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Moot court team in national finals

By Mike Lynch

In the first few weeks of school passed by time. "It's only the first few weeks," the familiar saying goes, but a couple of weeks later, the standard saying held true. The first two weeks of school were filled with the excitement of starting a new chapter in life. The first few weeks were filled with the anticipation of what lies ahead.

IU Bloomington sent two teams to the Indianapolis regional competition; the second team consisted of Kathy Knue, Jim Morse, and DeLois Leapheart. In all, teams representing fourteen law schools were present in Indian-

The competition in Indianapolis was very strong, and the winning margins often were slim. The tradition of Bloomington Moot Court preeminence, fostered by Associate Professor Ron Wauckaukanski, was convincingly upheld by our teams in Indianapolis in November. In the final rounds in New York City, early in the spring, they will undoubtedly pass on that legacy.

1st year causes soul-search

By Elaine Siegel

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Some 275 law students signed a petition earlier this fall, protesting recent changes in the law school curriculum for clinical education that have severely curtailed opportunities for law students. The committee has devoted sessions to exploring the possibility of additional offerings in the coming semester, utilizing existing faculty. The committee has decided to try to make credit available for participation in Student Legal Services.

Clinical education talks begin

By Elaine Siegel

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The committee hopes that credit can be offered for this coming semester to those students already involved, at least for a certain number of students. The committee, however, has failed to work out details with the staff of Student Legal Services, so that some kind of credit offer is possible. How much credit, in what form, and who will be eligible, are still in issue.

The faculty committee has also been discussing Rule 2.1 of the Indiana Supreme Court, the Student Practice Rule, which allows students to interview, advise, negotiate for and represent parties in any judicial or administrative proceeding in this state, provided that the student meets certain qualifications. The Supreme Court has established general guidelines, including the student's completion of two-thirds of his or her law school work; current enrollment in a law school; and involvement in the law school's "legal internship program." The major issue that emerges for Bloomington students is, what is the law school's "legal internship program?"
Institutional elitism plagues law school

By Elaine Siegel

The charge of elitism in the law school comes with a shock. It lawyers themselves are not the ruling class, they are certainly the class of rules. Moreover, a case can be made for elite legal education. The large and complex, intricately interdependent society requires an elaborate legal structure to function efficiently, or even democratically. It is in the highest interest of the public to educate lawyers who are sufficiently sophisticated to fathom the complexities of the law.

At our law school, however, the most damaging form of elitism have little to do with ideals of professional excellence. One of its most significant manifestations occurs in the fundamental relationship of the institution to the faculty and students. Large classes organized for mass instruction and ranking perhaps call for large numbers, but a brief description of each of the courses, and the services they provide, may aid you in selecting the "right" course for you.

1) PEC: This course is available only in Indiana. Law professors in Indiana law schools developed it specifically for the Indiana bar exam you intend to take. Since not all the review courses are offered in each state, that in itself will narrow the possible choices. Beyond that, however, it is almost impossible to distinguish the different courses, but a brief description of each of the courses, and the services they provide, may aid you in selecting the "right" course for you.

2) BRC: This course is currently offered in 14 states: Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, and Pennsylvania. The basic course consists of printed materials, and the option of attending either live or pre-taped lectures. Tapes are also available for individual use. The printed materials are not returnable. The major advantage of the P.E.C. is that it is an "Indiana-only" program, and specifically deals with those subjects tested on the Indiana bar exam. For more information, contact Lisa Hamilton, Karen Little, or Sherrilyn Kobow.

3) BAR/BRI: This course is not available in Indiana. It is currently offered in thirty-eight states and the District of Columbia: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin. The basic course consists of materials covering subjects tested on that state's bar exam, plus the multistate exam. Course materials include printed materials and live lectures, if a student misses a live lecture, tapes are available. The major advantage of this course is the live lectures, the fact that course materials are returnable, and for the Illinois exam, the materials provided for the professional responsibility exam. For information, contact Cheryl Gaither or Shelley Williams.

4) SMH: This course is available in twelve states and the District of Columbia, including Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Virginia. For more information, write to SMH Bar review, 195 State Street, Boston, MA 02109.

5) Other courses: Many states have their own local courses available, if you can't find a commercial course in the state you will be practicing in, contact that state's bar association. They can provide you with all kinds of help.

Recent trends have shown a significant increase in the number of individuals preparing for the bar exam. The increase in the number of students preparing for the bar exam has led to a corresponding increase in the number of review courses available. In addition, the number of states offering the bar exam has also increased, making it even more important for students to find a course that meets their needs.

THE EXORDIUM

Hector Flores, Chief photographer for the Exordium, shoots to kill. When he points his Canon at me say "cheese."

Hardened bias on issue of undocumented workers

By Fernando Chacon

And time with us was always popular. When have we not preferred some going round?
To going straight to where we are?
W. H. Auden

"Our Bias," 1940

A Texas law denies equal access to public education to the children of undocumented workers. What can we do that would make a difference? I doubt I can say anything that has not been said before. If I pointed out that studies had shown that undocumented workers contribute favorably to the economy in stead of burdening the welfare rolls, perhaps I would erase some misconceptions. And if I mentioned that agrribusiness, and many other enterprises, depend on the undocumented worker for economic survival, I would undoubtedly win the support of the Middle-aged Capitalist Alliance. By the time I got to the part that equates the conditions of undocumented workers with that of modern-day slaves, even the Young Caucasians for God would be in tears.

Recently, President Reagan as Secretary of State Hauge has discussed the possibility of "limited nuclear war" as Europe is more alarmed than the States. While the citizens of Europe are the streets, demonstrating their support for nuclear war, the local talk of the appointment of Joseph, a football coach at Purdue University, probably disappointed Reagan's committed political rhetoric. Or perhaps we don't care to talk about it anymore. But if the threat of nuclear war move us, how can anything I could say about undocumented workers even talk?
Recruiters aim as quarry flies; job hunting the only game in town

By CAROLINE KNEZEVICH

Atomic movements, frozen smiles, shallow exterior and programmed viewpoints: the symptoms of the Fall. Is this a reference to Star Trek? No, the ofopic message is interviewing. But what said about the Fall interferes with the fact that they are all over? Law students should write their congressmen a letter for a new hunting license requirement. Even the pheasants that the roadside get this token recognition of their worth; surely the Jones who lurk in the halls outside classrooms should get equal treatment. The big firms come here, shoot at our resumes, our personalities, our ideas. Idealistic beliefs. It doesn’t take long to realize that the minute one walks in to that interviewing room, he is fair game (is it unfair game? mere semantics). They scheme to ruffle our feathers, to make a little for all we read is first-year Property.

Now, some may think I’m exaggerating, but I swear that one afternoon, in a moment of total frustration, I threw up in the air on LaSalle Street in a Loop, it was mistaken for a clay pigeon, not a sitting duck, and picked off a murderous shot.

The first interview here on campus is only a public relations tactic, to see if any law student can spell out easily a unique career without a breath. You may not get a job, but you’ll be able to play a round of golf or a tennis match, but that’s it.

Even before the initial meeting interview has begun, many firms have already decided — at least on paper — who is worthy of your voice: second interview. They speak to us merely to make sure the bellow is not just another gay, to get an afternoon out of the office. A memorized rah-rah speech about

Dr. Strangejob, or how I learned to love the ding and stop worrying

By NATHAN STARBUCK

From the very top of our class, down to its murky lower regions, no one is immune from them. I’ll bet even Roy Cohen, F. Lee Bailey and Craig Bradley got them at one time. Lord knows, I’m certainly not immune to them. They are a fact of life — an unavoidable occurrence — a pain in the...I’m speaking of rejection letters, those terse little notices that go “ding” when you read them.

I don’t know who first coined the term “ding” for rejection letters, but that person should have been hired. Ding letters are what happens to you after you interview with a firm. Some of you, no doubt, are saying, “Hey, wait a minute. Some of us will get offers after we interview.” Well, let me tell you this. If you get an offer (notice there’s no popular slang term for ‘offer’) after an interview, it’s either a typographical error or a mistake of judgment on the law firm’s part. An offer is a quirk, an aberration — an oddity. Think about it. Then, look at yourself and ask, “Who would ever consciously hire this?” No one would.

Why, in these days of intense competition for jobs, I’d feel peculiar getting an offer. I wouldn’t know what to do with an offer. What do they look like, anyway? Are they carved onto stone tablets or just printed on a piece of paper?

Rather than worry about offers, I’d like to show you a few of the ding letters I have received this year. I’ve chosen several examples from my “circular file.” Do any of these look familiar to you?

Dear Mr. Starbuck,

I was pleased to meet with you during my visit to Indiana University. Your credentials were truly outstanding, and I was extremely impressed with your interview.

During our recruiting committee meeting, laudations came from every corner of the room concerning you. We all were enchanted—dare I say, intoxicated — by your magnificent qualifications. I regret to advise, however, that the firm is not able at this time to extend you an offer of employment. I want you to make strong that our inability to make you an offer should in no way be construed as an adverse comment about you and your superior credentials. It indicates only that we do not believe you can do the job.

Very truly yours,

Mints, Sprints & Hints

October 19, 1981

Dear Nathaniel Starbuck,

We have interviewed so many people this fall for a position with our firm, that we are too tired to choose anyone. You understand.

Very truly yours,

Gasping & Winded, P.C.

October 31, 1981

Dear Mr. Starbuck,

Where do you get off?

We are the largest firm in Chicago with over 200 attorneys, all from the finest schools, all with superlative academic records. Our reputation is international. Our offices are the most tastefully coordinated in the city. And you interviewed us for a job? Come off it, Mr. Starbuck, you are no big deal to us. We have secretaries with your qualifications. Unless you know someone pretty damn important in Chicago, we cannot think to offer you a position.

Stick to Fort Wayne.

Very truly yours,

Whitson, Allen, Smith and Pruitt

November 4, 1981

Mr. Starbuck,

Enclosed please find 20 cents. Take this money and call your mother: Tell her it is very doubtful you will ever get a job as an attorney with this firm.

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In order to qualify for credit from outside classes, you must fill out a blue form the semester prior to the semester in which you want to take the class. This form is available in the office of the Dean of Students, Room 014. Once you fill out the form and submit it, Dean Fromm will review your request.

The outside course must meet several requirements. It must provide significant intellectual challenge to the law student, and be closely tied to the student's studies in the law school. It is possible for outside courses to count toward law school residency requirements.

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, a grade of "C" or higher, a law student will only receive a grade of "Pass".

If you have further questions about coursework outside the law school curriculum, speak with Dean Fromm.

ILA opens opportunities

The IU School of Law's International Law Association (ILA) seeks to expose its members to practices and workshops. The International Law Association (ILA) is Professor Maurice Baker Fox will serve as his vice-presidential candidate, as he continued to gear up his presidential bandwagon for 1984.

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BY AMY CARTER
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Holland/Fox on '84 ticket

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IMU Cafeteria, mezzanine floor Open daily for all three meals. Indiana Memorial Union
Garth wins another “Race Judicata”

BY CHARLES STEWART

...and loneliness (no, this isn’t an article about being a first-year student): the popular conception of a long-distance runner. As students, always striving to be on the cutting edge of social change, have taken to running in sizable numbers. Not to be outdone, the faculty also boasts of a sizable number of runners. Mix together law school students and a bunch of runners and there is only one outcome: a race. It took place on Saturday, October 29. There were three separate events: a ten kilometer feature race, a 5 kilometer fun run, and a 2 kilometer fun walk.

The year’s course started outside of Dean Plager’s house, continued on the back roads south of College Mall and finally ran back to the starting point. In previous years, the race had been run on the Library course. The new course was suitable for walkers. Runners despise two things: hills and having people on their backs. This year’s course roughly resembled a hilly one, and some people from flat states had difficulties.

The competition was ominous. The head, contender, and team member Bryant Garth, won last year with a time of 37:45, and he once ran a marathon (26.2 miles) in under four hours. The favorite of the crowd, however, was Prof. Schornhorst, who won the faculty 5K event two years ago and was again expected to place near the top.

Once started, the runners quickly spread out along the road in a thin line; a small group of leaders disappeared in the distance, not to be seen again until the finish. Yet it does not matter whether one wins; it is the experience that is important.

The first important experience is the painful gasping for air around the one mile mark, then the severe cramps in the legs and stomach. At the three mile mark, one feels the sensation of a “runner’s high,” as the body begins releasing natural opiates into the bloodstream to deaden the pain.

At a curve in the road at the four-mile mark, a water station served— not Perrier (this is not Harvard law school) but Bloomington’s famous chlorinated water. By that time, most of the runners were thankful they didn’t have to dig their own wells. The next mile or so was mostly uphill; oxygen deprivation and hallucinations began setting in.

Since everyone gathers at the finish line to check times, it is important to expend one’s last bit of energy in a final sprint. This not only impresses the bystanders, but allows one to collapse in a heap at the end, a nice dramatic effect.

After the race, the runners were treated to a buffet of oranges, croissants, and Danish pastry. Winner Bryant Garth must have been particularly hungry after his finishing time of 37:45. Prof. Schornhorst summed up the experience: win or lose, he likes to run with his students.
The room was noisy and crowded, but a hush fell over the crowd as she grabbed the microphone, signalling the start of the Third Annual BALSA Gong Show.

Marva Leonard, this year's mistress of ceremonies, kept the crowd on its feet with her antics from the stage. She gave credit for her Halloween-like costume to several local designers. It is rumored that Marva missed her calling for a career on the stage.

As the audience sat, but not quietly, sipping their beers, the waitresses of Bear's Place waded through the masses, keeping glasses filled. It was standing room only as the show began.

There was a distinguished panel of judges, with Prof. Schornhorst holding the honored position of "Royal Keeper of the Gong." His attire would have put the highest court in the land to shame. He was clad in a black robe and a white George Washington wig. Professors Garth and Nagel sat at his side, as well as representatives of various law student organizations.

If there had been a talent scout in the audience, several students and faculty members may have been tempted away from a life of the law. The Tortious Sisters were back again, tantalizing the audience with sweet melodies like, "You Ain't Nothing but a Law Student." The Adverse Positions sang their way into the hearts of all punk rock fans, while sending preppy attire into obsolescence. Jesse the Magician amazed a spell-bound audience with his feats of wizardry.

Mike Freeze (Hunter) and Dave Schieferstein (Schief), the winners of the 1981 "Rusty Gavel Award" as the top performers in the Gong Show, received tough competition from Dean Fromm's "Beer Barrel Polka." Professor Dworkin brought tears of laughter to the eyes of the sentimental among the crowd with his original piece, "My Law School." Appearing for the first and possibly the last time was a quartet of Professors Bethel, Carrico, Fickle, and Bradley. Hollywood, eat your heart out. Still more dazzling performances, too numerous to list, thrilled the crowd.

The members of BALSA would like to thank all those who participated, and congregated, in this year's Gong Show. Your contribution helped make this event a great success. See you next year!

Talent-a-boomin' at Balsa gong bash

Above: Dean Leonard Fromm solos on squeeze box. Right: Law School crowd indulges in yearly ritual in the Bear's Place back room.

The Tortious Sisters (below left) and the Adverse Positions (below right) regale the audience with Funk & Punk. Left to right: Becky Frederick, Elizabeth Justice, Car dy Grasse; Lisa Powell, Cynthia Moriarty, Cynthia Renner, Kathy O'Connor, Cynthia Reichard.
Of stomping grounds, watering holes, hangouts and dives

BY MIKE DURAY

If you would say that Nick’s is the favorite law student hangout for drinking and socializing, in fact, there aren’t any I.U. law students who can say that purifying themselves that they have never been to Nick’s. Being close to the law school, Nick’s has much to offer the atmosphere in Nick’s can accommodate almost anyone. If you want to have a private conversation with a close friend, Nick’s is the place. If you want to get rowdy after spending hours in the library or your final, Nick’s is still the place. Needless to say, Nick’s is still the place. Needless to say, Nick’s is the place. If you feel like doing something really different on a Thursday night, after nine o’clock, Butterfields has a $2.00 strawberry or banana daiquiri. Butterfields is located at the intersection of 3rd Street and 46 (College Mall). People generally dress up a bit, but the noise level is low, and perfect for quiet conversation.

If you feel like doing something different on a Wednesday night, there is always the Regulator. For a two-dollar cover charge, you can experience Bloomington’s answer to Studio “54”. The “Reg” serves 25 cent Budweiser cans on Wednesday night, and plays disco music LOUD.

Some people like to start the weekends early. Thursday night in Bloomington is a busy night for most bars. The Hopp, located at 3rd and Jordan, offers a sample of the “Greek” life in Bloomington. At the Hopp, you will see the latest in alligators and mocassins. The Peanut Barrel, located one block north of the courthouse on Walnut, is a popular bar to cheer on the Indiana Hoosier basketball team Thursday nights. Naturally, at the Peanut Barrel you eat peanuts. On a Thursday night for 25 cents you can either get a basket of peanuts or a beer. The “Barrell” has a reputation for being a rowdy bar. This means you can throw peanuts without being thrown out yourself. Formerly the Red Dog Saloon and on the comeback trail is Motley’s, located at Dunkirk Square. This bar has three levels and a unique design. Motley’s plays any type of music you wish to hear, and the bartenders treat you right.

The Bluebird and Oscar’s, located on Walnut Street near 9th Street, are both favorites for live music. They offer a constantly changing variety of live music each week.

For the late night or early morning munchies, several restaurants can satisfy. The Big Wheel and Sambo’s are 24 hour restaurants, located on the main drag (College and 46) into Bloomington.

Bruce’s Cafe opens at three in the morning, and is open till three in the afternoon. The breakfast special at Bruce’s is a must. Bruce’s is located at 620 W. 5th.

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