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# HASTINGS LAW RUSE

IF THERE IS TO BE A HASTINGS COMMUNITY, THE STUDENTS MUST BE OPEN TO PARODY

## Hastings Scraps Garage Idea; New Housing Plan Unveiled

By Josiah Carbury, 2L

In a surprising move, the U.C. Hastings Board of Directors called a special press conference to announce that the college was backing away from plans to construct a parking structure on the corner of McAllister and Larkin. Board member, Patty Kline-Baker-McKenzie-Smith, stated, "We finally came to our senses and realized we were making a huge mistake. Sure, David Seward [Hastings CFO] kept telling us that the garage would be a cash cow for the university, but, you know, most of us grew up in the city - what do we know about cows?"

When questioned by ace *Guardian* reporter, Stevie Stephenwolf, as to whether the Board's decision was influenced by the recent outburst

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Photo of current parking lot re-touched to show possible design of "futuristic" rent-by-the-hour motel to be run by Hastings.

Photo by Ansel Adams

## Hastings Wins Prestigious Architectural Award Munson Award May Effect Late Change Of Next Week's *U.S. News* Rankings

by Jesus Quintana, 4L

On Friday, March 30, 2002, Hastings was awarded the coveted ABA Roy Munson Award for Beauty and Function on a law school campus.

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This award is given out only every two years and is followed with a feature article to run in *Architectural Digest*. The article will run in the June edition. Other schools that won in the past include Harvard, Yale and Stanford.

The award committee not only surveys the overall aesthetic appeal of a school (see photo on page 7), it also takes into account how well the infrastructure meets the needs of the students. During the press conference, Walter Sobceck, chair of the Munson board, cited Hastings for their continued devotion to keeping elevators functioning. Sobceck noted that in their application, Hastings strove for the lofty goal of having 20% of their

elevators functioning and ended well ahead of that goal with a full 25% of them functioning. Disabled students were only late to class an average of 50% of the time because of the malfunctioning elevators, which is an increase from 1996 when it was 75% and Hastings came in second for the award. Delmer Johnson and his brother Ty, who operate the hand pulley elevator system, are proud of the overall improvement in elevator function. "We have been working out a lot and are able to pull a lot faster now," Delmer noted in response to queries regarding the improvement in efficiency.

Another factor that courted

favor with the board was the combination of orange carpet and Formica in the library. "It harkens back to the work of the brilliant architect Michael Brady in the early 70s. Only Hastings would have the foresight and courage to bring it back," said Sobceck. This brilliant use of orange also brought praise for "The Tower." Some people believed that Hastings chose olive green and orange because it was given to them by the military when the bases in Alameda were shut down. However, the Munson board saw it as a bold move and a comment on the Orwellian feeling of most law schools.

Furthermore, the board's

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# Pageant Law Still Hot Even In Cool Job Market

## One Firm Defines Practice; California Teen Queen Admitted To Hastings

by A. Loof, 2L

The *Law Review* is dedicated to introducing students to the changing face of law. A new trend in law is the advent of the Pageant specialization. That's right - pageant queens are a truly amazing part of life and lawyering. And they are becoming a field of practice. The legal aspects that surround Pageants and their queens has actually become so lucrative for the lawyers who practice in this specialized area that an entire firm has been created that does only this. That firm is Johnson, Universe, and World, LLP. This firm is dedicated to the changing face of pageant law. And after speaking with them, it seems clear that this is an exciting and demanding field that every new attorney and law student should seriously consider looking into as a specialty practice area. The trend is so widespread that Hastings will be offering a new class next year: Introduction to IP law (international pageant law).

This firm was created for the sole purpose of mediating, resolving and planning pageants and pageant issues. Remember the Vanessa Will-

iams scandal? No, not marrying Foxy from the Lake Show (Rick Fox from the LA Lakers to those of you out of the loop), the other scandal. Miss Williams' loss of her crown after being

seen on the pages of Penthouse in nothing but her pageant tiara. Well, Johnson, Universe, and World were there to strip her of her crown on behalf of Pageant organizers with a

to heel length has been carefully combed by these fine legal minds in order to ensure their clients conform to the exigencies of the pageant world.

JoWo also represents the contest's organizers in bitter disputes over judging, bribe allegations, sexual misconduct and a variety of other titillating issues that spring up in these altruistic contests. This firm is here to stay and to make a point of their need for the most advanced legal minds in the country - JoWo will be attending UC HASTINGS fall 2003 OCI. That's right. You too could work on such complicated matters as weather a 20-pound weight gain is grounds for losing your crown. Or whether pregnancy during your reign prevents Miss America from "fulfilling her duties," thereby requiring the first runner up to fill her shoes. Or whether Hawaiian Tropics has to accept non-cosmetically enhanced pageant contestants on 14th Amendment grounds. Or, as was the case in one of their recent representations, whether Hooters could refuse to hire men for work at their restaurants and whether the requirements of the job were unacceptable given the male appearance in the "Hooter's Hot-Pants." This firm not only has challenging work, but the firm pays at scale. Don't forget to check your email to see about dates and interview deadlines, or go ahead and ask career services about research materials.

You make be asking yourself, where would this burgeoning practice area be without the contestants that make it possible? The answer is nowhere without contestants like Ashley Kucich. Miss Kucich is the 2001 Miss Teen California. In a recent interview with the *Hastings Law Review* miss Kucich revealed all... about her pageant lifestyle.

Law News: So miss Kucich, what was it like to win the pageant?

AK: It was the second most incredible feeling of my life!

LR: Really? What could possibly have been better than that?

AK: Getting into Hastings Law school.

LR: What?

(It would seem as though Miss Kucich has been admitted to our school, which is known for its rigorous admis-

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Ashley Kucich, last year's Miss Teen California and newly admitted Hastings student  
Photo by the Sweeney Group, Inc.

battering assault of interrogatories, depositions, and suits alleging fraud, misrepresentation, breach of contract and air-brushing. Later the firm would go on to settle such issues as weather cleavage-taping is legal in the contest and which cellulite firming creams can and cannot be used. After years of legal wrangling the results are in - cleavage taping is out, all cellulite creams are acceptable. Much like the Olympic athletes who strive for the next wave of performance enhancers, Pageant queens require expert advice in what they can and cannot use to remove unwanted hair. Johnson, Universe, and World are there to provide that expert interpretation of rules and regulations.

These are important legal matters that tax even the brightest minds in the legal profession. Johnson, Universe and World exists to help these contestants understand the over 140 changes to this year's United States standardized pageant rules, (which took an act of congress to pass). Everything from swimsuit shape

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sion standards. Miss Kucich will evidently be starting in the fall.)

AK: Yes, I was recently admitted, and I can hardly wait to bring everything I've learned from pageanting to the practice of law.

LR: Yes I'm sure there will be a lot of synergies.

AK: Well, I'm sure there will be too. For instance, I'm very used to being evaluated on floating and subjective criteria. I think I'll fit right in at your school.

LR: Yes I see your point. But we want to hear more about your incredible journey to the top of pageanting.

AK: Well, it started when I was about five, my mother would dress me in these little outfits and parade me around town. After that I was hooked.

LR: Fascinating, truly. So when will you be coming to check out the Hastings campus?

AK: Oh, well I am actually coming down there in my official capacity as Miss Teen California for your next "Beer on the Beach." It's an opportunity for me to get to know the students and for them to get to know their queen.

LR: That's wonderful, really. I'm sure all your fans at Hastings will be so excited to meet you. I know I can't wait.

AK: Well you don't have to, I'll be appearing in the upcoming Miss America Pageant where I hope to win.

LR: Yes, we hope you do as well. What will be your statement in the Q and A round?

AK: Well I'm sure to tell them my ideas about the changing face of law and how I hope to be the Student Body President of Hastings. Oh yeah, and about how I'll help raise the school rankings.

LR: Oh yeah? How do you plan to do that? Our current dean hasn't been able to raise them in the last three years.

AK: Oh I just figured more people would want to come if I were attending, after all I am royalty.

LR: Good point. I'm sure the competition will be fierce for spots next to you in Walsh's Torts class—I just don't see how your attendance will raise the rankings.

AK: Oh rankings... I thought you said... ohh never mind.

LR: Well thanks Ashley.

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decision was pushed in Hastings' favor when, while walking back to their cars after their visit, they caught a hint of the pleasant odor wafting from the intersection at Golden Gate and Hyde. "It's the little things like pleasant odor that really puts a school at the forefront and we were lucky enough to bring some of that scent with us back to our car," said Sobescek.

Some commentators have suggested that the reason behind Hastings' win is the heavy influence on the board by Helmut Grosskopf. Grosskopf is part of the architectural movement started in East Germany in the mid-1980s called Dysfunction. The Dysfunction movement was born out of the dysfunctional former government of East Germany, which was well known for creating infrastructure that took far too long to build, was bland in appearance, and never worked. Grosskopf, in a 2001 article, praised Hastings for its commitment to Dysfunction. He was especially impressed with the fact that in the 198 building you have to go up five floors and eight flights of steps just to get to the third floor. "This kind of dysfunction takes careful planning," Grosskopf stated in his article. Stan Gable, head of the Hastings grounds crew, responded to the comments, saying "I am not going to let the negative comments of these people tarnish our award."

According to Gable, Hastings plans on continuing to make the school a more pleasant place to attend. Right now, they are discussing ideas of moving the school sign on the 198 McAllister building again. "We figure it should only take a few more times before we find the best place for it and the holes in the marble serve as reminders of our commitment to the future" Gable told the *Law Ruse*. Gable also noted that the school's plan of taking funds earmarked for principal cakes and spending them on elevator repair was a brilliant move. The Munson Cup is on display in the lobby of the 200 building and will be there for the duration of the school year.

## Write for the Law Ruse

Do you think you're funny?  
Do you have a cutting grasp of reality? Do you understand the English language? If so, write for the Law Ruse!!!!

# News Roundup

Compiled by the Law Ruse Staff

## THEFT AT HASTINGS

Police, called to McAllister Tower yesterday, were surprised to find the entire guard station, including the security officer on duty, had been stolen. No resident noticed anything unusual and the actual time of the theft has yet to be established. A similar incident was reported eight years ago to the day. During their investigation, the police discovered an entire tower floor labeled "C" on an elevator button but could not figure out where it was in the building. Police also noticed a walnut colored type ballroom behind the mirror that runs up the staircase from the first floor to the mezzanine floor. They were baffled as to why the space wasn't being put to use. Police attempted to search the sky room but were not allowed up because there was no student chaperone on duty.

Introduced by these findings, police did a room-to-room search in an attempt to uncover how in the hell the administration was going to fit 80 more units into the same floor space. After the room search, police notified the administration that a number of students were missing from their rooms, and it appeared that they had been gone for some time. On hearing of the disappearances, one student inquired if any of the missing students had jobs lined up and whether or not those jobs were now available. Further investigations are ongoing.

## DEAN KANE TO BE FEATURED IN CELEBRITY BOXING MATCH

Shortly after Tonya Harding's bludgeoning of Paula Jones in the inaugural "Celebrity Boxing" on the Fox television network, fight promoters set out to find a suitable opponent to match Harding blow for blow in an upcoming bout. After a brief meeting, wherein such stars like Darva Conger (Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire), Elizabeth Berkeley (Saved by the Bell), Showgirls), Mayim Bialik (Blossom) were discussed, promoters settled on Kane.

"We think Dean Kane can go the full three rounds," commented Dick Clark, whose production company dick clark productions created the show. "One good punch and Jones was out of it, we need somebody who can go the distance," Clark continued. The referee will be Marty Dunkin, who has refereed over 150 world championship boxing matches and is a member of the Boxing Hall of Fame. Dr. Paul Wallace, Chairman of the Medical Advisory Board for the American Boxing Commission, will serve as ring doctor, and the ring girls will be Playboy model and actress Avalon Anders and actress Coco Johnson.

## ASUCH PASSES RESOLUTION

In an amazing feat of student government in action, ASUCH, the Associated Students at University of California Hastings General Council, passed a resolution at their most recent bimonthly meeting. Sources close to the Internal Vice President have yet to reveal the content of the resolution, but they are pretty sure that something happened at the meeting.

One first year section representative, who wanted to remain anonymous, stated that the resolution may have been a proactive measure commending each other for actually showing up to listen to the various diatribes about campus issues that ASUCH has absolutely no authority to fix (note: the administration wouldn't have it any other way). In a last minute amendment to try and block the resolution from passing, the rogue Director of Community Relations slipped in a rider that would force ASUCH meetings to be stocked with Krispy Kreme doughnuts. Surprisingly, the other ASUCH members were amenable to the idea and the resolution passed as amended.

## NOT MUCH ELSE HAPPENED

We wanted to fill this space with something interesting, but nothing else worthy of being printed in the *Hastings Law Ruse* actually happened. Oh well, better luck next time.



# The HastingBookstore

We've nearly come to blows over the fight song contest. So, we're letting you vote. Stop by the bookstore and choose the winning entry for the school fight song!! Here are the entries. ( See the full lyrics in the bookstore.) VOTE BY APRIL 10TH.

(sung to the Univeristy of Georgia Fight Song)

War Eagles

War legal eagles get into court.  
Only settle if it is the last resort!!  
Legal Eagle fearless. You fight!  
No sleep for you tonight!!

Bill! Bill! Bill!

FOR THE NA'TL CHAMPION MOOT CRT TEAM

(sung to "Ramblin' Wreck From Georgia Tech")

Oh, I wish I had a barrel of beer for each of  
our winning rounds  
I'd throw one hell of a Beer on the Beach for  
everyone in town.  
I'd drink to of' Serranus and to Mary Kane,  
yes, sir!  
I'm a gold pen, a helluva friend, and a hell  
of a barrister!

(sung to University of Texas fight song  
or I've Been Workin' on the Railroad)

The eye of Justice are upon you  
All the livelong day.  
The eyes of Justice are upon you,  
You cannot get away.  
Hastings Law, Hastings Law  
Future counselors we're the best  
Here ye, Here ye. Hastings grads will win  
In the court rooms from East to West!

(Sung to When the Calssons Go Rolling Along)

Give a cheer, give a cheer, for the folks  
who drink the beer  
On the beach of our Hastings Law School  
We are brave, We are bold, for the plastic  
cups we hold  
On the beach of our Hastings Law School  
For it's guzzle, guzzle, guzzle as it dribbles  
down our muzzles  
Yell our your order loud and clear! MORE BEER!

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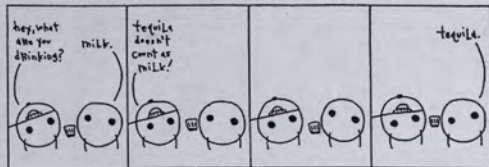
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The Hastings administration has just opened a private "club" for wealthy alumni and members of the faculty. The name, "65 Club" is in honor of former Dean Snodgrass' famous collection of "retired" faculty members that came to Hastings late in their careers.

Professor Walsh told the *Law Ruse* he hasn't been this excited since V-J Day.

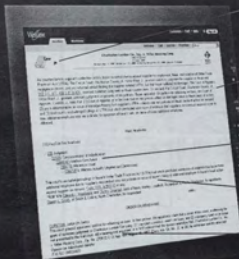


The Munson Award committee noted that the "Cuban missile crisis" style architectural design helped Hastings beat out the competition. The fact that the southwest corner of the building was completely devoid of windows also caught the eyes of the committee. The *Law Ruse* believes the Ford Pinto stationwagon out front had something to do with it.



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