given the fact that my endorsement was cited by some as the reason for signing the letter in the first place. Things escalated further when my mailbox was stuffed with sexual harassment literature and e-mails were circulated suggesting that my potential employers be "notified." Clearly this was a provocative response, out of scale with the sin on my part. I admit to becoming angry and firing off the now equally infamous "hissy fit poker night" flyer. It was an attempt to mock those who I feel were conducting what amounted to a politically correct jihad. One way to undercut the zealot is to expose his lack of appreciation for the ridiculous. It was also a sincere attempt to mock myself and the MLC. I believe that it was evenhanded and that the language used was gender neutral. Given the context, I also think it was a fairly measured response. It was dismissive and disrespectful, but justifiably so. However, I am aware that it was petty and may have offended many who did not take part in the personal attacks and threats against my livelihood. This was a mistake on my part and I apologize for the overbreadth. I also question the professional wisdom of Professor David Williams, who has chosen to publicly enter the fray. Prior to publication of his letter I spoke to him personally, in an attempt to explain my actions. Given the context of the student-professor relationship, he must be aware that using the professorial altar to chastise a particular student group has implications beyond sharing his enlightened perspective. I will certainly never take a class from him, a concern more deeply felt by 2L MLC participants. I take particular exception to his application of racial analogies to the present situation, his disclaimer notwithstanding. It is certainly true that racist language of the sort discussed in last week's ILA would have been offensive. Similarly if the announcement had said, "Knock, knock," we would have been left to wonder, "Who's there?" Neither has anything to do with this incident, and using this admittedly clever device as an inflammatory red herring is evidence that the original sin is negligible. Adding racial politics to an already overheated debate strikes me as shockingly irresponsible.

Finally, I seem to have provided an opportunity to discuss the Promise-Keepers. For the record, I have never met one and have no opinion about their organization. I have no idea what they have to do with this incident. Matt Riordan (3L) To the Editor, The irony of the Men's Law Cartel (MLC) incident is that many of the women (calling themselves feminists) that responded to the MLC announcement with fierce opposition have been "anti- women" in their handling of the opposing viewpoints. They have confronted many women who were not offended by the MLC announcement with hostility, name-calling and attacks against their femininity, as if to say, "You are not truly a woman or not in touch with women's issues if you are not offended by the comment "bring the heat."

To make it perfectly clear, many of us are also outraged by the behavior of some of these women who claim to be opponents of the very harassment that they have subjected upon their fellow peers. Many of these outspoken opponents of the MLC have harassed several men of our law school as well, by stuffing sexual harassment literature in their mailboxes, threatening to contact their potential employers, contacting their professors and referring to them with references to male genitalia. Seeking revenge by resorting to malicious tactics is not an effective or appropriate method for combating sexual harassment or sexism, assuming that conduct can be classified as such. If we as women want our claims of sexual harassment and sexism to be taken seriously, it is up to us to distinguish those instances which are truly serious and require action from those instances where a remark may or may not be construed as sexist depending on each person's subjective interpretation. We should label the conduct or misconduct appropriately and resist the temptation to take it out of context by calling it sexual harassment or sexism when that may be questionable. We should take the time out to investigate the motives behind questionable conduct by engaging our classmates in dialogue that will foster the "professional" environment we all seek. For those of you who were offended, members of the MLC have apologized for any offense taken. For those of you guilty of the malicious behavior described above, we urge you to please maintain the same level of professionalism you yourselves have proposed, even though you may have been offended by the MLC announcement. We urge you to give your colleagues the same level of respect that you are demanding, in spite of the diverse opinions we are all entitled to possess. Finally, we urge those of you who insist on making analogies between the MLC announcement and racism to be careful so as not to offend those that you use in support of your analogy. Rhonda Scott Ingrid Schmidt To the Editor, Many of my classmates know that I traveled to Washington, D.C. to humble myself before the Lord at the Promise-Keepers' gathering. Therefore, I wish to have the chance to reply to the assertion in last week's ILA that as an attendee of this event, I "sincerely and earnestly wish to subjugate" women, and that I refuse to accept responsibility unless I am the "head honcho." When the word "subjugate" was used by the author of the letter, I assume he meant the Webster's definition of "to make subservient."

Unfortunately, many people hold this view of the intentions of those men who follow Jesus. In reality, our mandate from God is to be servants, not to make servants. The Christian life is all about realizing how Christ sacrificed his life for us, and out of appreciation for this, dying to ourselves in order to be servants to our fellow humans. Our lives can be summed up in the Latin phrase "sum tertius:" I am third. God first, others second, ourselves third. God, through the Bible, taught that all people are equal in his sight: "There is neither . . . male nor female . . . for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28). God does not favor men or women. Both receive equally when they come to him. What becomes vexing to some is the issue of authority

which God imposed on his church. Jesus is the spiritual head of the church; in the church, the elders are the spiritual head of the members; in the members, the husbands are the spiritual head of the wives; in the family, the parents are the spiritual head of the children. The Lord created the spiritual realm to be just as orderly as the physical laws of the earth. The spiritual authority that the man has toward the wife angers some people. So be it; I can say from experience that I personally do not like some of the decisions God has made about how his followers have to act. But I will say this: husbands are commanded to love their wives as Christ loved the church. So, after examining the type of love that Christ has for the church, the spiritual "authority" that a man has over a wife is this: the duty to love so deeply that he forsakes any and all of his own desires for the good of his wife, the duty to be a constant, faithful, all-forgiving companion, the duty to encourage, uplift, and bring joy to her life at all times, and the duty to accept her just as she is, with a loving tenderness and sincere appreciation for her just as she is. This then, is my mandate from God. My opinion of its pros or cons is irrelevant. I do not have the authority to ignore it if I decide I don't like it, or it's not a good idea. The Christian life is about dying to what you think or want, and accepting God's take on the whole thing. So then, the approximately two million of us who gathered in Washington, D.C. do not make "becoming a spiritual leader" the "quid pro quo" for becoming responsible, as last week's author states, rather we know that the two are one and the same; that is, being one is being both. No tradeoff is needed. The authority of Jesus knows no oppression, but can only be explained as pure love. Thank you for this chance to respond. In Christ, Jeremy T. Mull To the Editor, Some of the comments were funny. Most of them were crude, silly, sophomoric and embarrassing. The exchange between the two factions was interesting, thought provoking and stimulating, that is until a professor entered the dialogue and offended me. While it would be easy to say that some of his analysis was overreaching and although there was an expressed reluctance to promote an androgynous society, androgyny and homogeneity appeared to be the thrust. Women and men are not the same. They have equivalent capacity in every intellectual arena and that could scarcely be challenged. But they are built differently and socialized differently. Of course, the socialization of men would be much improved by the simple infusion of the reality that their sexual counterparts are their intellectual peers and often superiors, but that is not accomplished by de-masculinization. The only purpose served by the proposed option is to create a further confused male and female population. True enough the so-called roles have changed, altered and grown throughout the past 30 years, that is definitely a positive outgrowth of what we know as feminism. Should we now decide that for a woman to be more than has been possible in the past, that a man must be less a man? Real societal growth comes from the acknowledgment of difference and the pursuit of working compromise, not the abrogation of the self as a viable component of the group. Having said that, perhaps it would be helpful to completely change directions and address that which was directly offensive to me and it has nothing to do with the MLC debate with those most offended by their commentary. There are many struggles going on in this country, some have overlapping memberships, grouping people together who may be at odds in other arenas for a particular cause. It has become commonplace, however, for scholars, media and laypeople to equate every struggle and every "ism" with that of African-Americans. This is offensive. The offense taken is not with regard to the merits of those causes or their right to forums or rectification, but that it goes beyond the "apples and oranges" nexus to be "apples and footballs." That is to say that they can't be compared. As a person of African descent, if I stick my arm into a room, before the occupants therein know my sex, let alone my sexual orientation, they know my race and are predisposed to lapsing into whatever prejudices they might hold. Perhaps the same may be said

for me when I see the arm of someone of European descent enter a room, but the distinction to make is that neither myself nor any members of my group control the instruments and institutions that could translate that prejudice or predisposition into racism. As a group, we have only recently had limited access to those institutions in any event, and as the pendulum continues to swing, that too appears to be dwindling. So it offends me when it appears that the successes of that movement are all too often lumped with every other struggle. Having been raised in a household comprised primarily of women, I respect the accomplishments, desires and the struggles I have studied and witnessed throughout my life. Many speak of the women's movement as though it were born in the 1960s, but in reality the American women's movement was reborn then. Its true origins were in the time of Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman and others. That is not to say that no significant accomplishments predate that time, merely that as an organized grouping in the United States much was put forth during the period mentioned. In the late 1960s, this rebirth saw many women leaving the home to enter full-time employment. Who were these women? In my own family, as well as those of my peers in my community, and like communities throughout the country and the Western Hemisphere, particularly the Caribbean, Central and South America, we don't know of women who didn't work -- mothers, aunts and grandmothers alike. In terms of equality of compensation, there is an undeniable parallel between those who are victimized by race and those victimized as a result of their sex -- which again would hit racially discriminated groups twice as hard. So it offends me when everything is lumped together, because it doesn't allow the reader with limited exposure to make the distinctions. It's just easy. . . too easy and it diminishes the accomplishments of each of the individual struggles, as well as casting a false light on them. For a professor to enter the debate amongst students was bold and could have fostered a dialogue that promoted greater understanding. It did not. It was largely an indictment that exacerbated the tension and possibly alienated some who might have otherwise had some level of remorse or rethinking. And of course, the race discussion offended me. That the MLC made some crude statements in a private letter that got published and offended many people, men and women alike, is indisputable and unfortunate. It has been addressed swiftly and thoroughly, with lessons learned by all. It however does not bare equation with the more than 400 years of oppression of peoples of color in the Western Hemisphere. When the issue of race is merely dumped into a paradigm to serve emphatic goals without the necessary distinctions or elaboration, there is a lesson learned by none.

Sincerely,  
E. Paul Stewart

## NEWS FROM THE FACULTY

**David Fidler** attended a meeting in New York City on October 10 with representatives of the Rockefeller Foundation and the Federation of American Scientists on the negotiations for a Protocol to the Biological Weapons Convention. Professor Fidler is providing international legal advice to the Federation of American Scientists in connection with its Biological Weapons Project. **Fred Cate** hosted WTIU's Community Cafe program, "PCB Update," on October 14, and spoke about privacy and encryption at the Wall Street Journal's Technology Summit in New York on October 15. Professor Cate's book, *Privacy in the Information Age* has been published by the Brookings Institution Press. **Lauren Robel** and **Aviva Orenstein** will be honored at the

Indiana State Bar Association meeting this week in French Lick. Aviva Orenstein is the recipient of the IBF's Law-Related Education Award for her work with the Children and the Law Society's Fifth Grade Education program. Lauren Robel is the recipient of the Pro Bono Publico Award for her work with the Protective Order Project.

## **NEWS FROM STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE**

### **SENIORS**

1. The IU Police Department will be available in the student lounge again this Wednesday to assist you with the fingerprinting that Bar authorities require. There will be no fee for this service if you have it done here.
2. Pictures for the Graduating Class Composite will be taken in the school on November 5, 11, and 17. Put one of those dates on your calendar now. There will be sign up sheets for individual times on the bulletin board across from Room 022, starting on October 25.
3. Remember that it is preferable to take the MPRE (ethics exam) that is required for most bar admissions on either the November or the March date. One can still apply for the November exam, although the payment of a late fee is now required. Applications for the March exam will not be available or due until February. You will note that there is posted information about an MPRE review that will be held in the school on Saturday, November 8. 4. It is quite likely that there will be a Bar Review next summer at our school for students taking the Illinois as well as the Indiana Bar. There may also be enough interest for a Review for New York and California. In order to assess that interest, students considering those states should tell Dale in Room 024.

### **SECOND SEMESTER REGISTRATION**

As usual, law students will register for law school courses for the second semester in-house. Joint degree students and those taking an outside (non-law) course may pick up their admission ticket from the Recorder's Office, starting this Wednesday, October 22. Students will then be able to use this ticket to register for those outside courses with the University on scheduled times on October 23 or 24 - for priority consideration. Registering at a later date for these courses remains a possibility. In addition, students who are not joint degree students will need to have Dean Fromm's prior approval in order to register for an outside course. Approval forms are in Rooms 022 and 024. Here is the schedule for registration in-house for all law courses: First Year Students - Thursday, October 30. (Students will learn to which sections they have been assigned when they go through registration in the Recorder's Office, Room 022.) Second Year Students - Thursday, November 6. Third Year Students - Monday, November 3. (This includes August 1998 graduates.) Usual priority rules will apply for second and third year students. Priority will be lost, however, if students miss registering during their assigned November 3 or 6 date. As usual, there is no priority given for first-in-line to register during the assigned days. Schedule grids and course descriptions (2 and 3Ls) have been placed in mailslots. Some additional information will be posted on the Student Affairs bulletin board adjacent to the mailslots.

## **SUMMER SPEA PARIS PROGRAM**

The Law School will be participating again with SPEA in a Paris program next summer. The course is called "Law, Management, and Public Policy in the European Union." Beyond first year courses, no prerequisites are necessary. The program runs for the last two weeks in May of 1998. There will be a meeting at SPEA, Room 277, on Tuesday, October 21, to explain the program. In addition, there will be a meeting in the law school for the same purpose on November 9 (more information later). Finally, for information purposes only, there currently is an attempt to develop a similar two week program in Germany for the first two weeks of June.

## **NEWS FROM CAREER SERVICES**

### **2L STRATEGIES FOR FINDING YOUR SUMMER JOB**

Third year students will discuss how they went about obtaining their 2L summer positions. Students will be representing such areas as public interest, juvenile court and private employers. They will talk not only about what worked for them, but also what their summer job entailed. Wednesday, October 29, noon, Room 214.

### **NETWORKING: GETTING IN THE FRONT DOOR**

Learn how to develop a network, what to say for those initial contacts and questions to ask during the meeting. You will also hear from some students who were able to use networking to their advantage in meeting great contacts and in discovering where their interest lie. Missing this program could be detrimental to your job search. Thursday, October 30, noon, Room 120.

### **FEDERAL CLERKSHIPS AND STATE SUPREME COURT CLERKSHIPS**

Described as one of the best postgraduate experiences, judicial clerkships are becoming increasingly popular. Come learn why judicial clerkships are a great transition to the practice of law. Two current clerks will describe their experiences and Kathleen Austin will walk students through the application process and its timing. 2Ls should note that applications for federal court and state supreme court clerkships post-graduation are mailed out as early as the middle of November! So, it is time to get started. Wednesday, November 5, Noon, Room 124.

## **NEWS FROM STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

### **INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION**

ILA will be meeting, Thursday, October 23 at 12:15 in Room 120. The group will be electing its 1L representative, discussing upcoming events, updating membership on a number of projects and conferences and addressing other matters. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

### **PHI ALPHA DELTA FALL RUSH 2ND ANNUAL "BAR REVIEW"**

PAD, the country's second largest legal organization next to the ABA, will continue its fall rush this week. Their rush culminates this Friday, October 24 with the "Bar Review." All 1Ls are invited to sample five of Bloomington's best eating and drinking establishments. The group will be leaving at around 5:30 on Friday from the steps of the law school. PAD will be selling T-shirts again this year to commemorate the "Bar Review." Students are encouraged to come and participate in one of the law school's biggest events. To find out more, contact Andy Paine, 3L, or during lunch come by PAD's table.

## **SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT LAW SOCIETY**

Following Michael Uslan's successful visit to the law school last week, the Sports and Entertainment Law Society would like to invite students to its first meeting of the year this Thursday, October 21 at noon in Room 121. Students interested in legal aspects of sports, television, film, music, literature and the arts, are encouraged to attend this new organization's meeting to learn about its goals. Everyone is welcome.

## **BUSINESS AND LAW SOCIETY**

Students interested in using their law degree in a non-traditional way should not miss Tim Boeglin's talk at 6:30 p.m. at the Crazy Horse on Tuesday, October 21. Mr. Boeglin will discuss what was involved in starting his own business, XJD Corp., and how law school helped. Any aspiring entrepreneurs should not miss this presentation. The first round of drinks will be on the Business and Law Society.

## **THE BLACK LAW STUDENT'S ASSOCIATION HOSTS THE LAW SCHOOL ANNUAL GONG SHOW!!!!**

BLSA is hosting its annual gong show on Thursday, October 23 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bluebird on Walnut Street (You must be twenty-one years old and have two pieces of ID). If you have any talent or have no talent at all you can participate in this law school tradition. First prize is \$100. Second prize is \$75. Third prize is \$50. All law students, faculty and staff are invited to attend. Admission is \$4.00 in advance and \$6.00 at the door. Tickets go on sale Monday, October 20 and will be available in the law school lobby daily from 12 to 2 p.m. If you would like to participate, please fill out an act sheet at the sales table in the lobby or contact Imara Dawson (3L) at idawson. There will be a panel of professors acting as judges for the event, so come see your professors and mix and mingle with your classmates at the 1997 Gong Show.

## **WOMEN'S LAW CAUCUS**

The WLC will meet Wednesday, October 22 at 12:15 in Room 122. Please note the time and room change. Pizza will be served! This week's meeting will once again include a "Career Contacts Fair." Lists of the Law School's alumnae who are willing to be contacted about their work experiences, both inside and outside law, will be available. Don't miss this excellent opportunity to network with alumnae and learn more about career opportunities. Sign-ups for committees will also take place. As always, everyone is invited to attend.

## **CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY**

The Christian Legal Society holds a Bible study every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. All students and faculty are invited. The group meets in the library lobby.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE**

The Admissions Committee will be contacting and interviewing a random sample of first-year students in an effort to improve the school's admissions process. The committee is focusing on ILs because this group of students most recently has been through the process. However, any student who wishes to discuss the admissions process should feel free to contact Pat Clark in the Admissions Office or Professor Jeffrey Stake.

### **INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW SCHOLARSHIP**

The Elliot R. Lewis International Business Law Scholarship has been made available by an alumnus of the law school to allow an IU law student to attend the Annual American Bar Association International Law Forum. This Annual Forum brings together international legal practitioners from all over the world to discuss cutting-edge issues in international business law and practice. The recipient of the Lewis Scholarship this year will be able to attend the Forum in Scottsdale, Arizona in February 1998. Interested students should submit to Associate Professor David P. Fidler the following documents: (1) a resume, and (2) a one-page statement of interest in a career in international business law. In the statement, applicants should discuss their law school preparation for such a career and specifics about what type of international business law they would like to practice (e.g., transactional work with a specific region of the world). To be considered for the Lewis Scholarship, students should submit these documents to Professor Fidler no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 3, 1997. Applicants can direct questions to Professor Fidler in Room 249, or at 855-6403. Questions may also be sent via e-mail to: davidfidler@law.indiana.edu.

### **TEACHING ASSISTANT/GRADER WANTED**

Marc Rodwin of SPEA is looking for a teaching assistant/grader to help with an undergraduate course on health law in the spring term of 1998. The course functions as an introduction to law, as there are no law prerequisites. The course will be offered to students in the health administration program at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs. This will be a writing intensive course with students undertaking several writing exercises. The assistant's primary responsibility will be to work with the instructor to grade the papers. The assistant will also help with other course tasks including assisting in developing some writing exercises, occasionally leading class discussion, and finding some law-related materials for the course. Preference will be given to students in second or third year law school. Teaching experience or familiarity with health care issues is desirable, but not necessary. Funding for the position is contingent on Mr. Rodwin's receiving a grant from the Campus Wide Writing Program. The stipend would be

approximately \$2,000. Please send a curriculum vita, list of references and short cover letter to: Marc Rodwin SPEA, Room 345 Indiana University Bloomington, IN 47405

## **TEXTBOOK ORDERS**

Faculty are reminded that textbook orders for spring are due by October 24.

## **NEW IU BOOKSTORE TO OPEN IN CARMICHAEL CENTER WIN \$100 FOR BOOKS NEXT SEMESTER**

The Carmichael Center at the corner of Indiana and Kirkwood is scheduled to open in November. The IU Bookstore will have a store, named "IU Traditions," in the new center. The store will focus on law texts, law reference materials, and other items of interest to law students, as well as items for visitors to IU. IU Traditions will have a wall dedicated to law-related items, and invites law students to enter a competition----open only to you---to name the wall. The student with the winning submission will receive a certificate for \$100 off their spring textbooks. In the case of duplicate submissions, the first entry wins. Entries should be given to Patrick diBattista in the Dean's Office by November 10, 1997.

## **EVENTS**

### **SPEA INFORMATIONAL MEETING AND RECEPTION**

On Wednesday, Oct. 22, a delegation of SPEA (School of Public and Environmental Affairs) professors will visit the law school to talk about course offerings that might interest law students and to discuss the joint degree program. If you are wondering how you will take advantage of the six credit hours from outside of the law school that you can count toward your law degree, this would be a good program for you. If you are interested in learning more about the joint degree program with SPEA, this is an excellent opportunity to meet the people involved. The program will begin at 4:15 p.m. in Room 122, where the SPEA professors will describe their programs and courses. At 4:45 or so, the group will adjourn to an informal reception at the faculty lounge where you can get to know other interested students and faculty. If you have any questions about this event, contact Professor Fischman.

## **CALENDAR**

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21**

...Business and Law Society hosts Tim Boeglin of XJD Corp., 6:30 p.m., Crazy Horse. ...Meeting for Summer in Paris Program, SPEA, Room 277.

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22**

...Women's Law Caucus, Career Contacts Fair, 12:15, in Room 122.

...SPEA informational meeting and reception, 4:15 p.m., Room 122.

...Joint degree students and those taking an outside (non-law) course may pick up their admission ticket from the Recorder's Office for second semester registration. ...Free fingerprinting to meet Bar authority requirement, student lounge.

## **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23**

...Sports and Entertainment Law Society, noon, Room 121.

...International Law Association, 12:15, Room 120. ...The Black Law Student's Association hosts the Law School's annual Gong Show, 6:00 p.m., the Bluebird on Walnut. ...Christian Legal Society Bible study, 7:00 p.m., library lobby.

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24**

...PAD "Bar Review," 5:30 p.m., leaves from steps of the law school. Tour eating and drinking establishments.

...Deadline for faculty to submit spring textbook orders.

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25**

...Sign up sheet available for scheduling pictures for the Graduating Class Composite. See the bulletin board across from Room 022.

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