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YOU MUST HAVE BEEN A BEAUTIFUL BABY! - THE CONTEST

Throughout the fall semester, you stared at your professors until you thought you had every feature memorized. Well, let’s see if your powers of analysis are truly as finely tuned as you think. To help get us all through the gray, dreary Bloomington winter, we at the Law Library thought it would be fun to have a baby picture contest to begin this semester.

You’ve seen the display case in the lobby. The baby pictures are of faculty, librarians and staff attorneys. The research display on the sides includes adult pictures of all the possible people. See if you can match up the babies with their adult versions. There will be prizes for both students and faculty/staff winners. The following are the rules of the contest. Hope you have fun!

1. The contest is open only to students, faculty and staff of the I.U. Law School - Bloomington.
2. Only one entry will be allowed per person.
3. Entry forms will be available at the Library Circulation Desk.
4. Students entries will be judged separately from faculty/staff entries.
5. Adult pictures of all possible choices are in the research display on the sides of the same case.
6. Not all names on the entry form are represented by a baby picture.
7. Completed entry forms must be returned to the Reference Office by January 24th at 5pm.
8. Entry forms left at the Circulation Desk will not be considered.
9. All entries must include the name of the contestant.
10. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded during the week of January 25th.
11. In the case of a tie, a drawing will be held to determine the winner.

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NEW & NOTEWORTHY: VIRTUAL REALITY?

If you've been keeping up on the high-tech world of computer software, you probably know that Virtual Reality (VR) software is a cresting wave on the horizon. The basic concept behind VR software is that the user enters the software via a 3D monitor (in the form of goggles and electric gloves). Once outfitted with the appropriate VR software and hardware, the user can explore and interact with that world. Readers who have seen the movie The Lawnmower Man can perhaps better understand this concept.

While I wish I could report that the Library now offers a VR courtroom, complete with Judge, Jury and Witnesses, I'm afraid I cannot. What I can do is tell you about the closest concept to VR that legal education has developed: Interactive Video. The Library has owned 20 Interactive Video Lessons (series title: The Interactive Library), produced by the Harvard Law School, for several years. This past summer a private company began producing interactive video lessons under the series title The Interactive Courtroom, several of which we have acquired.

Each interactive video lesson consists of a courtroom drama which is recorded on a laserdisc and displayed on a television monitor. A computer, loaded with the appropriate software, is then connected to the system. The user watches the drama and acts out the role of Litigator or Judge by using the computer keyboard to interact with the case. As a litigator, the user may raise objections or interrupt the proceedings at any time. Objections are sustained or overruled with an explanation of the Judge's ruling, including the language of any pertinent rule, appearing on the computer monitor. As Judge, the user must determine the basis of the objection and make a ruling. At the conclusion of each lesson the program will identify material to which the user could have but did not object to or use. A performance printout of the user's interaction can then be produced for further study.

All of the Library's interactive video lessons are kept behind the Circulation Desk. Users may check out the laserdiscs and run the programs on the hardware found in Room 203H. Instructions to start the programs are included with each laserdisc. For a complete list of all the interactive videos owned by the Library, conduct a title search in IO with the two series titles.

The three newest interactive videos are:

You Be the Judge (Circ. Desk - KF 8915 .157 no.3 1990)

A breach of contract action between Roundtable Records and the Rap group Jumpstreet. Jumpstreet is trying to record for another company under its original name, which was signed over to the plaintiff's company. As the Judge in the case, the user must determine the basis of objections and make appropriate rulings.

Trial Evidence & Direct Examination Skills (Circ. Desk - KF 8915 .157 no.4 1992)

The continuing saga of Roundtable Records and Jumpstreet. In this lesson the user plays the role of the plaintiff's attorney as the case's key witness is questioned by the defense council.

Trial Evidence & Cross-Examination Skills (Circ. Desk - KF 8915 .157 no.8 1992)

Again using the legendary Roundtable Records/Jumpstreet case, this lesson teaches the student to identify and respond to objectionable questions and answers.

MITH COUNTS LEAVING

The Library is sorry to announce that Mitch Counts will be leaving his position as Computer Services Librarian on January 22, 1993. He is leaving to assume the job of Associate Director at the Mississippi College School of Law Library in Jackson, Mississippi.

Mitch served as Computer Services Librarian at the Law Library for two years. Mitch has been responsible for providing training and assistance in the use of the online databases, primarily Lexis and Westlaw. During his time here the use of both of these systems has increased dramatically.

Although we will miss Mitch, I am sure you all join us in wishing him well in his new position.

Linda Fariss, Associate Director
POST-EXAM HIDDEN BRAIN DAMAGE SCALE

Of the many psychometric devices designed to measure the dimensions of human variation, the Hidden Brain Damage Scale stands alone as the only instrument capable of predicting a preference for pimento loaf. For this reason, and despite the sizable revenues that might accrue from the copyright, we offer the scale here for public consumption. It was authored in a flurry of graduate school insight some years ago by Robin Vallacher (Illinois Institute of Technology), Christopher Gilbert (private practice, New Jersey) and Daniel Wegner (Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas).

Although a true-false format is recommended, we have found that many test-takers opt for the response of getting tangled up in the drapery.

The Hidden Brain Damage Scale

1. People tell me one thing one day and out the other.
2. I can’t unclasp my hands.
3. I can wear my shirts as pants.
4. I feel as much like I did yesterday as I do today.
5. I always lick the fronts of postage stamps.
6. I often mistake my hands for food.
7. I’d rather eat soap than little stones.
8. I never liked room temperature.
9. I line my pockets with hot cheese.
10. My throat is closer than it seems.
11. I can smell my nose hairs.
12. I’m being followed by a pair of boxer shorts.
13. Most things are better eaten than forgotten.
14. Likes and dislikes are among my favorites.
15. I’ve lost all sensation in my shirt.
16. My best friend is a social worker.
17. My squirrels don’t know where I am tonight.
18. Walls impede my progress.
19. I can’t find all my marmots.
20. My uncle is as stupid as paste.
21. I can pet animals by the mouthful.
22. My toes are numbered.
23. People tell me when I’m deaf.
24. I can find my ears, but I have to look.
25. I don’t like any of my loved ones.

NEW COMPUTER LAB DELAYED

The Computer Lab in Room 208B (the former Microforms Room) was originally scheduled to be open at the beginning of the spring semester. Because there have been some delays in preparing the room, the new Computer Lab will not be ready for use at this time. Hopefully, it will be open by February 1, 1993.

When it is complete the Computer Lab will have 18 IBM Model 70, 386 computers. It will be set up classroom style to accommodate training sessions and use in courses. There will also be a laser printer available. Access to the room will be the same as the Computer Center. A computer can be reserved in advance by signing the reservation sheet at the Circulation Desk. When you are ready to use the computer, simply pick up a key to the Computer Lab at the Circulation Desk in exchange for your student ID.

At the same time that the Computer Lab is completed and ready for use, a Macintosh computer will be added to the current Computer Center (Room 208D). The Library negotiated with UCS for the addition of the Macintosh in response to several requests by Law students who are Mac users.

We will continue to keep you up-to-date on the progress of the new Computer Lab through the newsletter.

Linda Fariss, Associate Director

The Suggestion Box

(Each month in this space Associate Director Linda Fariss replies to suggestions received by the Library)

Suggestion: People signing up for blocks of time longer than 3 hrs for the conference rooms. Put reminders in the 1st year boxes or hi-lite the time limit.

Response: Unfortunately I do not believe that putting reminders in the 1st year boxes would entirely alleviate the problem. It is not just 1st year students that abuse the policy. For those of you who do not know the policy, you cannot sign out a conference room for more than 3 hours/day. This is to allow the maximum number of law students access to these rooms especially as exams draw near. If nobody has requested the room at the end of the 3 hour period, the student or students are allowed to remain in the room. Because of the abuse of the policy that has occurred recently, we are now checking the sign-up sheets. If somebody reserves a conference room for more than 3 hours, we are marking out the name for any time in excess of the 3 hours. We have also had a problem with students using fictitious names in order to exceed the time limitations. When a room is reserved by somebody who is not a law student, we will remove that name from the reservation sheet. We will continue to make every effort to enforce this policy so that every law student has an opportunity to use these rooms. Thank you for your suggestion.
NOISE IN THE LIBRARY

Throughout the past semester, the Library received numerous complaints about noise in the Library. Most of these complaints concerned excessive talking by law students. We are asking everyone’s cooperation to keep the noise level in the Library stacks area to a minimum. Please be especially cognizant of talking when you are walking on the main stairway of the Library. Because of its design, noise easily carries from one floor to another. If you need to engage in conversation, either check out a key to a conference room or move into the Library lobby. The lobby has been designated as an area for quiet talking.

The Library staff will also make every effort to keep our talking to a minimum in the Library stacks. Some conversation is required in the course of answering reference questions and, of course, when conducting tours of the Library. However, we will post a notice in advance when a Library tour is planned.

If you have a problem with noise in the Library, please report it to a librarian. We appreciate your assistance and cooperation in alleviating this problem.

Linda Fariss,
Associate Director

WORKING THE HALLS

Welcome to Angela Lieurance, who joins the Law School as the Director of the Law School’s Capital Campaign.

Welcome to Visiting Faculty for the Spring Semester

Professor Fernando R. Tesón is joining the Law School as a visiting faculty member for the spring semester. Professor Tesón comes to us from the Arizona State Law School, and is a leading authority in the area of international law and jurisprudence, and international human rights. He received his J.D. from Universidad de Buenos Aires, in Argentina, received a Licencie special en droit international at Universite Libre de Bruxelles in Belgium and earned a S.J.D. from Northwestern University. In addition to practicing law for several years, Mr. Tesón was a career diplomat with the Argentine Foreign Service from 1978 to 1982. He has taught at Hastings, San Diego and Northwestern as well as at law schools in London, Paris, Dublin, Mexico City, and Buenos Aires. He is the author of numerous articles and two books, his most recent being The Philosophy of International Law, published in 1992. During the spring semester, Professor Tesón will be teaching International Business Transactions and International Jurisprudence.

Professor Emilia Kandeva-Spiridonova is a visiting faculty member in the School for Public and Environmental Affairs, and will be teaching one class in the Law School this spring. She comes to Bloomington from Bulgaria where she is the Director of the National Center for Administration, and a professor of public law at the Institute of State and Law in the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences in Sofia. Mrs. Kandeva-Spiridonova received a J.D. and a PhD in Public Law from Sofia University. She has extensive experience with the Bulgarian government where she serves as a deputy-minister in the Council of Ministers, and as an advisor of the National Parliamentary Standing Commission on Science, Cultural and Educational Matters; and she has been a professor of Law and Vice-Dean at Sofia University School of Law. Professor Kandeva-Spiridonova will be teaching Comparative Law in the Law School this spring.

Professor John Kimberling is visiting the school as the Visitor in Practice this spring. Mr. Kimberling, a 1950 graduate of this Law School is a distinguished trial attorney and recently retired from Dewey, Ballantine, Bushby, Palmer and Wood in Los Angeles. American Lawyer described him as "one of a few highly regarded senior litigators in L.A." He is a charter member of the A.B.A. section on litigation, a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and serves as a director of Mitsui Manufacturers Bank and of the Ponto Corporation. Professor Kimberling will be teaching two sections of Trial Process this spring.

Happy Birthday to all those born in January!!

Professor Lynne Henderson on January 13th; Professor Roger Dworkin on the 19th; Jackie Hickey in the Library Media Center on the 22nd; Professor Alex Tanford on the 23rd; Library Director Colleen Pauwels on the 25th; and Professor Aviva Orenstein and Phyllis Kenworthy in the Community Legal Clinic on the 27th.

Hope you all have a great day!!!