RES IPSA BUDGET MADE PUBLIC AT LAST!

by Harry Hand and "Deep Throat"

In the latest chapter of the infamous "Ipsagate" scandal, Library Director Colleen Pauwels submitted to a recent court order and surrendered the operating budget of the Library’s newsletter, Res Ipsa Loquitur, to the Indiana Attorney General. While all of the figures have not yet been disclosed, sources at the Attorney General’s office have confirmed what the I.U. Law School student body has known all along: the monthly publication’s true costs could comfortably support a family of six people for at least twenty-five years. One informant suggested that if you took every dollar spent on the newsletter since its first issue in September of 1990 and laid out those dollars end to end, you’d be wasting a lot of valuable time, especially if a strong wind came up behind you. Although this statement tells us essentially nothing (aside from the fact that we needed better informants), we were able to convince one of the reference librarians to give us a summary of the budget by threatening him with our rendition of Barry Manilow’s greatest hits.

After being assured that we would not reveal his identity, librarian Keith Buckley admitted that he personally had been paid $50,000 for every lead article he wrote. Buckley said he wasn’t sure how much Systems Coordinator Will Sadler got for preparing each month’s issue, but reminded this reporter that Sadler now owns a fleet of pleasure boats, yachts and antique steamships at Lake Lemon. When asked how much Library Associate Director Linda Fariss was paid for her monthly "Suggestion Box" column, Buckley explained that Fariss was a professional masochist and refused to accept any compensation for “such a labor of love.”

After plying the reference librarian with large amounts of coffee and pipe tobacco, we also learned that Res Ipsa is printed on an extremely expensive Japanese paper which is milled from 1,000 year-old bonsai trees by a heretical school of Zen monks. The cost of the paper, however, appears to be dwarfed by the printing costs. Buckley announced that the newsletter is published by the same exclusive British company that produced the Oxford English Dictionary, and that, following Pauwels' explicit instructions, the publishers use an ink whose primary ingredient is a glandular extract of the endangered greater hooded wombat. "Another year's worth of Res Ipsa," Buckley moaned, "and the greater hooded wombat will go the way of the exclusionary rule."

[Note: In retrospect, we now feel it's only fair to warn our readers that Mr. Buckley's revelations should be taken with a block of salt. In the same interview, the somewhat addled reference librarian also confessed that, among other things, he was the illegitimate son of Jimmy Hoffa and Amelia Earhart, and he was, in a former life, both Marbury and Madison.]
In a related story, Assistant Dean of the Law School, Lauren Robel, has fled the country after being told that the State Auditor would soon be investigating Indiana Law Annotated, of which Ms. Robel is the editor. Robel reportedly gasped, "The jig is up!" and vaulted from her second-floor office with a suitcase full of cash.

TOP TEN WAYS TO ANTAGONIZE THE REFERENCE LIBRARIANS!

While the Law Library's reference librarians attempt to approach every question and research problem with vim, vigor, zeal and good-humor (depending on whether or not they've taken their medication), these stalwart men and women do have their breaking points. Recently, this reporter asked the reference staff to come up with a list of patron requests and real-life events that absolutely drive them up the wall, making them regret the day they entered the library profession, not to mention the day they were born. "What kind of a $#*?! question is that!" the even-tempered librarians wanted to know. After promising to service the Library's microform reader-printers for the next five years, your humble reporter was finally rewarded with the following list.

10. Pro se patrons who want to see U.S. Supreme Court decisions voiding speeding tickets.
9. Bored third year law students who hold skeet shooting tournaments in the Library's atrium.
7. Discovering that law journal cite checkers have just been given a tax article.
6. A first year Writing & Research assignment that requires students to locate the legislative history of the 1873 Minnesota Naughty Practices Act on mopery (the crime of exposing oneself to a blind person).
5. One word: statistics.
4. Chasing crazed squirrels through the stacks. [Extra aggravation points if onlookers are crying "don't hurt the poor little creature" while the rodent is attempting to remove one's arm.]
3. Receiving an extensive request for legal assistance on an appellate brief from a prisoner who was sentenced to life for violating his parole because he dined upon the librarian who refused to help him on his trial brief.
2. Students who complain that the CD-ROM periodical index won't print out the lyrics to the albums they've inserted into the machine.

... and, the Number One way to drive the reference librarians stark, raving mad--
1. Tell them that Professor Popkin just walked into the Library.

Reference librarian pushed past his breaking point

A TOUR OF THE FACULTY LIBRARY
by Leona Helmsley

Responding to pressure from insatiably curious law students, the Library staff recently conducted a tour of that most closely guarded inner sanctum of intellectual reflection, the Faculty Library. As most of the students have long suspected, the Faculty Library is a lavishly appointed facility whose upkeep recently required the sale of Professors Henderson, Pratter, Hoffmann, Lamber, Dean of Students Leonard Fromm and an adjunct faculty member to be named later to the New York Yankees. (There is no truth to the rumor that Dean Aman is also considering optioning Professor Shreve's contract to the Boston Red Sox.)

Upon entering the Faculty Library, visitors were offered their choice of wines from an extensive cellar housed beneath the elevator shaft. The Library's seasoned chefs and waiters were also on hand to provide hungry researchers with a vast array of savoury victuals. (While librarians conducting the tour refused to say if there was any connection between the fact that nearly all the dishes on the menu contain squirrel meat and last spring's frantic squirrel chase through the Library, I think we all know what conclusions to draw.)

After enjoying a sumptuous repast, we were allowed to examine several of the spacious faculty...
study areas, to sample the wide variety of entertainment and recreational venues available to I.U. scholars. We found Placido Domingo and Jessye Norman at Professor Steve Conrad's carrel, singing arias by Donizetti. Next, we were invited into the Greenbaum-Tanford screening room, where the two professors delighted us with a special "bloopers" video of Trial Techniques students making complete fools out of themselves. Interested in a little target practice? Then perhaps you'd like to visit the shooting gallery, where you can join Professors Baude and Dworkin and take aim at statues of Ed Meese, Roger Traynor and Richard Posner. (If you ask politely, I'm sure Pat Baude will let you use his Uzi!) If you're searching for a more tranquil, outdoors atmosphere for your research, you need look no farther than Professor Emeritus Val Nolan's aviary on the roof of the Faculty Library, which is stocked with slate-colored juncos, prairie warblers, great auks and ivory-billed woodpeckers.

By the end of the two-hour tour, several of the visitors had become quite concerned about the costs involved in maintaining such an incredible establishment. Unsatisfied with the librarians' vague references to "miscellaneous discretionary funds," this reporter called upon Assistant Dean for Alumni Relations, Art Lotz, and asked him if alumni donations were being funneled into the Faculty Library. Lotz merely chuckled and told me to go see Professor Sarah Hughes. Hughes categorically denied raising money for the Faculty Library via her expertise on forged negotiable instruments and suggested I talk to Professor William Oliver. When finally pressed for an answer (note for the humor-impaired: this is an intentional wine-related pun), Oliver admitted that a large part of the Faculty Library's budget was supported by worldwide sales of Camelot Mead.

MONKEY BUSINESS?

While pursuing the disappearance of a key to Conference Room 306C, Law Library employees made a dramatic discovery late last week. Upon
breaking into the conference room, two members of the reference staff found approximately one thousand monkeys chained to a word processor. After turning the imprisoned primates over to local authorities, the Library's staff began investigating the computer's hard disk, only to find that bits and pieces of the monkeys' random entries on the machine exactly corresponded to articles written by faculty member Fred Cate. Further inquiries led to one undeniable conclusion— Cate had hidden the monkeys away in Room 306C after teaching the poor beasts how to tap at the computer keyboard. During weekly visits, usually conducted in the dead of night, Cate examined the monkeys' prodigious efforts, extracting intelligible sentence fragments and incorporating these phrases into his own skeletal articles.

"I knew it had to be something like that," snapped Professor Bruce Markell, a friend of Cate's. "Nobody could possibly crank out articles the way Cate does!" Markell went on to emphatically deny rumors that he had offered Cate an unspecified amount of money for his monkeys. Cate himself has been incommunicado since this shocking revelation, saying only that he got the idea from an old joke about chimps writing Shakespeare's Hamlet.

The fate of the liberated monkeys has yet to be determined. Monroe County Animal Shelter officials have considered selling the highly educated animals to a circus, although the scope of the monkeys' talents appears to be limited to spelling out the words "medical ethics" and "intellectual property" on any available typewriter. In the meantime, local authorities have issued a permanent injunction against Cate, forbidding him to own or lease any animal more intelligent than an iguana. Sources close to Cate have reported that the dejected professor spends most of his time watching the science fiction movie "Bug," in which mutant cockroaches spell the name of a deranged entomologist.

HIT THE JACKPOT!

In an effort to make the Law Library more economically self-sufficient, Head of Technical Services, Nona Watt, announced that the Library's OPAC On-line Catalog terminals will soon be converted to lottery ticket dispensing machines. The changeover will occur sometime in late May, Watt said, as soon as the University installs a credit card adaptor on the existing computers. The revamped terminals will also accept dollar bills, spare change, and promissory notes.

"Fiscal responsibility is everyone's responsibility," Watt told an eager crowd of law students last week on the front steps of the Law School, adding that I.U. would get 15% of every dollar wagered on the new machines. "The price of periodicals and new books just keeps going up and up, and what with the costs of maintaining the Faculty Library and Res Ipsa (see related stories), we decided it was either this or auctioning off carrels by the Fourth Floor windows every semester." When asked how library users would locate books, Watt replied that the Library would be stocking a complete supply of Gilbert's Outlines at the Circulation Desk, thereby completely circumventing any need for access to the 425,000 plus volumes in the stacks.

In a related story, Library Director Colleen Pauwels explained that Cataloging Librarian Mike Maben will be handling all parimutuel betting, while Acquisitions Librarian Dick Vaughan will be available for anyone wishing to put money on the point spreads in college basketball games.

WARNING

When using the new WESTLAW Software, DO NOT PRESS the Fl2 key unless you really want to download every case in which the phrase "disparate impact" appears. Professor Lamber's students should be warned that WEST has stated it will not be held responsible for injuries suffered when your modem catches on fire.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE? A VISUAL LAW EXAM

The following four scenes are designed to test your knowledge of the Law Library and legal scholarship. If you are able to complete the exam and answer all of the questions, then you probably need to get more fresh air, weed all garments made from polyester out of your wardrobe and start studying so you can finish law school.

Question 1

1. This incident occurred in
   A) Hadley v. Baxendale
   B) your dreams
   C) a movie Andrea Dworkin is currently boycotting
   D) a Law Library conference room.

Question 2

2. This man is
   A) planning to cheat his way through his closed-book contracts exam
   B) producing a new law journal article
   C) your first medical malpractice client
   D) suffering from a disease for which doctors have yet to find a name.

Question 3

3. This law student is
   A) preparing for her income tax final
   B) recovering from her income tax final
   C) not dressed properly for an interview
   D) you at a party.

Question 4

4. The man on the table
   A) has just discovered he was not admitted to law school
   B) has just discovered he was admitted to law school
   C) has just seen his Criminal Law grade
   D) has just received his 47th ding letter
   E) is playing dead to avoid discussing the upcoming income tax exam.

Correct answers: 1. (D) 2. (D) 3. (D) 4. None of the above. The man on the table was savaged by a runaway squirrel in the law library.
WORKING WITH TROWELS

Earlier this month, Dean Fred Aman formally created the David Souter Professorship. Dean Aman said the ideal candidate for the newly endowed chair would be "somebody nobody has ever heard of, someone who never writes a word and whose main job it will be to mindlessly agree with the majority opinion." Aman went on to say no current faculty members would be considered for the professorship because "none of them can agree on anything."

Third-year law student Jack Past is making a speedy recovery at Bloomington Hospital from unfortunate injuries he sustained late last week while chasing a wild Siberian tiger that had somehow entered the Library. "After the squirrel incident last year, I swore I wasn't going to get involved," Past said from his bed. "The thrill of the hunt went to my head, though, when the tiger bounded into the Permanent Learning Center." When asked about his injuries, Past simply laughed and said, "Nothing to worry about. I'll just have to learn how to write with my left hand now."

After all the excitement over the tiger chase and Professor Cate's monkeys (see related stories), Professor Jeff Stake announced that he will be focusing exclusively on the law of capture and wild animals in all of his future property classes. Commenting that "let's face it, the law of property hasn't changed much in the last 800 years," Stake said the least he could do was make the subject a little more topical.

Professor Craig Bradley has hired ex-members of the Los Angeles Police Department to patrol his Criminal Procedure class next semester. Bradley's newly formed "Incentive Squad" will be equipped with stun guns and batons. "This should put an end to third year apathy," Bradley glibly stated. He went on to comment that Professor Tom Schornhorst has expressed interest in the LAPD enforcers, while Professors John Scanlan and Perry Hodges are considering recruiting officers from the Peruvian guerilla force, Shining Path, as adjunct lecturers for the first year writing and research program.

Paramedics were summoned to the Law School on Monday to help Professor Dan Conkle unlock his fingers during an especially lively Constitutional Law class. Conkle's hands became inextricably tangled while he was lecturing on the Fourteenth Amendment. One of the medical attendants said Conkle had been gesturing so hard that he was suffering from carpal-tunnel syndrome. The paramedics were forced to return to the Law School a few minutes later, after students in Professor Pat Baude's Constitutional Law class complained of post-traumatic stress and vertigo following a lecture on the Commerce Clause. "We haven't had this much business at the Law School since Don Gjerdingen asked his students to list three baseball players with the names of reptiles on a Wills and Trust final," one of the paramedics laughed.

THIS MONTH IN LAW SCHOOL HISTORY

April 1, 1985: Half the first year class is expelled after perpetrating an elaborate practical joke on several faculty members. Professor Bob Heidtt's red Porsche is melted down to make a life-size statue of Roger Dworkin, which is then erected on Terry Bethel's front lawn. Heidtt successfully sues for a new car, Bethel's neighbors successfully sue him for nuisance, Dworkin unsuccessfully sues Bethel's neighbors for defamation and Professor Bill Hicks laments "why couldn't they have used my car?"

April 19, 1987: Professor Douglass Boshkoff is arrested outside the Louvre after attempting to leave the museum with Da Vinci's "Mona Lisa." Claiming he was acting on a mandate from the Law School's Art Committee, Boshkoff is later released after promising to redraft France's bankruptcy code.

April 21, 1991: Foreign and International Librarian Ralph Gaebler is committed to Central State Mental Hospital after Professor Mary Ellen O'Connell tells him the next year's Jessup International Moot Court team will be focusing on the 1412 Treaty on Stoat-pelts between Kings Tvrtko of Bosnia and Sigismund of Hungary. Gaebler is soon joined by the entire Reference staff after Professor Ann Gells asks for the 1947 municipal budget for Grundy Center, Iowa.