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HASTINGS LAW RUSE

IF THERE IS TO BE A HASTINGS COMMUNITY, THE STUDENTS MUST HAVE GUACAMOLE

HUMAN SUPERCOMPUTER



Professor Dodge giving his acceptance speech

Photograph courtesy of Ansel Adams

Hastings Professor Awarded Nobel Prize

by Jim Monroe, 3L

The Nobel Prize committee announced today that the 2001 recipient of the Nobel Prize in mathematics is Professor William Dodge of U.C. Hastings College of the Law. "It was an amazing spectacle!" said Dr. Henry Aaron, chairperson of the committee. "Bill could just quantify ANYTHING. After determining, relative to time, how much wood a woodchuck chucks, to the nearest one-millionth of a cord, provided

that said woodchuck is a capable beast, he then further amazed the committee by giving a number to the number of angels that are in fact capable of dancing on the head of a pin through statistical inference."

Dr. William Mays was one of the skeptical members of the committee. "There was simply no way any human could perform those types of calculations to that degree of accuracy that quickly," stated Dr. Mays. "Myself and four others on the committee thought he should have been subjected to a CAT scan to probe for microchip implants."

"This was really a no-brainer for me," piped in Dr. Thomas Seaver. "He could quantify anything - he just saw the world in numbers. It was like looking at a scene from *The Matrix*. I'm convinced that he could find the cube root of the alphabet if we asked him to."

One qualified candidate was Stephen Hawking. Professor Hawking said, "I really must defer to the committee on this one. I myself have consulted Professor Dodge on complex projects surrounding temporal quantum mechanics. I was going to try and get the answer from a Cray II supercomputer, but I figured 'Why wait the 4 hours it would take to process the data when I can just call Bill and get an answer over the phone?'"

Professor Dodge's resume is replete with diverse projects, including the human genome project, the Hubble Space Telescope, and Sesame Street. He is even credited with having cracked the codes for Coca-Cola's secret formula and the Colonel's original recipe, al-

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New ASUCH Policy - Guinness OUT - O'Douls IN!

by Harold Truman, 4L

As per resolution 01-17 proposed by Vaughan Bunch, 3L Representative, and passed unanimously by the General Council of the Associated Students of University of California Hastings (ASUCH), alcohol will no longer be served at the "Beer on the Beach," also known as "BOB." John Hendrickson, ASUCH President, was quoted saying, "I couldn't believe the venom attached to this proposal! Vaughan and his backers were adamant and compelling. We couldn't help but agree. I guess we have to rename 'Beer on the Beach.'"

"It's about time we did something. It's just an embarrassment to the Hastings Community," said Randy Wells, a 3L Representative and one of the bills strongest supporters. "Greg [Heiden] and I really worked for this, and think it's going to be a wonderful legacy to leave behind for future generations."

Not everyone was a supporter initially. "I thought 'Oh my God! They're going to get us lynched,'" said 1L Representative Brad Marsh. "But after I heard them out, I just couldn't help but agree! They made a lot of sense, and I'm proud that I voted for it."

"John [Hendrickson] said we had to come up with a catchy name to replace *Beer on the Beach* if we wanted his support," said co-sponsor Greg Heiden, 3L Representative. "We tried everything, *Evian on the Beach*, *Lipton on the Beach*, even *Sobé on the Beach*. Nothing clicked. Mihi [Nguyen, 2L Representative] began to think out of the box, and came up with the name 'Punch Out On the Patio,' and we could say 'POOP' for short. It was

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though confidential settlement agreements and compensation plans from Coca-Cola and Kentucky Fried Chicken prevent him from disclosing the details. Rumor has it that he even graphed the entire works of Mozart and Beethoven once on a wager.

Citing concerns of "national security," the National Security Agency (NSA) refuses to allow Professor Dodge to exit the country. "It's just too big of a risk. Decrypting launch codes for our nuclear arsenal would be child's play for him," said one agency official. As a result, Professor Dodge will not be accepting the award in

Sweden. Dean Leo Martinez was quoted as saying, "Man, that really sucks!"

"I'd really like to travel, but that's not going to happen short of some sort of head trauma," commented Professor Dodge about his plans for the award money. "I'll probably, 85.49875% chance, establish the William Dodge Chair in Mathematics here at Hastings. I know that's unprecedented for a law school, but I can't think of anything else that conveys my love of math to a calculated 96.93754% certainty."

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an instant success!"

Dean Martinez was quoted as saying, "Man, this really sucks," but could not be reached for further comment.

"This is a load of POOP all right," said Meike Eoyang, 2L Representative and the only abstention. "After Mihn came up with that name, it was like everyone's head was full of POOP and they couldn't think of anything else. It was like they had POOP for brains. Vaughan and Greg had great arguments, so I couldn't oppose them, but I sure couldn't vote for POOP."

Law Ruse finds Hastings' true leader

by Konrad Adenauer, 3L

As part of our week-long commitment to investigative journalism, Hastings' Law News investigative reporter Joshua X. Kaplan investigated Hastings' administrative officers to seek answers for problems that plague our school.

Kaplan first visited the office of Associate Dean Shauna Marshall. What follows is a recount of their conversation.

Kaplan: "The *Law Ruse* has received a list of grievances compiled by a recent ASUCH student survey."

We would like to know who is to blame for these aggravations that upset our daily lives."

Marshall: "I recognize your concerns Mr. Kaplan and I applaud you for acting as the

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Hastings surges to #1 in law school rankings

by Willy Brandt, 2L

Shockwaves rippled through the legal world last month as UC-Hastings College of the Law was named #1 in the latest law school rankings of *U.S. News* and *World Report* magazine.

A celebratory mood prevailed among the Hastings administration as news of Hastings preeminence reached happy deans and professors.

"*U.S. News* has confirmed what we at Hastings have known all along," said Hastings Dean Mary Kay Kane. "Hastings is #1. Yale, Harvard, Nova-Southeastern? They now bow to us."

Associate Dean Leonardo Martinez said plans are already underway for an April "We're #1" pep rally in the Hastings gym.

Johnny Marr, editor in charge of *U.S. News* academic rankings, said Hastings

new position at the peak of legal academia is due to this year's addition of a new rankings criterion. Previously, a school's reputation among academics and lawyers largely dictated the magazine rankings—a practice that has kept stodgy Ivy League schools atop the heap for decades. Traditional ranking criteria also include a school's bar-passage rate; percentage of admitted applicants; and grade-point averages and LSAT scores of accepted students.

Marr said, however, that he and his colleagues realized the old criteria lacked "real world" application.

"During one of our magazine happy hours last year at the Giggling Midget bar, we recognized that our rankings system was severely flawed," Marr said during a telephone interview last week. "Our old system failed to give adequate credit for indicia of potential alcoholism." (see article on page 4)

Asked to clarify the magazine's new rankings policy, Marr explained that a recent *U.S. News* survey of America's richest, most successful lawyers revealed a close link between courtroom success and the consumption of copious amounts of alcohol. "It's remarkable that we ignored this factor for so long," Marr said. "Academic rigor might look good on paper but unless a student body can drink whiskey like water, they simply haven't proven their mettle for law."

After conducting undercover visits to all ABA-accredited law schools last year,

Marr said the new leader in legal education was clear.

"Quite simply," Marr said, "you freaks at Hastings drink like fish."

After an impressive exposition of beer-chugging by Hastings students at an October "Beer on the Beach," Marr said he and his fellow researchers were "blown away" by the drinking prowess of 2Ls at a February party for second-year students.

"I mean, this was an event (the 2L class party) that directly followed a 'BOB,'" Marr said incredulously.

"And those kids were still ordering tequila shots past midnight. I witnessed alcoholic consumption that defied the limits of human ability. Hastings students have remarkable legal careers ahead of them—just tremendous potential."

Leaning forward, Marr said, "I've got a tip for you. Josh Heavside is one to watch. He was nearly solely responsible for Hastings' surge in our rankings. Beer, gin, peppermint schnapps. He devours it all. He has a gift. The man must have iron-plated kidneys."

Despite the high praise for Heavside, Marr did not forecast successful careers for all Hastings students.

"Sophia Lau, unfortunately, is doomed," Marr said. "She really should have considered business school. I don't know what she's trying to prove. What a lightweight! It surprises me that she even got admitted to Hastings."

The deans of Harvard, Yale and Suffolk university law schools declined to comment for this article.

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From *Avocados Comes Guacamole*

Central Park debuts new album

by Chuck Arthur, IL

The modern rock band, *Central Park*, featuring the forceful vocals of lead oboist Roger "Needles" Park, has once again made musical history. Their latest album, *A Walk in the Park*, went double platinum in less than 24 hours, breaking their own record of going just single platinum in the same period last year.

The first single released from the album, *Park Here*, was an instant success, as usual. Branching out on their commercial success, the video for *Park Here* featured band members using and consuming various products, such as McDonalds, Nike, Goodyear, Pepsi, and DKNY. "We didn't think it would work as well as it did," said a source close to the band on the condition of anonymity. "However, once we shot the video with Roger drinking a Starbucks Frappacino, driving a Cadillac and using a McCullough chainsaw, we all bought stock in those companies. What a bonus it turned out to be!"

What a bonus indeed. On average, the products shown for 1-5 seconds in the 5 minute video captured 5% more market share. Public companies saw a rise in stock price on average of 12% for those 1-5 seconds. If the product was on the screen for more than 10 seconds, then stock prices increased by more than 50%, even more in



The members of Central Park, from the left: Needles, Spike, Dagger and Sickle.

photo courtesy of Ansel Adams

some cases. Miller's Outpost (A.K.A. "Needle's Outpost"), the official outfitter of Roger Park, enjoyed a 55% increase in the value of their stock and an even more dramatic increase in sales. "We just couldn't keep up with the demand," said a Miller's Outpost company spokesperson. "Normally you wouldn't think there would be such a rush for hunter orange flannel shirts, but once the public saw it featured on Needles they were just flying off the shelves. We're completely backordered on both the hunter orange flannel shirts and the rubber fisherman boots."

Park Here was followed up by the album's title song, *A Walk in the Park*, and the current single *Park Avenue*, which has been at the top of the charts for 14 weeks now. *Billboard Magazine* reported in a recent article that it seems to take a *Central Park* song to dethrone a *Central Park* song. The 3 released songs from the album are currently 1, 2 and 3 on the charts.

"You know, if they stopped releasing songs then one of them would probably outlast 'Stairway to Heaven' on the charts, and they would set another record," said a RIAA spokesperson.

Setting records doesn't seem to sit high on the agenda, as the band prefers to release them. "Nothing comes between them and the music," attested the anonymous insider. "Even the life of debauchery led by this band doesn't keep them out of the studio. The groups are everywhere - you just can't walk down the street anymore. We were in Ulanbator, Mongolia for a secluded photo shoot and we were still getting mobbed on the streets. There isn't a safe corner anywhere on Earth. With all the attention, you'd think that nymphomaniacs populated the band, but that's not the case. Sure, the tabloids have caught various members in the act from time to time, but never more than 25 or 30 times a week... 5 or 6 percent of the time it's the same person, just from a different angle. It's not like Needles is with hundreds of girls, like those papers want you to believe."

Not everyone is happy with the success of *Central Park*. Jason of N'Sync recently said in an interview, "You know, Park spelled backwards is Krap, and that's just what they're playing." Oprah replied that she wasn't listening to the songs backwards, and then had Jason forcibly removed from the show after accusing him of heresy, yelling, "Mighty big words from a member of N'STINK!"

Other songs on the album include: Double Parked, Ample Parking, Parking Brake, Ballpark, and Parkway.



Roger "Needles" Park shown with Groupies

photograph courtesy of Ansel Adams

Science Extols Beer as "Viagra for the Brain"

by Andy Jackson, 4L

In a research group's report published in today's *Journal of the American Medical Association*, the medical community was turned on its head. Following years of research, testing and clinical analysis the report made several findings.

First, and among the most surprising, is that beer actually fights siroccos. "That was totally unexpected," said Dr. Joseph Namath, the principle investigator. "We didn't really know what to expect when we started this, but that was something we never would have even guessed."

Additionally, the American Medical Association is now endorsing the prescription of beer as a treatment for Alzheimer's

disease. "It builds brain cells and restores neural connections," commented Dr. Terrence Bradshaw, and AMA spokesperson. "We were a little hesitant at first, but it's really the natural solution to the problem. Since it's the only medicine available that not only slows brain degradation, but actually reverses it, our patients' insurance plans will not pay for their prescriptions unless the treatment is endorsed." Dean Martinez was quoted as saying, "Man, this really sucks!"

In publishing their report, the members of the research group gave their thanks to many groups for their contributions to the research project. After thanking scores of fans of the National Football League and NASCAR, Dr. Namath then stated, "I would like to thank two groups in particular - the Christian Coalition

for providing the control group that drank no beer, and the Hastings student body for providing the strongest supporting correlation data. The control group really turned out to be among the densest individuals we've ever tested, almost like they were impervious to intelligence. On the flip side, the Hastings group consumed mass quantities and varieties of beer and they turned out to be among the most resourceful and intelligent people we've ever tested."

New evidence has also been surfacing concerning the "Great Beer Cover-up" by Jenny Craig and Weight Watchers. Apparently one of the propensities for weight loss inherent in beer have been severely misrepresented. This publication will continue to bring you the latest information as it becomes available.

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representative for the student body. Faced with your pertinent questions, you leave me no choice but to hide under my desk and quaver like a hairless cat."

Kaplan: "Excuse me?"
(Marshall climbs under her desk and crouches in the fetal position.)

Marshall: "You'll have to go now."
Kaplan: "But I demand satisfaction!"
Marshall: "Please, just leave."

Stunned by the behavior of Dean Marshall, Kaplan paid a visit to Associate Dean Leonardo Martinez.

Kaplan: "Hello!"
A muffled voice answered. "Hello, Josh, have a seat."

Kaplan: "Dean Martinez? Why are you crouched in the fetal position under your desk?"

Martinez: "Oh, Dean Marshall just called and warned me that you were coming. I thought I'd save some time by skipping to the part where I hide under my desk. Please leave now. Unless, of course, you'd like to discuss Kansas basketball."

Dazed by these events, Kaplan stumbled to the office of Dean Mary Kay Kane. By now, Kaplan, our crack reporter, was feeling frustrated. After all, he had already planned this story for this month's edition of the *Law News* and he was getting nowhere fast. He resolved to question Dean Kane more directly.

Kaplan: "Dean Kane, I demand that you respond to these grievances compiled by Hastings students. After all, you work for them. Your goal is to ensure their happiness. In a way, you are their employee with a duty to provide them adequate service for the tuition they pay to this school!"

Kane: "Josh, while I commend you for drawing a bizarre analogy between legal education and an employment contract, I simply am not the right person to address your concerns."

Kaplan: "But you're the dean! I have nowhere else to go. I didn't want to bother you directly but deans Marshall and Martinez are each curled in the fetal position under their desks. Whom should I speak with to voice my grievances, if not you?"

Kane: "Josh, while I commend you and the profile you wrote about my days as a child on the mean streets of Detroit, I have no choice

but to refer you to David Seward."

Kaplan: "Who, in the name of General Shalikhivili, is David Seward?"

Kane: "Josh, this is your second year at Hastings, right?"

Kaplan: "Yes, ma'am."
Kane: "Haven't you learned who really runs this school?"

Kaplan: "Well, I thought it was you, dean."
Kane: (laughing) "Oh, Josh, heavens, no! I don't even buy a box of peanut brittle unless Mr. Seward authorizes it. It is him that you seek."

Kaplan: "Wow, I never knew."
Kane: "My name is Elmer Fudd. I own a mansion and a yacht."

Kaplan: "Excuse me?"
Kane: "Oh, I'm sorry. Mr. Seward sometimes controls my speech and movements with a remote transmitter. He must have thought that would be funny. I also have a listening device implanted in my forehead. He has heard our entire conversation."

Kaplan: "I must speak with this Seward character!"

After crossing Hyde Street and entering Seward's second-floor office, he found a middle-aged, gray-haired man giggling like a pre-pubescent schoolkid.

Seward: "Come in, Mr. Kaplan. Congratulations on finding me. But I'm surprised it took you so long."

Kaplan: "I don't understand. What's going on here?"

Seward: "Sit down, Josh, I'll explain."
(Kaplan sits)

Seward: "Josh, when I was a boy growing up in Kalamazoo, Michigan, I dreamed that I would someday be a lawyer. Every step I took, every decision I made for as long as I can remember was calculated to eventually lead to my admission to law school."

Kaplan: "Really? What happened?"

Seward: "Funny you should ask, Josh. What happened is that I got a 120 on the LSAT."

Kaplan: "A 120? Why, that's the lowest score possible!"

Seward: "Please don't mock me Josh. I am all too aware of the scoring parameters of your blessed law school admissions test."

Kaplan: "No, I didn't mean..."
Seward: "Shut up, Josh. You see, I was so

devastated by my inability to answer even the simplest LSAT questions correctly that I resolved to get even. I got my MBA at the Haas Business School, worked for years as a CPA conducting audits that often involved counting an inventory of tires in rat-infested basements and eventually cajoled the Hastings Board of Directors into giving me economic control of this law school."

Kaplan: "Wow, you were determined."
Seward: "Yes, Josh, I was. Now, you see, after I installed behavior-controlling remote transmitters in deans Marshall, Martinez and Kane, my lifelong dream was complete."

Kaplan: "But I thought your lifelong dream was to become a lawyer."

Seward: "Say, you're right. You've been listening. Here, have a cookie."

(Seward leans forward to hand Kaplan a Chips A'boy™ chocolate chip cookie.)

Seward: "Well, I guess this is lifelong dream #2."

Kaplan: "So, about our grievances..."

Seward: "Oh, yes, your petty grievances. Let's hear them then."

Kaplan: "Well, for starters, why isn't Constitutional Law II being offered next fall?"

Seward: "Oh, that's just a measure to frustrate the student body and slowly drive them mad."

Kaplan: "What?"

Seward: "Well, that, along with other minor - yet excruciating - inconveniences, are carefully designed to haunt your days here at Hastings."

Kaplan: "Designed by who?"

Seward: "By me, of course. Who else?"

Kaplan: "Oh, my god, I'm starting to get it. You couldn't get into law school, so you've made it your life's mission to make our time at Hastings a living hell!"

Seward: "Well, yes, very good. Of course, I only control you for 3 years. I have some sense of mercy."

Kaplan: "So you're the one who removed the wall clock from the Law Cafe?"

Seward: "You got it."

Kaplan: "And you installed those electric outlets in the law library that force us to scrape our hands every time we plug and unplug our laptops?"

Seward: "Yep."

Kaplan: "And the consistently dirty tables in the Law Cafe?"

Seward: "Me again, my boy."

Kaplan: "The lack of computers on campus? The fact that the Law Cafe's 'hazelnut' coffee is never actually hazelnut? The snail-slow elevators? The convoluted manner by which we're reimbursed for prescription drugs? The dearth of intellectual property classes? The lack of aluminum can recycling bins on campus?"

Seward: "All me, Mr. Reporter. I confess."

Kaplan: "But what about the temperature in the 198 building classrooms?"

Seward: (grimacing like the Cheshire cat) "Oh, that! That's my favorite one. That really drives you nut-not-nosed bastards crazy. You see this?"

(Seward points to a dial labeled "Happy fun control" on the wall behind his desk.)

Seward: "Why, with a simple twist of this littlefella, I can force hundreds of you law students to shiver like penguins, or alternatively - with just a twist of the dial - I can send you into a heat-induced coma."

Kaplan: "My goodness, you're evil."

Seward: "Oh yes, yes I am."



Darth Seward leans forward to offer the Law Ruse reporter a cookie
Photo courtesy of Hastings Office of External Relations

Marcus-Hilfiger Team Up

by Bill Taft, II

Surprising no one, a long-awaited marriage between the fashion guru Tommy Hilfiger and Richard Marcus is final. "Rick's dabbled in this Civil Procedure hobby long enough, and it's time for him to make use of his God-given talents," said Hilfiger. "I mean, it's one thing to have a fall-back option, but there are times when you just have to ask yourself 'why does he need one?'"

Although the details are a tightly held secret, insiders estimate an equity split around 70/30, with Marcus receiving the lion's share. "It's the only thing that makes sense," said fashion industry insider and talk show host Oprah Winfrey. "I remember that Ralph [Lauren] was trying to talk Rick into a match-up about 10 years ago, but it seemed that he was pursuing other creative interests," revealed Oprah, referring to the books that Marcus has either authored or co-authored.

The financial industry reacted favorably to the news, as stocks in the newly formed MFH corporation quickly rose to 1200% of their initial offering. "We haven't seen anything rise so quickly in Yahoo! went public," offered finance wiz Richard Hill. "It's had a tremendous ripple effect throughout the industry. It's not just the MFH stocks that are flying off the shelves - it's being felt all over the fashion industry, people are excited about clothing again. The NASDAQ is back



up over 2500 because of this merger. Even the kids in Silicon Valley are feeling the effects of this merger."

Not everyone is convinced that other manufacturers are a worthwhile investment. "I'm not going to put one single dime into DKNY or Calvin Klein," said fashion industry watchdog Kevin Tierney, who is also noted for his flair for fashion drama. "I mean, why would anyone want to wear anything but the MFH label? It seems fairly obvious to me that everything else is just going to gather dust." In a related story, the *Tierney* label, *Clashes and Conflicts* will make its debut in Paris this coming spring.

Although excited about his future career, Dean Martinez of UC Hastings was quoted as saying, "Yeah man, this really sucks. We knew we couldn't keep him forever, and I suppose we've been greedy by not

allowing the rest of the world to benefit from his genius."

Although personally unavailable for comment, there are rumors abounding about the next Marcus match-up. "Marcus has been compared to a prize fighter, and his future partnerships will accentuate his creative side," said a source close to Marcus who spoke on the condition of anonymity. "He's been approached to do some work on making interiors more appealing. Anything that has fabric would benefit from his touch," continued the insider. "I can't say yet which



Richard Marcus depicted with a forsaken Civil Procedure text.

German auto manufacturer has been wooing Rick to design their seats, but it's gonna be big. And, just between you, me, and your readers, don't be too surprised if Kaufman-Broad houses begin to feature 'Magical Marcus Interiors.'"

Morrissey to headline Hastings post-graduation party

by Gerhart Schroeder, II

After a nearly 6-year absence from performances, English rock star and annoying jerk, Morrissey, will headline the Hastings Graduation Party in the Louis B. Mayer Lounge in May.



Morrissey, an arrogant English brat

"Yes, it may seem an unlikely venue for me to make an utterly useless and depressing return," said Morrissey, while avoiding direct eye-contact with the reporter. "But it's quite a lovely space (the LBM Lounge), actually. Dark, dank, and thoroughly without a sense of warmth."

Morrissey, or "The Mozzer" as his fans call him, has exhibited Rushdie-esque behavior lately, as though he feared execution at the hands of rogue Islamic fundamentalists. After fronting the British pop band "The Smiths" during the 1980s and early 1990s, Morrissey launched an utterly depressing solo career in the early part of the last decade until retreating into a life of hiding for the past five years.

Told of the surprising concert announcement, Academic Dean Leonardo Martinez said, "Man, this really sucks," but could not be reached for further comment.

Prof. Radhika Rao said she has long hoped for an opportunity to see her musical hero in person. She said she has taken special precautions to preserve her Smiths record collection by encasing the albums in an oxygen-deprived hermetically sealed case.

"Do you know anywhere near school that sells gladi-

olas?" Rao asked a reporter. "Because, y'know, fans started this tradition of bringing the colorful flowers to Smiths concerts when they played the Factory in Manchester. I simply can't show up without an armful of gladiolas."

Told of the brimming excitement among the Hastings faculty regarding his performance, Morrissey said, "That's delightful. It excites me. I'm lying, of course. But your simple American mind cannot see through my deception. How I pity you and your Neanderthal brethren."

Scott Baio, a reporter for *Rolling Stone* magazine, said Morrissey's typically "wows crowds" by employing such antics as laying down on the stage, wearing shiny shirts and making phallic gestures with microphones.

"He's a pleaser," Baio said.

Tickets for the May 14 show in the LBM Lounge will cost \$200 to ensure that Morrissey can return to a life of leisure sunning his pale British buttocks on the French Riviera.

Sports

March Madness Sweeps UC Hastings

by Zack Taylor, 2L

At the conclusion of the college season, the Hastings men's basketball team, the Sharks, remains the only undefeated team in college hoops, and going into the Final Four, they are the odds-on favorite to win the brass ring.

Recruiters from the National Basketball Association have been stalking the gym and the halls of Hastings, trying to sign players they hope to carry their team into the championships, however many of the legal recruiters are unhappy about what this has done to the market value of Hastings graduates. "We've had to up our salary offers from \$125,000 to \$2.5 million per year for a Hastings graduate," said Richard Martin, the recruiting partner from Cooley Forrester. "The NBA is just paying enormous salaries, and it's tough to compete."

Phil Ladew, generally considered to be "the Shark with the biggest bite," is getting set to graduate this semester and has to decide between a career in sports or the legal field. "There are a lot of similarities between the two, especially if I play for the Chicago team. People are always saying that lawyers are full of bull anyway. I guess I'm going to prove it."

Jesse Mainardi has already decided. "I'm going to do both - I mean, why not?" Indeed, why not! Jesse is rumored to have signed shoe deals with both Nike and Faragamo, and has been heard muttering around campus, "Hey man, drop the chaluapa."

Career services has reworked their schedules to accommodate these rising stars, but is pressed to the limit. They have installed a Turn-o-Matic outside their office, calling recruiters on a "first-come, first-served" basis only. "They must think there's something in the water here," said Sari Zimmerman. "Recruiters of all kinds, legal, sports, business, ever, journalism, are flocking to campus to sign Hastings students. It's really overwhelming!"

Given the current wave of recruiting on campus, alumni from all years are challenging their final grades in classes. One extreme example is an alum that graduated in '74 who came to Dean Leo Martinez' office stating that he cheated on his final examination in Professional Responsibility, and that he deserved to fail that class. However, he would be willing to re-enroll and make up the units. "Man, this really sucks!" said Dean Martinez about the influx of alumni wishing to be readmitted to take advantage of career services.

The team truly believes that the resurfacing of the basement gym floor directly contributed to the success they have enjoyed. "It's really a crappy floor, but it looks good. It gives us the advantage of surprise since there are so many dead spots," said team captain Joe Valley. He continued, "we were looking forward to the 2004 Olympics, but all the other teams forfeited and they already mailed us the medals. That's ok though since it resulted in us expending about the same amount of effort!"

Hastings Base-Jumping Club

By Abe Lincoln, admitted student

After having their activities strictly curtailed by Hastings' General Counsel Marcia Canning, the Hastings base-jumping club will be springing back into action by challenging the vertical limits around the city.

"People think we're crazy simply because we jump from buildings that aren't on fire, but people have been jumping out of perfectly good airplanes for years," said the Hastings Base-Jumping Club President, Kathy Schmeckpeper. "It's really not all that dangerous, and very few people die from this each year - much less than tobacco or heart disease, for instance."

The Hastings Base-Jumping Club will be inaugurating new members through an initiation jump at a time and date yet to be announced. Dean Martinez, who was among the original founders when he was a student at Hastings was quoted as saying, "yeah, man, this really sucks." He was referring to the restrictions recently placed on the club.

As the club has an open enrollment policy, anyone who is associated with Hastings can participate. There is no requirement to be a student. John Effinger, the manager of the Hastings Bookstore became a member about 3 years ago. "It's really quite a bit of fun, but I didn't realize how hard you hit the ground at first. It's something that you get used to really quick." John used to stand 6'5" and play center for the Sacramento Kings, but has admitted there are several advantages to his new posture.

Scheduled to become members are ASUCH President John Hendrickson, Tower Property Manager Cheryl Svenson, Betty Preston of the SIC Office, Hastings Curator Susan Park, Director of Career Services Sari Zimmerman, and Director Knox of the Hastings Board of Directors.

"I'm really excited about the turn-out," said Ms. Schmeckpeper. "At first John and Cheryl wouldn't agree to jump unless there was at least one 'placebo' parachute

in the mix. Cheryl said that John was such a pain in the ass that she'd gladly give up her own life if there was a chance of his untimely demise, but we managed to get them to set that condition aside. I haven't had this much fun in a student organization since we formed a polar bear club at UCLA, but there we were only jumping through holes we cut in the ice into water."



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Law News Exposes Campus Lackeys

3L Class President's Bitch, Vaughn Bunch

by Johnny Kennedy, II.

"It's not easy being me," says Vaughn with a coy smile. "You know, there was a time when I commanded respect around this campus. I was somebody. I was the ASUCH External Vice-President!"

At the end of the school year last year there was an election, much like the election that is forthcoming, for the student body to install their next set of leaders. One of the positions filled is that of "3L Class President," who is in charge of overseeing the 3L Class Council. This year's winner was Wendy Ward, but as a strong runner-up, and to the delight of Wendy and everyone in ASUCH, Vaughn was given himself the title of "Wendy's Bitch."

"Wendy just couldn't handle the position without my leadership experience," extols Vaughn in self-glorification. "She was just going to squander all that money on frivolous stuff, like a class gift and section reunions. I wanted to put it in a lock-box to keep it safe from our generation."

As Vaughn is a tower resident, Wendy isn't the only one to notice his particular gift of giving. In fact, several of his neighbors have commented to the security guards from time to time about the decibel level of his giving, especially at 3:00 a.m. Who would've thought that a cracking whip could make so much noise?

A consummate guitar player, he is capable of entertaining guests with robust versions of "Smelly Cat" and "Wheels on the Bus." Of course, his creative genius extends much further than just the musical realm. He can also draw "Snuffy," although his art school scholarship hasn't come through (we're still hopeful), and performs slam poetry at local venues. When asked about this Vaughn said, "You know, I saw William Shatner doing it once on television, and I really liked it! I bought the album right away and listened to it over and over. I mean, there's a message in there! And the complex recurring theme of airfare, hotels and rental cars... it's mind altering. I said to myself, 'I want to be Bill Shatner!'"

Vaughn's other heroes include the *Powder Puff Girls*, *Peek-a-choo*, Paul Rubens and Garth Brooks. "I really can't decide on just one, and I suppose that since I bow down to Wendy, I should really include Monica Lewinsky in that list, even though I don't do for Wendy what she did for Bill. I mean, c'mon, do you think I would subject my svelte figure to the rigors of crawling under a desk? Besides, people keep walking into the ASUCH office."

Even though being Wendy's bitch might sound like a fall from grace to most people, Vaughn is a true survivor. "I actually have a lot more responsibility now," said Vaughn of his new role in campus politics. "You can only go so far as the ASUCH External Vice-President, but as Wendy's bitch you can... well, nevermind."

The Law Ruse salutes Vaughn for his never yield attitude toward life. For Vaughn, there is always a light at the end of the tunnel.

Students Speak Out - Records Rocks!

by Herb Hoover, II.

In an opinion poll conducted by J.D. Powers & Associates of Hastings students, the records office rose to the top as the cream of the crop! "People are more satisfied with the Hastings records office than they are with the Lexus ES 300," said one spokesperson for J.D. Powers of the nearly perfect score achieved by the records office. "We even had one person respond she was going to name her first born 'Records Office Smith.'"

Thomas Simms, the Chief of Administrative Services for Hastings said, "it's been a long turn-around process. There are some other areas we are working on, but overall I'm happy that someone has noticed."

Not faring so well was the Academic Dean's office, which received an overall approval score of well below 50. Dean Leo Martinez was quoted as saying, "Man, this really sucks." Associate Academic Dean Shauna Marshall

said, "I don't think that the office is as bad as you might think. After all, once you apply the curve we actually end up with a C+!"

Due to the success of the records office in this recent survey, security has been a new problem to deal with - industrial espionage. "Our office model is proprietary information, and we will protect our intellectual property," said Marcia Canning, General Counsel for Hastings. "Microsoft, IBM, AT&T - I've had calls from all of them. They want to buy our business process model, and have been offering handsome sums, but we're not making any decisions until the June Board of Directors meeting."

In the meantime, security has been searching briefcases and frisking suspicious persons. "They're not too difficult to spot," reported one security officer on the condition that he conceal his identity to protect his deep cover. "They all wear black trench coats with the collars up and have pointy mustaches. We haven't had too much trouble ferreting them out."

Elevator Maintenance Shifts Balance of Power

by Tom Jefferson, 2L.

All elevators are scheduled to go off-line for 3 months during the summer for maintenance. The rental office has been inundated with requests by residents to move to lower floors since the announcement. "We can't keep up," said Cheryl Svenson, property manager for the 100 McAllister building. "The fitness center is gathering dust now as residents are using the stairs more and more."

The office isn't the only one doing a lucrative trade in the rental business. Residents living on the lower floors have been auctioning summer sublets to their apartments. "The fear is real, apartments on the 5th floor have been going for twice their normal value. And we can't even give the apartments on the 21st floor away! I don't understand it, it only takes about 10 minutes to climb the stairs to the 21st floor," said a tower maintenance worker who spoke under the condition of anonymity.

What upper floor residents will gain in lung capacity, they are going to lose in creature comforts and convenience. Webvan, Domino's and Alhambra have all stated they are going to suspend delivery operations to the residential portions of the 100 McAllister building. A spokesperson for Alhambra stated, "We tried telling the drivers we'd pay them more, you know, give them an 'altitude bonus.' It just wasn't enough to get them to carry 90 pounds of water up 21 flights of stairs." Dean Martinez was quoted as saying, "Yeah, man, this really sucks!"

Jeanne McKinney, the Editor-in-Chief elect of the Hastings Law Journal cites this as a disaster to the scholarly journals. "None of the 1Ls are applying to any of the journals. Since we're on the 23rd floor, everyone has decided to apply to the Civil Justice Clinic on the 3rd floor and Moot Court in the 198 building. We've asked to be moved, but the administration said they would process our request next academic year. By that time it will be too late - the damage will be done."

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