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# HASTINGS LAW RUSE

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## Cochran Licks Kane

*Kane Loses Flavor  
With Board;*

*Fashion-Savvy*

*Johnny Moves In*

**Velma Janeck**  
PAID FOR LOVE/JANET

In a surprise move this week Dean Mary Kay Kane was ousted and quickly replaced by firebrand trial attorney Johnny Cochran.

Reed Gent, Chairman of Hastings Board of Directors, explained the staff change. "In light of recent fluctuations in Hastings status, both the Dean and the board both felt it was time for a leadership change," said Gent. "We wish Ms. Kane the best."

Incoming Dean Cochran put it more succinctly. "The rankings were low, so Kane had to go," he said.

Cochran has promised that the main goals of his tenure will be stability and improving Hastings main goals of his tenure will be stability and improving Hastings



*Kane gets short end of stick.*

Clark will teach a mini-course entitled "Fashion and Hair: The Key to Winning the Trial of the Century."

Students and staff are excited about the leadership change. "I look forward to working with Dean Cochran and I have the utmost respect for his skills and integrity," said Academic Dean Leo Martinez. Martinez also announced that he will be taking a sabbatical of indefinite length as he ran for the Muni. Professor Howard Downs indicated he might consider continuing to teach now that Cochran would take over.

The move places Hastings at the head of the pack of other second-tier law schools who have also recently named high profile lawyers as deans in an effort to attract students in an era of lawyers as deans in an effort to attract students in an era of

## Administration Demands Abstinence

*Platonic Method to Supplant Inefficient Socratic Method*

**Martin Bishop**

BE A BRACON?

In an unprecedented move, the Hastings administration has decided to eliminate the Socratic method of teaching for a novel, more practical approach: the Platonic method. The Socratic method would forbid any sexual activity by students with other students, spouses, significant others, faculty and staff, for the three years a student is enrolled. Scrambling to overhaul the previous system, which caused an exponential increase in truancy and anxiety disorders, the administration will begin implementing the new method this fall.

Dean Kane offered her reasons for the change: "The bottom line is that the Socratic method is ineffective. There is no compelling evidence to support the theory that our bar passage rates will increase if students are humiliated in class against their will."

Does this then signal a kinder, gentler will?"

Does this then signal a kinder, gentler classroom environment? Kane's response was a resounding "no." She quickly produced empirical studies conducted by *US News* that linked inefficient study habits to satisfactory sex lives. "It's no coincidence that schools like Yale and Stanford, which historically have had high percentages of sexual frustration, are at the top of the polls. Since it is unlikely that the sinners, I mean

consenting adults, here at Hastings will refrain from their vices, it is up to the administration and professors to regulate these activities by any means necessary up and including a draconian atmosphere... within reason that is."

Student reaction to the rule was varied at best. All those interviewed at the *Law News* found no issue with the new rule. "How is this different from before?" was their response most editors and staff writers came up with. Most even viewed the change as a welcome relief. "At least we won't have to keep explaining to our friends why we're always striking out," said internal machinations director Ivo Labar.

An unnamed professor was up in arms about the new rule. "This is a blatant infringement of a person's right to privacy; I am convinced that this will not pass constitutional muster. Besides, I just bought season symphony tickets. Do you really think I'd buy season symphony tickets with this rule in place?" Additionally, he pointed symphony tickets with this rule in place? "Additionally, he pointed out a cogent equal protection argument. "The new regulation says nothing about security guards or maintenance crews. Why should they have all the liberties — WHY?!"

On the other side of the spectrum, irate Tower denizens proposed an anti-Plato rally on the beach. One angry first year demanded that his lease be voided. "Do you really think we choose to

live in close quarters in order to exchange outlines and form study groups?" A graduating(?) third year, in rare showing of Hastings solidarity, fervently added, "Yeah! That's right!" before realizing that she didn't care and went away.

To help dissipate any primal hankering, school uniforms will be mandated. Some of the more popular suggestions included: iXPS Ronald McDonald outfits, UNES uniforms (in that faces-colored brown) "I work for the *Law News*" t-shirts and Lorena Bobbitt masks. Additionally, the Tower gym will be closed for "minor repairs" (at least five years) and the Law Cafe will sponsor Hostess Happy Hour every Tuesday and Thursday. ASUCH is proposing a "Beach on the Beach" get together to commemorate the ribbon cutting, kick-off ceremony set to take place in August.

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It is unclear whether or not the new method will be effective since it is the first program of its kind anywhere in the nation. However, the ABA has implicitly expressed approval for the new program.

The Board of Directors is happy too, but for reasons unrelated to the switch to the Platonic method. A high ranking board member was caught whispering in a meeting. "At least those second-rate lawyers won't be procreating anytime soon."

## Rhinotilixomania affects 78% of all law school administrators nationwide, five times the national average.

reputation in the legal community. He also stated that his first act as dean will be to privatize the school and change its name to the Johnny Cochran Academy of Higher Learning. Cochran also mentioned a possible dress code for students and faculty. "I'm thinking maybe purple suits and yellow ties, or maybe yellow suits and purple ties," said Cochran. "Also hats, definitely hats."

Cochran also named visiting scholars that would be teaching at Hastings next fall, including some from the famed "dream team." Barry Scheck, known for his work in attacking DNA evidence in the Simpson trial, will teach a seminar showing that the sun actually revolves around the earth. In addition, Mark Furman will lecture on Criminal Procedure, F. Lee Bailey will hold a course on Alcohol and the Law, and Marcia

declining admissions. New College of the Law in Berkeley recently appointed former Congressman "B-1" Bob Dornan to head its progressive law program. Earlier this month, Pepperdine University in Malibu announced that Whitewater counsel Kenneth Starr would take the helm at its school of law. However, Starr later declined and the oceanfront school was forced to go with its second choice, famed surfer Tom "Corky" Curren.

The *Law News* has learned that Kane has tentatively agreed to take a consulting position in the Southeast Asia. In an exclusive interview with the *Law News*, Kane confirmed that she will move to East Timor and serve as civil procedure advisor to the Indonesian military junta ruling the island.



Heaven's Gate cultists were arrested after they staged an demonstration demanding that the Alumni Wall feature photos of *X-Files* star David Duchovny. ASUCH prez Ed Streets expressed support.

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categorically deny any involvement in the incident involving animals," Faigman said. The unidentified brunette could not be reached for comment. Faigman stated that he would release a written statement on the farm-house fundraiser when he returned from Professor Stephen Riesenfeld's wedding. The "65-Clubber" will marry Anna Nicole-Smith in a June wedding. The bride will wear white.

In other news, Hastings Chief Financial Officer David Seward proudly announced today that the Tower would be used in the movie "Metro II," unless it wasn't, and Hastings would get paid, unless they didn't.

"We drove a hard bargain with those L.A. boys, I'm telling you," Seward said. "I made them promise to turn the lights out when they were done and give us \$5, which I promptly spent on a couple of 40-ouncers." Seward also said that if the movie crew was going to have lots of parties in students'



She's not woman enough for him.

rooms, they had to at least offer students a beer. "Hell, it's Hollywood! It's a party!" Seward said.

Seward also denied allegations that the reason for the incredibly slow renovations of the top floors of the Tower was the establishment of a bondage pleasure palace there open to the administration, faculty and their "special guests."

"I deny all allegations, foreign and domestic," he added, before leaving the interview so that he could "do lunch" with Joe Esterhazy and Traci Lords.

As always, Dean Kane was unavailable for comment.

## OFF THE RECORD Things the Law News Heard Are True

### Strange New Twist In Cult Tragedy

Further investigation by the San Diego Sheriff's Department has revealed that cultists did not actually commit suicide with the deadly appearance-phenothiazol cocktail.

Instead, sheriffs said, they actually were bored to death by a videotape of Professor Von Kessel's criminal procedure class.

"Well, we're not positive about that," Johnny Law said. "Coulthabon Wang." In the wake of the gruesome find, the investigation continues. "They had been clawing at their ears. At least now they're in a better place."

### More Metro Fallout; Don't Worry, They're Not Coming Back

In other news, Tower Screamer Man held a surprise press conference in front of the Tower this morning at 4:20 a.m. In a shocking revelation, Tower Screamer Man formally announced why he would no longer bellow random names while beneath the Tower windows. When asked by

reporters what provoked the departure, Tower Screamer Man noted that the recent plague in Hastings' ranking necessitated his action.

"Frankly, I just wouldn't waste my breath any more," he said. "You guys are still in bar passage rate just in California. I have a reputation to uphold."

The filming of Metro may have contributed to his decision. "You nitwits, all you got out of that deal was a new car for Kane and a water fountain."

Tower Screamer Man hopes to parlay his fame into wealth on the big screen. "Metro was bad enough," Tower Screamer Man said. "But at least I got some screentime. My agent said it's the only way to get my foot in the door." In fact, Tower Screamer Man is set to appear in a Steve Buscemi-Minnie Driver movie about two lost circus performers and the homeless screaming drug addict they befriended. He will play the contortionist.

### International Rankings Announced

Useless News and World Reports recently released its

annual global ranking of law schools. For a third year in a row, Hastings dropped in the poll, this time to the 73rd Tier. This latest decline places Hastings in league with the following schools:

2102) Augusto Pinochet Academy of Justice Santiago, Chile

2103) Hammurabi College of the Law Babylon, Iraq

2104) Hastings College of the Law San Francisco, CA

2105) Yale University New Haven, CT

Useless News uses a variety of methods to place schools including the reading of chicken entrails, analyzing bar drinking rates, the number of former political prisoners in the faculty and the percentage of Useless News subscribers in the student body. Outgoing Dean Mary Kay Kane blamed the precipitous decline on a plague of locusts and her failed effort to corner the world silver market.

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## Boco, Booker, Candlestickmaker: Electiongate '97 Scandals Just Keep on Coming

### Kuhn Runs Away With the Spoon; Orange Traffic Cone Left Unscathed in Student-Sponsored Fracas

**Michael Poon**  
COMANCHE INDIAN

Second-year ASUCH representative Rob Booker has filed his own protest to the recent



Rob Booker?

elections, claiming that he lost because people thought he was second-year. Law News Ombudsman Editor Rob Boco, "I didn't have a chance," Booker said. "Nobody who knows Boco would think he was competent to be ASUCH President."

Law News editor Molly Peterson agreed. "Hell, Boco can hardly spell his own name," she said.

Boco said he was unaware that he had run for ASUCH. "Was that me?" he said. "I thought the name sounded familiar." Thinking for a moment, Boco also noted "That would explain why people kept asking me whether I shaved as a political ploy."

Still, Boco admitted that he wouldn't mind the job and now that you mention it, would like the previous election voided so he could throw his hat into the ring. "Pre food at the meetings? Ever I could do that job," he said, as delusions of grandeur danced in his head.

Booker's substantive argument is nonexistent, since election regulations don't deal with mistaken beliefs. Still, he thinks he has a case. "Boco sounds a lot like Booker if you mumble a little and say it kind of fast," Booker said. In addition, Booker points to Boco's sloth and inability to take focused pictures as harmful to his chances. "It's not like I got confused with a really

hardworking person, like Andy," Boco said. Actually, Booker said it, but it's just so damn hard to keep them straight.

Mrs. Boco agreed. "They take the same N Juhah Muni," she said, "so sometimes the wrong one comes home. It's an ongoing problem."

Booker said he could speak from experience on that one. "I've spent some lonely nights with Rob's cat in his seedy little apartment," he said. "That wily bastard only leaves me noodle roni for dinner."

Sources close to the election committee said that as soon as the committee stops laughing, they'll throw out the election results and start over. "Sure, why not?" said election commission

chair Scott Kuhn, "We don't really have any rules, anyways."

King Juan Carlos of Spain, however, got the last word: "Both Booker and Boco are may locos."



Rob Booker?

## Wall of Mirrors

Welcome to the House of Fun  
**F. Fletch**  
SUNSHINE

Controversy over the Alkatas Wall came to a screeching halt today as a committee made up of Edward's friends, Edward Streets and the dean replaced the 65 Club pictures on the 2nd floor hall with fun house mirrors.

"Now we can all be honored," Streets said. "The administration can get off my back, the alumni should be placated, and best of all, the Law News will stop writing stories about it." Streets wandered off down the hall to check on the project.

Martinez agreed. "Now when I look at the wall, I realize that I am one of the school's treasures." Campus shrink Stuart Smalley said the mirrors could provide a valuable opportunity for self-validation. "Just look at yourself and say ten times, 'I belong on the wall. I am good the way I am.'"

However, all of the 65 Club members were displeased with the result. "Hey! Hey! Ho! Wall of Mirrors has to go," they chanted as Scott Kuhn whipped the crowd into a frenzy with a bullhorn.

Kuhn expressed concern that he came down on the side of the old white guys. "This doesn't happen often," he said sheepishly. "But I was hoping to be on the social justice wall."



The 65 Club staged its own sit-in after their pictures were replaced by mirrors.

## Streets Speaks

**John Cocktoastin**  
FLY-BOY BUDDY

In another step on his quest for world domination, Edward Streets announced the would-be change of name of the Law News to Streets' Shoot.

"It's a great idea," Streets said, defending his plan to conquer the Law News. "Now I have a mouthpiece. Every grade deserves a mouthpiece. I am confident that ASUCH could have accomplished at least one more thing — well, one thing — this year if I could have indoctrinated the student body."

Law News Executive Editor Lily Epstein was confused. "I'm confused," she said. News Editor Cyril Yu was giggled as well. "Wait a minute," he said, scratching his head. "I thought we were Edward's mouthpiece already."

The move was hailed as "monumentally stupid" at first. One student who actually has an opinion spoke on condition of anonymity,



since he didn't want to jeopardize his chances of getting a job. "All six of us are really ticked off right now," he said. "But give us some beer and that will shut us right up." Director of Community Affairs James Breden quickly complied. Breden showed additional support by copying Streets' hair style.

The homeless guy on the corner had an alternate proposal that would involve no evidence. "We have a Street Shoot already," he said condescendingly. "Tell Edward I'll sell him the whole thing for \$1." The homeless guy added that he'd write, too, giving him another edge over those hapless Law News folks.

## Tongueless Student Takes Home Gold

### Even Kerry Strug is Proud of Sher's Noble Attempt

**Dr. Rosen-Rosen**  
IS THIS THE RECORDS ROOM?

What was a stirring oration became a courtroom bloodbath when a trophy-winning moot court team member bit his own tongue off during a recent competition at Hastings.

Scott Sher, a well-regarded 3L orator who has brought home the gold for Hastings in past competitions, accidentally severed his tongue during closing arguments at the 24th annual Bebe Romboro Administrative Law Moot Court Competition on March 31.

"It's so sad, he had such a beautiful tongue," said 1L admirer Christy Robbins.

Judges and the audience were showered in blood when Sher cleaved his tongue. The four inch member flopped on the podium for

a few seconds before coming to a fatal rest, according to witnesses. Sher bravely attempted to mime the rest of his argument before blood loss caused him to faint. "He used the invisible box mime to show the futility of his opponent's argument, but it just wasn't convincing," said Judge Antonin Scalia who questioned whether French mimeing was permitted under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Hastings Professor and tongue wagger Jim Wagstaff countered that it was clearly legitimate under the "Chez Paris" Doctrine found in the Rules Enabling Act. "Even if it wasn't constitutional," Wagstaff said, "it was a damn good show."

In the days after the tragedy, Moot Court Director Toni Young announced a "Golden Tongue" award in honor of Sher. It will be awarded annually to the student

who wins the most oral competitions nationwide. In the event that Hastings students do not fare well, the award will go to the Hastings professor who can lick his or her nose with their tongue.

Famed transplant surgeon Abe Fortas will attempt to mate the tongue of a Stanford law student to Sher's palate in what is a surprisingly common operation, according to Fortas. "Many Stanford law students sell their organs of taste after graduation," said Fortas. "In vain attempts to pay off their extensive student loans."

If the operation is not successful, Sher will only be able to mumble and taste sour, bitter flavors for the rest of his life, according to Dr. Fortas. "If that's the case," Sher mimed, "I guess I'll have to pursue a career as a law professor."

# HEY KID, PUT THAT DOWN

## En Banc

### Kane Has Eamed Her Stripes

While many students have been very understandably excited/Johny Cochran is our dean, we shouldn't be so quick to strike Kane from our staff.

Kane has done much for our school and been publicity shy to boot. Few know that her first name is actually Todd. She changed it to earn the donations that a large cosmetics firm gives every time her name appears in the *Law News*.

It should be noted that no school has fallen so far as fast in the U.S. *News* rankings as Hastings. That's quite an achievement, and Kane deserves recognition for it.

Sure, Kane's no fashion plate like Cochran but how long will Johnny be happy with Mary's meager \$168,000 salary? That kind of money won't buy you many Armani suits. What if Cochran dumps us next year for another second-

tier law school in a better part of town, like say USF?

One thing's for sure, we won't have a Kane to lean on.

Another compelling reason to keep raising Kane is that its just a matter of time before a confused Teri Hatcher comes wandering by Hastings looking for Dean Cain.

Kane needs to start selling herself if she's going to sway opinion. She should constantly remind students of her strongest personal attribute. Namely, her incredible inertia. Inertia is a powerful force when harnessed and Kane has mastered it. Despite the dizzying changes sweeping the legal community Kane has stood fixed, immutable; constant.

And c'mon, admit it, you'll miss her smile.

Lousy and most important, who will the *Law News* mock if Kane leaves? If we try this crap with a real mean Dean we'd get our asses kicked.

## We Want Stuff

We want stuff. We think we've earned it. We want a big huge sofa for our office so that we can take naps instead of going to class. We want a wet bar in the office to stimulate creativity. We want to go to dinner at Hawthorne Lane (oops, we did that already). We want a boat, a big one, big enough that we can host some "MTV Spring break" sequences.

Don't let us get greedy. Yell for your stuff. Bitch and moan at the administration, at ASUCH, anyone in sight. You're only here once.

But we don't just want stuff for us. How about you? We are your tireless advocates for all of the things we want for ourselves. Well, maybe not quite as many; after all, we should get some

rewards for the tireless investigative reporting we do.

You should get a library that works, a unit for journal competition, a career services office that actually has any capacity to get someone besides the top three people a job, an admissions director, piles and piles of money for summer grants for all political persuasions, a Board of Directors that actually knows what is going on here on campus, a fair and responsive student government, Tower repairs completed before the breaking of the seventh seal, free bar review courses from the university, and something useful to go in the pit.

And last, but certainly not least, a good school newspaper.

## Down With Us

While we're on the subject of complaining, let's just say it's been a long year at this school. We've complained about the administration, the Deans, the Board of Directors, the faculty, Sam Osake, Joe Zehnder, HPILF, Career Services, journal treads, the whole U.C. system, ASUCH, Edward Streets, EDWARD'S

special committee, the election committee, and the temperance of the building.

We have nothing left now to whine about. Except ourselves.

We denounce ourselves. The time has come for something to be done about us.

Rise up against the oppression of your minds and join the revolutionary struggle!

## Letters to the Editor

To the editor:  
There is nothing wrong with the Hastings administration that a few bites of my homemade apple sauce can't cure.  
Far and Away,  
Marshall "Bo" Applewhite

To the editor:  
Why does the womens' bathroom in the basement of the 198 Building have wallpaper, condom dispensing machines, hygiene products, toilet seat covers and a couch while most of the mens' rooms lack mirrors, let alone the rest of these perks! Men need to feel pretty too.  
Pained and alienated,  
Ivo Lahar

To the editor:  
Your recent articles written by you in your paper would indicate that you are an white arian supremacist. I hate hatred and I hate you.  
Signed,  
Anonymous Note Writer (I can't spell very good)

To the editor:  
Why am I even writing anything? Nobody reads the paper anyway. You guys don't even pay me. I hate everything so.  
Mike Malugani  
Disgruntled IL

To the editor:  
You don't pay us either. Why do we edit anything?  
Love,  
The Editors

To the editors:  
You'll get nothing and like it. You don't edit anything. You sit around and eat Red Vines. That's why I don't pay you.  
The Editor

To the editor:  
Your hands and feet are mangoes, you're going to be a genius anyway. Not only that, but the free unclassifieds aren't funny to anyone but the five of you, can't you fill space any other way? Control for smilers can't be bought; is it for this and your life you sought? Maybe so and maybe life you sought?  
Sincerely,  
Mike and Trey and Page and Fishman

To the editor:  
I enjoy the paper, but I think your reporting is too unbiased. Where's some good innuendo and rumor-mongering? Why the hell do you publish anyway if you aren't going to cast some aspersions hisher and yon? At least offend some faculty members. They don't even read the goddamn thing.  
My *Law News* was better than your *Law News*.  
Steven Feinstein

To the editor:  
You are a puppet for the left. You are nothing more than a ham-handed lackey, an apologist for the liberal left. You run roughshod over conservatism. And they have a lot to apologize for. Plus, you don't even get to be a liberal, you just apologize for them. So take that, you smug bitch. You're not one of us.  
Sincerely,  
One of Them

To the editor:  
We new and forever disassociate you from our cause. You are giving us a bad name. Go away. Sincerely,  
The "Liberal" "Left" at Hastings

To the editor:  
You're controlled by the media establishment. Or else by the left. Or maybe the right. Or the administration. Or ASUCH. Somebody controls you, that's for damn sure, and I'm going to find out about it. X-Files is right, the truth IS out there. Maybe the CIA got to you too.  
Angrily,  
Oliver Stone

To the editor:  
screwing puppies hurl crap from sudrenched windows of pedophilic misery. Naked I ooze to the feces wall strumming my phallus full of cumilgaphilia pubes mother of pubesinger my stank finger whores lust where angels bleed.  
\*49%  
Charles Ballard Bukowski Burroughs

## HASTINGS LAW REVIEW

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Our paper is better than Boali's, and that should give you some comfort. News, feature, and opinion articles are accepted from the community at large as well as students, but it's not like you people write anything anyway. Hell, I can't even get the layout editor to read articles.

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## Dean's Corner: Apologia, Part II

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[Ed. note—This is the article the deans intended to submit for spin control purposes following the U.S. News debacle. The Law News regrets the error and any confusion that resulted.]

We know what you're thinking. You're probably right. Hastings is in deep doo-doo. But we can fix it.

We personally wrote a letter to the editors of *U.S. News & World Report* telling them how to improve their ranking system. In our letter, we included the following solution to the statistical dilemma that addresses *U.S. News'* need to do their job in the laziest possible manner and our need (pretty much the same thing).

Lets forget ranking on the basis of "number of students who..." and "number of students with..." This is all too damn complicated. Let's just make "number of students" count for 50% of the ranking. Just raw, plain ol', unadulterated numbers. And since we're packin' 'em in here like there's no tomorrow, we're number 1!!! Takes all that complicated math out of the system, don't it?

Helps out with our recruiting system, too. We might never have to find a director of admissions. All we need is someone who can take money from warm bodies. Selection criteria include: a pulse. That's about it. I bet the Board of Directors will applaud out

amazing cost-saving measures, eh?

But making *U.S. News* change the system is only half the battle. Some of our internal changes will include:

Rank everyone in the top 10%. You know when we all told you on orientation day that 90% of students couldn't be in the top 10%. We lied. 100% of students can be in the top 10%. All we have to do is say it's true; nobody will ever find out. If this plan proves too controversial, rank the top 50% in the top 10% and the rest of 'em in the top 25%. That's probably more believable anyways.

Also, we'll offer a money back guarantee if you don't have a job within six months. Or else you can work at Career Services until you get on your feet. I hear Lou has some filing and copying, and at the very least, each and every one of y'all should understand the phrase "Fetch my coffee!" by now.

Finally, and most importantly, we're going to go private, so we can charge you oodles and oodles of money for pretty much the same education while we buy yachts. Or just learn to spell them.

Whatever. Also, changing our name to "Boat" College of the Law might not be a bad idea either. As you can see, we've got a lot in the works. Hey, we can't fix everything overnight. But we can fiddle while Rome burns. Think about it.

## Campus Op: What do you like about the *Law News*?

I like to use it to muffle the screams of my victims.

—Ted Bundy, 1L



Professor McMorrow taught us how to make pirate hats out of it.

—Amy Fairweather, 1L

Pound for pound, it recycles better than the *Street Sheet*.

—Sly Stone, 3L



Its unbiased, objective reporting.

—Joe Zehnder, 2L



Nothing, you rebel scum.

—Darth Vader, Adjunct Professor



Student reaction to administrators' plans for anything is mixed.

# FARTS AND SEIZURES

## Dean Promises Pit in Perpetuity

Pit Deeply Overjoyed At Its Right to Self-Actualization



"Every law school worth its salt should have a large, gaping hole," Kane says.

### Bobbi Fleckman

HOSTESS WITH THE MOSTEST

The fate of what goes down in the ground behind the 200 building has been up in the air for some time. But instead of doing something useful with the land the Hastings administration has announced that the Pit, as it is sometimes known, will remain just that for the near and foreseeable future.

"Instead of planning to fill in the hole, or build something there, we're celebrating the individuality of Hastings," former Dean Mary Kay Kane said. "What's wrong with that? You can be darn sure Booth or Yale or Harvard doesn't have a hole as big as ours."

Pit committee chairs Doug and Wendy Whiner said that plans for a student center were scrapped because it was "too hard."

The varsity basketball team was outraged, and started to circulate a petition before realizing it didn't exist. The same thing happened to ASUCH, except without their authority.

In a related development, professors Brian Gray, Bill Hutton, Jo Carillo and Rory Little were caught with kayaks and a hose near the hole last night at about 4:20 a.m. by some security guards who had gone to Carls Jr. for some criss-cut fries. When asked what they were doing, the professors alloured to "course preparations." (see related story)

Some were outraged by the professors' actions. "A flute without holes is not a flute. A donut with no holes is a danish," the philosopher Basho once said. "A hole with no hole would not be whole."

When reached for comment, the Pit itself agreed. "I may not be a member of the board of directors, or a student, or an animate object," the Pit said. "But neither are professors, and they get paid. I have a right to self-determination too."

The only people who were upset were the student body. "The Law News has been making this same dumb joke since 1987," they collectively shouted with one voice. "Bring it to an end!"

## SAVE Does About Face

Ex-Vegans Shout "Meat is Mmm Mmm Good"

### Artie Fufkin

POLYMER RECORDS

With a mouthful of meat, Students Advocating Vegetarian Ethics (SAVE) renounced their opposition to a carnivorous diet during a raucous campus rally last week.

Most Hastings students were baffled by the turnaround and could not hear the chants of the newest meat aficionados on campus since many of the demonstrators had their mouths stuffed with beef jerky.

"We still like veggies," said Chuck Brisket, President of the new meat-centric SAVE. "But just with a healthy coat of grease."

The new group will be staunchly pro-meat but will not change their acronym. "We're still SAVE, but now it stands for Students Advocating Veal Eating."

The group does not just plan to lobby for more veal consumption though; "Hot dogs, beef tongue, machaca, pork, spam, testis, ribs, if it comes from a beast just a great eat," said SAVE member Brad Wurst as he happily chewed on a Burger King Whopper.

SAVE members explained away the abrupt conversion to meat eating. "Most domesticated animals have it good," said Brisket. "One swift kick to the back of the skull ain't so bad; I hope I go out that easy."

Brisket said that the new

group hopes to enlarge its membership. To attract followers, the group will sponsor several field trips to meat-themed spots including slaughterhouses, butcher shops and smoking plants. SAVE also is planning a group expedition at the beginning of hunting season in order to stock up on meat for the winter. The formerly pet-loving, now pastrami-loving group has already purchased high-powered rifles for its members.

"Stare bought meat is tasty," said Brisket. "But nothing beats drinking the warm blood of a fresh kill."

In order to pay for its big-game hunting expeditions, SAVE plans to sponsor several Barbeques On the Beach next term where it will charge for grilled exotic game like kangaroo and monkey meat.

SAVE also hopes to get permission from school officials to install several livestock pens on the upper floors of the Tower. "The Tower would be perfect for cattle because as everyone knows, you can get a cow to climb stairs, but there's no getting them back down," said Brisket. "We'll eviscerate the cows on the 26th Floor and send the carcass down the garbage chute," he said. "Then all we do is carry the meat to Em's Place and its money in the bank."

Tower Hotelier and Hastings CFO David Seward has tentatively agreed to the plan in exchange for seven pounds of hogs feet.

## Simpsons Take it to the Big Screen; Bat With Human Face To Produce

### David St. Hubbins

LOVELY LADS

Last year TV's *The Simpsons* surpassed *The Flintstones* as the longest running prime-time cartoon. Now Springfield's finest take on Hollywood's *Flintstones* in an independent film produced by the boys at 20th Century Fox. Unlike the *Flintstones* film, *The Simpsons: The Movie* doesn't merely try to duplicate the animated series which inspired it using live action.

Instead, director Tom Hooper uses black humor to show a week in the lives of Homer & Co., as the expense of a PG rating. This is the film's first

ratings move, as the R rating certainly detracts from potential merchandising aimed at the family market. (The film was originally rated NC-17, forcing producers to cut a scene where Bart (Macaulay Culkin) and his sister Lisa (Linda Hunt) "experiment" together in the shower.)

As for the cast, Culkin is a bit over the top as Bart; the role is the dinner scene in which his mother, Marge (Meg Tilly), pesters him about having safe sex with his girlfriend, played by Alicia Silverstone. Fed up with Marge's nagging, Bart screams, "She won't have a cow, mom!" — an obvious and cruel reference to Ms. Silverstone's weight problems during



Here's the gaffer.

the filming of *Batman & Robin*.

A nice surprise is Richard Roundtree (Shaggy's father Simpson), adding an interesting (albeit

undressed) interacial element to the film. "We were looking for a white guy," says Hooper and producer Sam Raimi. "But at the audition Dick pulled his pants down and started screaming 'Show me the money!' We practically gave him the role on the spot." Another casting coup are the cameo of Supreme Court Justices Antonin Scalia, Montgomery Burns, Homer's sadistic boss, and Clarence Thomas as Waylon Smithers, Burns' "yes" man.

Finally, the film's soundtrack features the Simpsons' theme — complete with lyrics — by the band Sweet (known for such "70s classics as "Love is Like Oxygen" and "Little

Wille") in their last recording before lead singer Brian Connolly died of liver failure.

*The Simpsons: The Movie* takes the characters far from their familiar territory. Some of the scenes are questionable, such as the one in which Dr. Hibbert's Grandpa's "snackie," which others are not to be missed, such as Ned Flanders (Geno Buono) — who he has that perfect monstache? — lecturing his sons Rod and Todd (played by the cross-dressing Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen — who die have amazing enough voices?) about the evils of drug use while his wife (Florence Henderson) is in the kitchen drinking cooking sherry.

## More Options From Your Friendly Administration

### Count Rugen SIX-FINGERED MAN

*As yet another public service (we just give and give, don't we) and in the interests of not printing large chunks of white space, the Law News prints below some courses that were inadvertently omitted from the fall schedule:*

- Kayaking and the Law, taught by Professors Carrillo, Gray, Hutton and Little. This is a special 1-unit mini-course focusing on a very specific question: "If you and four of your favorite students were, say, kayaking on the bay, and then decided to go around Angel Island, which turned out to be a little bigger than you thought, and all of the food was on the kayak abandoned on the back side of the island, except for the beer that was in the cooler in the tax professor's car, and everyone got separated, and the kayaking company guy came out and yelled at the Crim Pro/P.R. professor,

and nobody was ever allowed to go back to the kayak rental place ever again, and the environmental law and property professors and two of the students had to be picked up in Tiburon during rush hour, do you have any legal recourse when the students decide not only that you owe them a dinner but also to make fun of you in the April Fool's Issue?" Prerequisites: Remedies, kayaking experience and at least two classes with the course instructors.

- Beastiality and the U.S. Constitution, two-unit seminar taught by Professor Faigman. The thrust of this class is, "If it's not in the Constitution, you're just not looking in the right place."

- Bull-riding, taught by 2Ls James Breeden and Christine Drake. "Just because."

- Qualitative Analysis, special seminar taught by *U.S. News & World Report* Editor James Fallows. At the end of this 3-unit lecture course, you too will be

able to compare apples to oranges.

- Show Tunes and Securities Regulations, by Professor William "Warbler" Wang (rhymes with song). How to relate "Surrey with the Fringe on Top" to piercing the corporate veil.

- Slander, Libel and Defamation Seminar, taught by the Law News staff. Self-explanatory.

In addition, 2Ls and 3Ls who wish to receive academic credit for journal participation must get their registration signed off by much-loved intellectual property Professor Barracuda Barrett. "I have always been a big fan of all student scholarly publications," Professor Barrett said. "I can't understand why the administration would ever threaten to take away those valuable credits for hours and hours of hard work." Barrett also said she intends to lobby the university for additional units for journal participation; "3 or 4 should be about right."

## Heaven's Gate Horoscope:

### "Do" Apprehensive Shows the Way

**ARIES** (March 21 - April 20) Face it. The drop in Hastings' ratings is much bigger than you think. It's a ponzi scheme man. Blow all you loan money on lottery tickets and build yourself a hunker. You're owed when the bottom falls out and your classmates come after you like so many angry Albanians.

**TAURUS** (April 21 - May 21) The bull. You're a real piece of work. One arena and we could send what's left of you home in a tea cup. Tonight. Do us all a favor and stay home.

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21) On the day that you were born the angels got together and decided to create a dream come true. So they ignited stardust in your hair and bits of moonlight in your eyes of blue. Just like me, they long to be, close to you.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 22) Fearful, reviled, itchy. For better results, shave all body hair before applying Quilt and wash bedding in HOT water. You're a natural! Faluku is a sure fire money maker. Cut down on the mayonnaise.

**LEO** (July 23 - Aug. 23) Fold up your purple triangle, sell those spanky new Nikes. Hale-Bopp's come and gone and you've missed the bushy. You are condemned to repeat the same banal pathetic existence in perpetuity.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23) You're suspicions are well founded. Skip classes next week and

follow your "sweetheart" to work. Bring a camera. All is not lost. Wait seven days and jump the nearest Cancan.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23) "Why do all Libra's think they're so damn smart?" asks first year Chris Morrow. "What they need more school spirit."

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Saute' minced garlic in oil until soft but not brown. Add chopped mushrooms, basil, and tomatoes and continue cooking until mushrooms and pour a cheap Chianti. Serves 4.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21) Opportunities abound. Channel your anger into mysticism. But lay off the alien thing, that's my bag. One word about comets and I'll sue your ass into the next millennium.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20) See a doctor about that rash. And speaking of bugs, back up your hard drive. Whoops... too late.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19) Your Utopian dream has driven away all but your most desperate friends. Give in to that creeping pneumonia. The Columbia Record House is hot on your trail. Arm yourself and listen to more talk radio.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 - March 20) Oh, you crazy fish person. Your innocence is malfunctioning. Be confident, good dental hygiene is well within your grasp.

### When You Can't "Just Do It" Anymore... Psychotherapy Can Help

Sometimes pressures from law school, family, relationships, illness, finances, loss, trauma, or professional and personal identity questions can become overwhelming. If your problems are severe enough to affect your behavior, feelings or physical health in ways that are disturbing, frightening or out of your control, it may be time to get help. Please feel free to call for an appointment or to discuss your concerns.

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