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LIBRARY EMPLOYEE GOES ON RAMPAGE
by Daniel M'Naghten

Shock waves continue to ripple through the I.U. Law School Community following the stunning outbreak of violence in the Law Library’s Computer Center. Although local authorities are still piecing together the events leading up to last Wednesday’s harrowing calamity, which Law School officials are now calling "The Toshiba Tragedy," this much is certain: late in the afternoon of March 20th, Computer Center Supervisor, Guy Davis, threw open the door of the Law Library’s computer cluster and began firing upon the room’s six occupants with an AK-47 which he had stolen from the Library’s toolbox. Davis, an otherwise mild-mannered library employee, has declined all interviewers and is currently undergoing psychiatric evaluation at Central State Mental Hospital in Indianapolis.

While it is far too early to accurately state why Davis began his mindless assault on innocent law students, clues to the hapless staff member’s breakdown were discovered in the Law Library’s Suggestion Box. Literally scores of disgruntled law students had recently registered their dismay over the growing number of hardware failures in the Law Library’s Computer Center. When confronted with complaints of mounting computer problems, Library Associate Director, Linda Fariss, made some patently derogatory remarks about this reporter’s mother, and Law School Computer Coordinator, Will Sadler, blithely commented "Everything put together falls apart." In the same vein, members of the Law Library’s reference staff were quick to point out "Hey, we don’t know beans about machines." It soon became apparent that, as the most visible of the Law Library’s computer team, Mr. Davis bore the brunt of student disapproval over mechanical problems, and by last Wednesday, he’d reached his breaking point. The malfunction of the Library’s Toshiba laser-printer seems to have been the straw that broke the camel’s back. At least four hundred law students gathered for a torch-light rally last Monday night, marching about Dunn Meadow chanting "We Need Resumes" and other slogans of general despair.

According to reliable witnesses, the shooting began at 2:15 on Wednesday afternoon. Although Davis fired the Russian-made assault rifle point-blank at the ten PC-compatible computer stations, no one was actually injured. Local firearms experts credit the incredibly dense divider panels and Davis’ awesome inability to aim the AK-47 for the miraculous lack of bloodshed. After having wasted some 150 rounds of ammunition on little more than (continued on next page)
three failing Zenith monitors, Davis tossed down the weapon and fled to the nearby Microforms Room. Following an intensive search of some three hours, Monroe County Sheriff's deputies discovered that Davis had cleverly disguised himself as a Minolta Microfilm Reader-Printer and dragged him out of the building to an awaiting squad car.

In what is claimed to be "an unrelated development," Library Director Colleen Pauwels is hiding the Library's complete supply of automatic weapons until "after exams are over."

MAILROOM MIX-UP?

In what Indiana University and Pentagon officials are calling "a minor clerical error," Library Director Colleen Pauwels is now the proud owner of three Patriot missiles, while Joint Chief of Staffs Commander General Colin Powell is trying to figure out what to do with a set of 1991 pocket parts for West's Annotated Indiana Statutes. "I knew this had to happen sooner or later," Director Pauwels quipped as a half dozen library employees herniated themselves when they tried to haul the armaments up to the Library's Rare Books Room. Pauwels went on to explain that she has also received General Powell's subscription to Soldier of Fortune Magazine and an entire collection of Chia Pets Powell's wife ordered from the Home Shopper Network. While neither Pauwels nor Acting Dean Terry Bethel have made a final determination as to the missiles' final fate, this reporter has heard the words "Phi Gamm House" mentioned more than once.

Helen Palsgraff, Safety Officer

LIBRARY ACQUIRES NEW COLLECTION

The Law Library is the proud owner of a one-of-a-kind collection of important foreign documents, boasts Foreign and International Librarian Ralph Gaebler. Through a special exchange program with the University of Athens, the Library recently acquired the most complete collection of Athenian municipal codes anywhere outside the actual city limits of the Greek capital. "While I've made only a cursory examination of the 500-odd volumes, I would say that the laws of Athens deal primarily with when and how hemlock can be administered," reported Gaebler. He went on to quip, "Adds a new meaning to the phrase 'Socratic method,' don't you think?" When pressed to translate some of the titles of the rare and expensive volumes, Gaebler angrily retorted, "Hey, it's all Greek to me!"

Armory V. Delamirie, Acquisitions

THE KING IN THE STACKS?

Although Library and Law School personnel still refuse to comment on the mysterious incident on the fourth floor of the Library last Friday night, the National Tattler today reported that Elvis Presley was indeed cited wandering about the Commonwealth Collection. According to Law Journal Editor, Kelly Quizzy, Presley was barely recognizable due to his long white beard and the two hundred pounds he'd put on since his faked death thirteen years ago. Quizzy, who was putting the finishing touches on an article entitled "The Common Law Origins of the Wankel Rotary Engine," stated she identified the King by his chili-stained white leather jacket and sequin-studded vole-skin hipboots. "As soon as he asked me for directions to the snack bar, I knew it was Elvis," Quizzy told Tattler correspondents. Presley then vanished into the rear stairway, and was nearly apprehended by I.U. Police as he attempted to break into a vending machine on the ground floor of the Law School. The last anyone saw of the King was a shadowy figure crawling on his hands and knees in the flower beds on the corner of Third and Indiana. Witnesses claim Presley was ripping young daffodils out of the ground with his teeth.

In a wholly unrelated development, janitors cleaning the Library during the early hours have
been complaining of UFOs landing on the roof of
the Law School. Two janitors insist that aliens
from the glowing spacecraft attempted to lure them
onboard for bizarre interstellar breeding
experiments by offering them photographs of
Jimmy Hoffa and Amelia Earhart strolling about on
Mars. University officials refuse to say anything
about either incident until the I.U. Foundation
figures out how they can make a few bucks from
the publicity and movie rights.

Harry Hand,
Rumor Monger
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staging a full-scale orgy, Buckley rushed off in
search of a camcorder and a pair of oven mitts with
which to separate the mass of bodies.

In a related story, Dean of Students Leonard
Fromm announced he will be visiting first year
classes in the next few days for brief discussion of
safe sex techniques.

Estelle C. Griswold,
Health and Welfare Department

The Suggestion Box

(Each month in this space Associate Director Linda Fariss tackles your toughest queries and suggestions.
Please be assured that the Library has given your delicate problems the most serious consideration, although
we did get a good belly-laugh from the second-year who complained about the dead chipmunk beneath her
carrel.)

Suggestion: The Library is a pretty dull place to study on Friday nights. Could you do something to liven
it up a little?

Response: You bet. Starting next Friday, we’ll be playing selections by Metallica, The Scorpions, Motley
Crue and AC/DC over the intercom from 10 p.m. until midnight. The desk attendants have also been
instructed to take requests from a play list of greatest heavy metal hits.

Suggestion: I can’t believe some of the wacko books this Library buys! I ask for study aids, and you
purchase a fifteen volume set entitled "Armenian Law of Copyright in the 18th Century!" Could you please
purchase some of the Gilbert’s and Case Briefs I’ve included on the attached list? Signed, Disgruntled.

Response: Dear Disgruntled: Contrary to old wives’ tales, you cannot get pregnant that way. You do,
however, run the serious risk of injuring yourself and everyone else involved unless you perform the
aforementioned acts in the presence of a certified accountant who’s been trained in the ancient arts of—
Whoops! I do beg your pardon! Wrong question!

Question: I recently found a dead chipmunk under a carrel on the third floor. It seems pretty fresh and the
person occupying the carrel said she was more than happy to get rid of it. I was wondering — what’s the
best way to prepare grilled chipmunk?

Response: Cook the little critter over a bed of glowing mesquite coals, five minutes to a side. We
recommend basting all small rodents with a rich cumberland sauce and serving them on beds of shredded
U.S. Congressional Hearings. A 1965 Chateau Haut Brion will add the perfect finishing touch to this
delightful repast!

Elvis? Taken in Law Library on March 29th
WORKING WITH TROWELS

Here’s the most recent dirt unearthed by the Law Library’s crack investigative reporters.

Best wishes and get well soon to Professor Fred Cate who collapsed over Spring Break after completing his 143rd journal article of the year.

Update on Yvette One-el
As many first-years know, Ms. One-el suffered from a rare case of what neurologists are now calling "cerebral vapor-lock" after Professor Roger Dworkin asked her to explain the theory of proximate cause. Yvette’s parents report the stricken law student has regained sensation in her left leg, although she continues to be unable to say anything except the words "Leon Green."

Gavel Award Brouhaha
Acting Dean Terry Bethel has earned the enmity of the entire third year class by invalidating the landslide election of the First Floor Drinking Fountains as the winner of this year’s Gavel Award. Bethel stated that the Law School Elevator and Farnsworth on Contracts, the two closest runners-up, would also be disallowed.

This Month in Law School History
April 1st, 1980: Ten minutes into his first day on the job as Reference Librarian, Keith Buckley leaves building in cold sweat after Professor Ann Gellis asks him to track down statistics on sales of municipal bonds in Fargo, North Dakota for the years 1934-1953. Buckley is later found hiding under a table in the Hump Room at Nicks.


April 11th, 1983: Four members of Professor Tom Schornhorst’s criminal process class have heart attacks when Schornhorst says “These things happen” after six students in a row admit they are not prepared.

April 14th, 1982: Professor Pat Baude begins to ask question on the Commerce Clause in his advanced constitutional law class.

April 18th, 1982: Professor Baude finishes asking question on the Commerce Clause in his advanced constitutional law class.

April 21, 1986: Professor William Hicks finds his vintage sedan filled with beer cans and discarded PCB-laden capacitors after several people mistake his car for a scrap-metal collection center.

April 27th, 1980: Students run amok during Professor Julia Lamber’s administrative law final after stumbling upon test question which reads "Describe administrative review in five words or less." Secretary responsible for error burned in effigy two days later, burned in person five days after that.

HAPPY APRIL FOOLS' DAY !!!