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QUIZ BOWL COMES TO THE LAW SCHOOL
by Nonie Watt

How many amendments are there to the United States Constitution? What was the offense committed in Crime and Punishment? If you can answer these questions and oh, about 200 more just like them, have we got a deal for you. The Law Library is pleased to announce the First Possibly-Annual Law Library Interrogatories! Faculty, staff and students are all invited to participate. Teams of four (plus an alternate) will square off against each other putting their knowledge of trivia to the ultimate test. Question categories will include Entertainment, History, Arts/Literature, Science/Nature, The Law, and Law School/IU History.

An entry fee of $50 per team will reserve a place in the competition for your team. Funds raised from the fees will be used to support selected student activities such as offsetting travel expenses to national meetings and job fairs.

Prizes will be awarded to the winning team members and all participants will receive lovely parting gifts. While the exact date has yet to be chosen, we expect the Law Library Interrogatories to take place some time in late January. So it's not too early to start auditioning friends and colleagues for your team.

Please unite with us through this lively competition in supporting the activities of the students of this law school. Your participation will be greatly appreciated. More information will be provided as soon as it becomes available.

Final Note: There are twenty-seven amendments to the Constitution and Crime and Punishment was about a murder. See how easy this is! ✟
BOOK OF THE MONTH


The readers of this column know of my interest in biographies. I have reviewed numerous ones over the years that I have written this column. This month is no exception—I will review a new biography on Chief Justice Earl Warren, written by the respected journalist and author, Ed Cray.

Cray has written a fascinating book on a man recognized as one of the most influential Americans of the 20th century. A recent ranking of the 10 best U.S. Supreme Court justices had Earl Warren at 3rd, following John Marshall and Oliver Wendell Holmes. What is less well-known is Earl Warren’s career prior to the Supreme Court as Governor and Attorney General of California and District Attorney for Alameda County, California. Cray’s book reveals this early career and influences it had on Warren’s tenure on the Supreme Court.

Earl Warren was born in Bakersfield, California. He eventually went to college at the University of California at Berkeley. Upon graduation from law school at Berkeley, he took a job in the district attorney’s office in Alameda County, eventually working his way up to becoming the district attorney. From there he was elected attorney general of California, unfortunately leading the movement to have all Japanese-Americans removed and interned after the outbreak of the war in the Pacific. In 1942, he was elected governor of California. He was Thomas Dewey’s running mate in 1948, and a favorite son candidate for the Republican nomination for President in 1952. Upon the death of Chief Justice Fred Vinson in 1953, President Eisenhower appointed Warren to the U.S. Supreme Court as the Chief Justice.

The second part of this book then discusses the more well-known part of Earl Warren’s career. Some of the most significant cases ever decided by the Supreme Court were determined during Warren’s tenure on the court, including *Brown v. Board of Education* which was decided during Warren’s first year on the court.

Warren’s personable style and his leadership ability were two attributes the Supreme Court sorely needed to make these momentous decisions. In addition, Cray discusses Warren’s falling out with President Eisenhower, his intense dislike of Richard Nixon, and his good friendship with Harry Truman and John Kennedy. His role as the chairman of the Warren Commission which investigated the assassination of President Kennedy is detailed, along with his dismay as to the election of Richard Nixon as president in 1968. Warren retired in 1969, and he died in 1974. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

This book has received mixed reviews. Lucas Powe, Professor of Law at the University of Texas Law School, wrote a glowing review for the History Book Club. In his opinion it is the best biography written of Earl Warren. Powe’s comment was that after reading the book, he wanted to go out and stuff the ballot box for Warren.

On the other hand, a review by Kim Eisler, editor for *Washingtonian* magazine, written for the *Legal Times* is more critical. Her criticism is that Earl Warren has never been completely explained, and that Cray fails to do this as well.

In my opinion, the book probably falls in between these two extremes. Warren’s role in changing America is clearly documented, and it is a story that I found fascinating. Earl Warren was his own man, and his views changed over time. These attributes led to Eisenhower’s statement that appointing him was “the biggest damn fool thing I ever did,” while Harry Truman asked Warren to be one the speakers at the dedication of his presidential library. This is a very interesting book, and I recommend it.

*Michael Maben*

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NEW & NOTEWORTHY: "For a Lawyer without Books...


One of the really nice things about your education at the IU School of Law is that you are able to use an exceptional library collection. As a research institution with a long history, the IU Law Library collection goes beyond the average law school library’s acquisition of reporters, looseleafs, and law reviews. A recent example of an acquisition that many less research-oriented law libraries probably passed on, is the Huntington Library Press’ publication of Thomas Jefferson’s manuscript (handwritten) of arguments from a 1770-71 Virginia case.

Not only is the account significant in that it is one of the most complete existing accounts of a late 18th century American case, but also because the attorneys involved were future forefather Thomas Jefferson, and his mentor and law teacher George Wythe. Edited by longtime New York University law professor, Bernard Schwartz, the manuscript is prefaced by a 125-page introduction which tries to place the Bolling manuscript in perspective. Schwartz leads the reader through a discussion of the law in pre-revolutionary America, the legal profession at the time, 18th century American legal education, and Jefferson as a lawyer. In addition he gives a detailed analysis of the Bolling case and the two attorneys’ arguments, guiding the reader to a better understanding of colonial law and the bar just before the Revolution.

From the Introduction:

"The Jefferson-Wythe arguments illustrate, better than any contemporary evidence, the conception of law that prevailed at the time and, moreover, demonstrate how the law was used in an actual case by opposing attorneys. The manuscript confirms the existence of a developed legal system and its already central place in colonial society. It shows that an instrumentalist idea of law, primarily American in origins, was already developing. Both counsel in Bolling stressed the social purposes to be served by the arguments they presented."

In addition to the introduction, and the manuscript itself, the transcription is augmented by a glossary of legal terms and phrases translated from Latin, Law Latin, and Law French. The book concludes with two indexes, one identifying judges, legal commentators, and other individuals mentioned in the manuscript, and a second "Authority Index" indexing references to statutes, cases, legal treatises and commentaries, form books, and law dictionaries cited in the manuscript.

As one would expect of a monograph published by one of the most respected and famous rare book libraries in the world, this book is handsomely constructed; heavy paper, fine linen cover, clean and sharp typeface, and a photo-reproduction of several manuscript pages on the end pages.

... Would be like a Workman without Tools."
Thomas Jefferson, 1769

Dick Vaughan
Acquisitions Librarian

LAW LIBRARY STAPLER WOES

As you may or may not have noticed, the Law Library has recently had to purchase another heavy duty electric stapler. The last one was broken when someone who did not know how to fix the stapler tried to remove a jammed staple. This is the third electric stapler we have had to purchase for student use in the last two years. Because these staplers are quite expensive, we will not be able to buy another if this one is broken. Please do not try to fix the stapler yourself! If there is a problem, ask for assistance at the Circulation Desk. We like to provide these types of services, but have limited funds. Help us out and be kind to the staplers!
LIBRARY FINES

Due to an IU system-wide upgrade of the library circulation software, which occurred this Summer, fine statements haven’t been printed and library fines haven’t been transferred to the Bursar since mid-June 1997. Contrary to what you might think, this really wasn’t an improvement to the system!

If you have been negligent in returning or renewing your library materials on time, then you probably have overdue fines on your account. Never fear... the billing system is back up and running. We have fine statements for every unpaid overdue fine that you have accumulated in your Law School career. We are checking them for accuracy and will be delivering them to your mailboxes as soon as possible.

As of November 8th, all unpaid library fines over $5.00 will once again automatically transfer to the Bursar on a weekly basis.

Please bring your payments, or questions, to Jennifer or Lisa in the Circulation Office.

Jennifer Bryan
Head of Circulation & Patron Services

WORKING THE HALLS

New Faculty Publications:
Rob Fischman. The Problem of Statutory Detail in National Park Establishment Legislation and its Relationship to Pollution Control Law, 74 DENVER UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 779 (1997).

Happy November Birthday to:
Professor Jost Delbrück, on November 3rd;
Professor Dan Conkle, on the 10th;
Professor Doug Boshkoff, on the 11th;
Dick Vaughan, in the Library, on the 12th;
Professor Tom Schornhorst, on the 18th;
Professor Cathy Crosson, on the 21st;
Dodie Bowman, on the 2nd floor, on the 26th; and,
Angela Lieurance, in the Capital Campaign Office, on the 28th.

Welcome!
To Wendy Brim. She is the Library’s new Assistant to the Director.

To Dave Lankford. He is the Library’s new Media Center Coordinator.

Hope you all have a great day!!!