

Plans for Grandiose Graduation Festivities Revealed!



"Nothing but the most splendiferous for our graduates," says Dean Klonoff after a couple beers

Over the past few weeks, rumors have been circulating about the format for the Graduation Day ceremony. Some students are certain that blood oaths and ancient mysteries are involved. Others are pretty sure that graduates will be taken out back and shot so they will not compete with alumni for jobs. In an effort to get to the bottom of it all, the intrepid staff at the Letter of the Law has conducted a thorough and possibly sober investigation and is now pleased to present to you the details of what will happen on Graduation Day.

The ceremony is scheduled to start promptly at eleven in the morning with a synchronized tap dance by senior faculty. The professors have been training for months to perfect their routine, which, according to anonymous sources, was choreographed by Bob Fosse, Gregory Hines, Mikhail Baryshnikov, and George Balanchine. Each professor will be costumed to represent various aspects of the legal profession, with Professor Huffman going as "The Socratic Method" and Professor Nycum going as "The Reverse-Erie Doctrine". In addition, Dean Klonoff hinted strongly that Professor Newell intended to make his grand entrance by jumping out of gigantic chocolate cake

studded with diamonds.

Once the senior faculty members have tapped their way off stage, the graduates will file in, riding on the backs of one hundred fifty trained elephants that are now being shipped to Oregon for this occasion. The elephants will go into formation to spell the school's Latin motto "*Parturient Montes, Nascetur Ridiculus Mus.*" After the new alumni and their pachyderms have assembled, the ceremony will take a more serious turn.

The keynote address will be delivered by former Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, as channeled by certified spirit medium and former interim dean Professor Loren. Faculty and events staff are keeping tight-lipped about the subject of Justice Holmes's speech, but the indomitable and incorrigible LotL investigators have discovered clear and convincing evidence that the late Justice will center his speech on the use of Latin phrases in three-part balancing tests. Surprisingly, the speech will also contain a lengthy monologue on the Digital Millennium Copyright Act. After the keynote address, drama will once again take over.

To reflect the gravity, the elegance, and the long history of the legal profession, Dean Klonoff has arranged for a nine-hour-long kabuki play on the life and times of Chief Justice John Marshall. The Dean himself will take the lead role in the production, and is preparing to undergo cosmetic surgery in an effort to more accurately portray Justice Marshall. Upon the dramatic and poignant finish to this theatrical masterpiece, the fireworks show will begin.

In lieu of the more traditional calling of graduates' names, the events staff has arranged to have each graduate's name spelled out by a biplane zipping in among the bursting fireworks. This will signal the graduate that it is time to approach the stage and receive his or her diploma, doctoral hood, and deed to a small Eastern European country. After all the graduates have received their diplomas, the ceremony will close in the traditional manner, with the graduate at the top of the class being fired from a cannon. The Dean assures the LotL staff that there will be a net.

- What's Her Face

Student Submissions!

The More-or-Less Poetical

Perpetuity Blues

A dead hand controls more
in South Dakota
than back home
in the blue-ridge hills, where
I got cut
out of Grand-dad's will.

The suits said,
I wasn't sure
to've been born
within twenty-one years
of the validating death

so, they said time could run
before my interest
in the riches
would vest.

If the old man had just buried
the cash in yard
I'd be sitting on a goldmine
and wouldn't have to mind no law.

Well any old red hick knows
the Law works as it does,
fancy boys in suits
come up from the city
talking snakes
with their slick, smart tongues

with big words
with big league edu-ma-cation
they make they rich man richer
and keep the poor man chewing stone.

They found that slight flaw
in the clause that'd made me
a wealthy son of a gun

and the thing was struck
from the old man's testament
by them lawyers from Lexington.

I was robbed, before I'd even learned to
crawl.

I was robbed, before I'd even been born at
all.

Now I'm still living in these poor hills
ain't even got a pair of shoes,
so I just set around my porch drinking
and singing them perpetuity blues.

-Frederik Stig-Nielsen

And, my sanity went boom!

Statutory Interpretation.
Procrastination, and frustration.

Can't pay attention in evidence.
This hearsay reading was just way too
dense.
Common law, FREs,
All this shit is a mess to me.

Headphones on, jamming out.
Deadline approaching, What am I even
writing about?

Memo drafting, clinic meeting.
Skipped breakfast, parking ticket.
Oh, how I so miss those chemistry tests.

Sitting in all these gnarely classes,
while blending in with the legal masses.
Freedom of speech, right to bear arms.
Duty not to cause environmental harm.

Keeping up, falling back.
Capstone draft, panic attack.
Cold called again, can I take a pass?
Fine, fine, I'll balance the test.

Finals nearing, social life clearing.
Head down, power through.
Do or die: just too much to do.
And, here, wait just one more formulation.
But, will I really use it during a litigation?

So, law school, it's now down to me and
you:
How about we just figure it out over a mi-
crobrew.

-Sara Foroshani

Haiku

Done done done done done,
done done done done done done,
law school is over.

-Chenyu Wang

Ah, Graduation!
That break before the hard part-
Paying student loans.

-Anonymous

Professor Quotes

"Disney makes sure you're ready for the
harsh realities of the financial world. You
learn a lot about banking law from Mary
Poppins."

-John Parry

"We drive home tonight and a little piece
of Massachusetts disappears."

-Bill Funk

"I've been singled out less after 9/11, I
think there is some Asian integrity bias."

-Tung Yin

"Take all of my basis and give me tax-
free cash--that's what I want written on my
gravestone."

-Jack Bogdanski

"If you ever had a chemistry set, you had
this little piece of paper and you would stick
it in and pull it out and... You're pregnant!"

-Bill Funk

"Gasperini is just a nightmare, and every-
one knows it's a nightmare. It's given to
first year students just to haze you."

-John Parry

"Drug dealers are dynamic, not static."

-Tung Yin

"Maybe this is also where Mark's smelli-
ness comes from, maybe it's the smelliness
of his lei."

-Amy Bushaw

"This is the Beavis 'N' Butthead tax
shelter."

-Jack Bogdanski

"Lives saved is really just deaths delayed."

-Bill Funk

"The trick is to have Elvis marry you,
wherever he is."

-John Parry

Important Professor delivers lecture about how important he is

Everyone is very impressed

This past month, Lewis & Clark Law School had the immense honor of hosting Professor Smugg from Harvard Law School as the 2011 Supercilious Scholar Extraordinaire. Professor Smugg graced our humble campus on April 7, delivering an eloquent and thought-provoking lecture devoted to the controversial topic of how important Professor Smugg is.

He presented several strong arguments in favor of his importance, including "Harvard is where important people go, and I teach there, so I must be terribly important" and "I write books on important things, so obviously I'm important too." Most audience members seemed to agree, however, that his strongest argument was "I've talked to important people and can tell you their names, so I'm important too."

"It's pretty impressive, really," said one audience member, "how many important people he's talked to. He can even remember their names well enough to mention them several times. I can only hope that one day I'll have talked to half as many important people as he has."

Professor Smugg also signed copies of his most recent book, "A Thorough Explanation of Everything Important", which was available in the campus bookstore just for this occasion. The book, Professor Smugg explained, was the most important treatise on important things in the twenty-first century. He explained that the most important work of the twentieth century, though not his own, was still important: it was just wrong about everything. He said he felt moved to write his own book on important things when he thought of how dreary the world would be without everyone knowing what he thought about important things.

"Thank goodness I'm here to let everyone know the important stuff about important

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Corrections

Contrary to last month's feature story, a wild Justice Ruth Ginsberg was not seen nuzzling hottie Jake Gyllenhaal at the trendy Los Angeles nightclub Circus Disco.

An article on intentional torts incorrectly asserted that "no blood no foul" is a valid affirmative defense to battery. Rather, the use of "no blood no foul" is only justifiable on the basketball court as an affirmative defense to "and1."

things," said Smugg "Just think of how much more miserable your sad little lives would be without me to enlighten you."

After the lecture and book-signing, there was a reception in the LRC, where Professor Smugg once again proved his importance by only talking to other important people and only eating the important parts of the buffet.

All in all, the Dean said, the lecture and reception went quite well, and Professor Smugg may be invited back to discuss important things. Until then, the consensus is that Lewis & Clark Law School is just a little more important for having hosted such an important professor.

-Staff "Writer"

L&C works on further impediments to bikes

Caltraps "the only solution" according to Board of Trustees

Lewis & Clark College is seeking a deal with Riverview Cemetery to periodically strew caltraps over the bicycle route to campus. Word has it that the cemetery's owner is being recalcitrant, but the school is confident that it can reach a deal. Although negotiations are still in progress, the Lewis & Clark Board of Trustees said that this deal was a top priority, and a final decision is expected within the next few weeks.

This proposed deal is part of a series of desperate measures by the administration to increase automobile use. As part of the 2008 auto bailout package, all schools are required to increase automobile use among students as a condition of federal funding. Lewis & Clark, with its large bicyclist contingent, has lagged behind other schools in this area, and Board members are fearful of losing valuable financial aid if they do not act quickly.

"It may seem like a desperate measure," said Board member Marvin Fullovsit, "but at this point, the options are few, and this was all we could come up with."

The school has tried other measures to increase car traffic to campus, most notably eliminating the shuttle to Sellwood and cutting back the hours on the main shuttle. The school also considered constructing a new parking lot to encourage auto commuters, but that plan is currently in abeyance due to "cranky neighbors and rabid environmentalists." The school is also considering making it impossibly difficult and unnecessarily expensive to get a carpool permit, or reducing the number of bike lockers on the law campus even further. Board members all agreed that the school would to go to great lengths if necessary to get more cars.

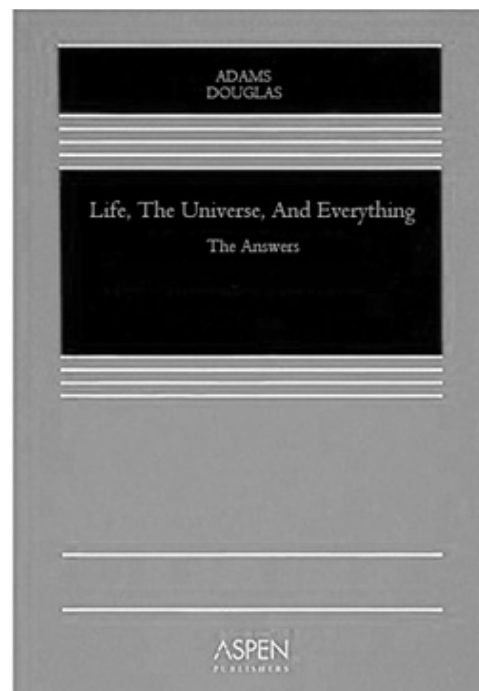
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"We got complacent" said Fullovsit. "We thought that just being at the top of a really steep hill in a notoriously rainy state was enough. Well, we're not just relying on that anymore. We've got to take some serious action to get where we need to be. I just hope this deal with Riverview gets us closer to our ultimate goal: one car on campus for every student on campus."

The Board acknowledged that even if the deal went as planned, it still needed to implement a comprehensive long-term plan. This deal with Riverview is merely the start of new Lewis & Clark.

- That Guy

New casebook explains everything!



Aspen Publishers is proud to present its newest addition to bookstore shelves and subtraction from law students' wallets: the long-awaited "Life, The Universe, And Everything" by Professors Adams and Douglas.

The new casebook is expected to create a huge surge in sales initially. Some worry that it will lead to the elimination of the casebook market entirely, since all other books will be superfluous to this one. Aspen counters that this is ridiculous, since it will be coming out with updated versions of the new book every year.

-Bowl of Petunias

Lawyer Jokes

Because you don't hear enough of these from your friends

How many lawyers does it take to change a light bulb?

Fifty four. Eight to argue, one to get a continuance, one to object, one to demur, two to research precedents, one to dictate a letter, one to stipulate, five to turn in their time cards, one to depose, one to write interrogatories, two to settle, one to order a secretary to change the bulb, and twenty-eight to bill for professional services.

NASA was interviewing professionals to be sent to Mars. Only one could go — and couldn't return to Earth.

The first applicant, an engineer, was asked how much he wanted to be paid for going. "A million dollars," he answered, "because I want to donate it to M.I.T."

The next applicant, a doctor, was asked the same question. He asked for \$2 million. "I want to give a million to my family," he explained, "and leave the other million for the advancement of medical research."

The last applicant was a lawyer. When asked how much money he wanted, he whispered in the interviewer's ear, "Three million dollars."

"Why so much more than the others?" asked the interviewer.

The lawyer replied, "If you give me \$3 million, I'll give you \$1 million, I'll keep \$1 million, and we'll send the engineer to Mars."

What do you call a smiling, sober, courteous person at a bar association convention?

The caterer.

What's the definition of a lawyer?

A mouth with a life support system.

Why are lawyers like nuclear weapons?

1. If one side has one, the other side has to get one.

2. Once launched, they can't be recalled.

3. When they land, they prevent anything from functioning for the next hundred years.

What's the difference between God and an attorney?

God doesn't think he's an attorney.

A dog ran into a butcher shop and grabbed a roast off the counter. Fortunately, the butcher recognized the dog as belonging to a neighbor of his. The neighbor happened to be a lawyer.

Incensed at the theft, the butcher called up his neighbor and said, "Hey, if your dog stole a roast from my butcher shop, would you be liable for the cost of the meat?" The lawyer replied, "Of course, how much was the roast?" "\$7.98."

A few days later the butcher received a check in the mail for \$7.98. Attached to it was an invoice that read: Legal Consultation Service: \$150.

"I'm beginning to think that my lawyer is too interested in making money."

"Why do you say that?"

"Listen to this from his bill: 'For waking up at night and thinking about your case: \$25'."

Two little squirrels were walking along in

the forest. The first one spied a nut and cried out, "Oh, look! A nut!"

The second squirrel jumped on it and said, "It's my nut!"

The first squirrel said, "That's not fair! I saw it first!"

"Well, you may have seen it, but I have it," argued the second.

At that point, a lawyer squirrel came up and said, "You shouldn't quarrel. Let me resolve this dispute."

The two squirrels nodded, and the lawyer squirrel said, "Now, give me the nut." He broke the nut in half, and handed half to each squirrel, saying, "See? It was foolish of you to fight. Now the dispute is resolved."

Then he reached over and said, "And for my fee, I'll take the meat."

A group of dinner guests were blaming all of America's troubles on lawyers when a woman said, "They aren't all so bad. Why, last year a lawyer gave me \$1000."

"I don't believe it," the host responded.

"It's true, I swear it," said the woman. "I had a complicated personal injury case and what with the lawyer's fee, the cost of expert witnesses, the expense of the appeal and so on, my bill was \$41,000. When the judgment only amounted to \$40,000, my lawyer simply forgave the difference."

A golfer hooked his tee shot over a hill and onto the next fairway. Walking toward his ball, he saw a man lying on the ground, groaning with pain.

"I'm an attorney," the wincing man said, "and this is going to cost you \$5000."

"I'm sorry, I'm really sorry," the concerned golfer replied. "But I did yell 'fore'."

"I'll take it," the attorney said.

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