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COVERS THE SCHOOL LIKE AN APRIL FOOL
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THIS PAPER IS SIMPLY AN EFFORT TO ADD HUMOR AND LEVITY TO AN UNNECESSARILY STILTED ENVIRONMENT. ALL COMMENTS ARE MEANT IN JEST, AND NO TRUE OFFENSE IS INTENDED. BESIDES, WE'RE ALL BIG BOYS AND GIRLS HERE. DON'T WORRY. BE HAPPY

COENEN FACES OFF AGAINST OUTLINE KING

Professor Dan T. Coenen appeared in court today to argue his case against Emanuel’s Study Aids in his claim that Emanuel’s improperly appropriated his likeness for the cover of their series of law school outlines. In his complaint, Coenen stated that he was particularly incensed at the thought of his jurisprudential stature would be used to “peddle canned outlines sold to circumvent the traditional Socratic approach of legal education.”

In a strange twist of events, the judge, in an effort to have Coenen prove the effectiveness of a “traditional classroom teaching style,” had Coenen argue his side of the case - and then ordered the stunned scholar to “argue against himself.” The bedazzled Coenen, stunned, began to rant unintelligibly with the only recognizable words being: “Summers!”; “Hillman!”; “Blackmun!”; “Bertis!”; and “Rosie the Cow.” Coenen, foaming at the mouth, was removed by attendants in white jackets, and was heard to have yelled at the court: “Why a rounded and bulbous nose?! Why not straight and prominent?! See Sullivan v. O’Connor.”

While Steven Emanuel has denied any appropriation of Coenen’s likeness from the beginning, he has decided to alter the cover picture on his famous outline series. Though no specifics have been discussed, Emanuel has apparently discussed using portraits of Randall Johnson, L. Ray Patterson, and C. Ronald Ellington (for the Southern Editions) on the 1994 (unrevised) edition.

Coenen’s family had no comment. Meanwhile, Bertis Downs is investigating whether or not he has basis for a loss of consortium claim against either Emanuel’s or the judge. Tom Eaton thinks so: “It would be a watershed case for emotional distress claims, but that’s what the tort system is there for. It’s all in the frequency and severity. See Prosser, Epstein, Calibresi, and Wells.”

Things seldom SEEN at the Law School:
- Rhett Lawrence or Rob Cowan dressed up
- Thomas Mitchell or Kristin Rigby dressed down
- Dean Kurtz dressed correctly
- Wilkes’ door open
- White’s door closed
- Carlson in a bad mood
- Wells in a good mood
- Kevin Cranman not complaining about not having a job
- Kristin “Ridham” Goodman not complaining about something
- Wendy Jenkins
- Brad Ulrich
Things seldom HEARD at the Law School:
- “Hey, did you hear that Hellerstein’s class took 40 points?!”
- “Wilner certified my paper with no problems”
- “I got a job through the Legal Career Services Office”
- “Boy, that was a great Sibley lecture”
- “Gosh, that Marc Galvin sure is funny”
- “Man, Jim Smith is the grade fairy - you definitely want to take his classes!”
- “Federal Courts is about as easy they come”

Campus Events:
- WLSA will meet everyday in the mail room to discuss “The Reasonable Man Standard and Other Phallusies”
- The Jewish Law Students Association will host a roundtable discussion on religious tolerance entitled “You Do It Yahweh, and I’ll Do It Mine;” Bagels and danish to follow
- Ellington will host two different seminars for those interested in the following topics:
  - “Seersucker After Labor Day and other Dilemmas for Southern Attorneys”
  - “Which Professors Actually Blind-Grade?”
  - Make reservations early - both are expected to sell out; each costs $35 and are worth a fortune
- As a complementary lecture to Ellington’s fashion instructions, Paul Kurtz and Frederick Huszagh will offer a course in selecting, matching, and tying bow ties
- L. Ray Patterson will also lead two discussions on important topics:
  - “L. Ray Patterson: My Way and the Wrong Way - How to tell the difference”
  - “The proper way to wear and match braces and suspenders.” Larry King plans to join Professor Patterson as a model of “How to Dress”
- The Federalist Society will host a Mud Wrestling Competition between renowned feminist Molly Yard and renowned talk-show host Rush Limbaugh
- Milner Ball will give a talk on the White Male Guilt Syndrome and How to Live With Yourself
- Kay Bramlett’s Acclaimed Needlepoint Work is on display in her office at her desk everyday from 9am to 5pm (except lunch hour). All are encouraged to stop by room 202.

What IF . . .
- Linda Dudley was named as Dean (hasn’t she been running the show all along?)
- McDonnell tucked his shirt in
- the copy machines in Georgia’s finest law school worked
- the SBA coffee was good (or the coffee machine was ever cleaned)
- UGA Law still had a valid claim to associate itself with Louis Sohn
- the in-fighting and jealousy among the professors didn’t stand in the way of academic pursuits
- there really were jobs to be had
- the Legal Research and Writing Classes had a legitimate connection to legal writing
- Giles Kennedy was Justice Kennedy
- We knew why Brussack is “Pappy”
- Carlson actually got that electronic courtroom
- Pearson had won his case in front of the U.S. Supreme Court
- Huszagh followed law school administration policy
- Blount, after playing the audit lottery, lost - and recruited Camilla Watson to represent him
“PALSGRAF DAY” GETS 4 STARS

In entertainment news, a brand-new movie is due out soon that chronicles a law school’s attempt to retain a faculty member on staff while paying the homage that the professor feels he so richly deserves. The feature film, entitled “Palsgraf Day,” depicts a law professor who wakes up everyday, in a pseudo-deja vu fashion, to find that it’s once again time to teach his favorite case: Palsgraf v. Long Island Railroad. The main character, S. Larry Tensell, had been teaching the famed Palsgraf case for many years, and it had become a tradition for the school’s second-year students to perform a skit that both added humor to the lecture and placed a great amount of attention on Tensell. In this film, which should be seen because of its fine cinematography and realistic legal plot, Tensell is placed in somewhat of an egocentric Twilight Zone as he awakens each morning and realizes that it’s once again “Palsgraf Day” – and it’s his turn to be honored by all members of the law school community and to teach the case for which he felt he had become famous.

SURRENCY RECOVERS AFTER COLA CATASTROPHE

Erwin Surrency is recovering at St. Mary’s Hospital after having suffered a severe heart attack. Doctors, family members, and police investigators are still unsure of the exact cause of the infarction, but it appears that he was chastising a law student for bringing a Coca-Cola into the library. Witnesses said that Surrency, walking through the main library to his office with his cup of coffee as usual, stopped to remind a law student of the prohibition against food and drink in the library. When the student questioned Surrency about his having brought a beverage into the hallowed hall himself, Surrency stuttered and gasped as he said “Wha- Well- Ah- I never . . .” The student then realized that Surrency was in need of medical care and was not just being melodramatic. He was immediately rushed to St. Mary’s where he is now recovering. He appreciates the inquiries, but wishes to remind the students that food and beverages are still off limits in the library: “Y’all are still kids as far as I’m concerned. Professors and library staff are capable of handling drinks, but I refuse to believe that you folks can.”

RECYCLING POLICE BUST WILKES, REES

This morning the EPA’s new enforcement division, The Recycling Police, paid an official visit to the homes of two professors, Donald Wilkes and John Rees. Without warrants and with battering rams in the event of non-compliance, The Recycling Police knocked heavily on Wilkes’ door to inform him of his violation of EPA and common sense rules against the unnecessary waste of resources, to wit: his profuse number of handouts in his classes. (In similar fashion, Rees was notified that his extraordinary number of handouts, known as “Rees’s Pieces,” violated the same ordinance). Wilkes, standing amazed in his broken-down door frame, sighed, “Oh, another example of lawlessness in law enforcement.” To comply with the EPA order against unnecessary resource wasting, Wilkes must notify his classes that they should place their handouts on the curb and an enormous truck will come by to pick them up. Wilkes, pleading, begged class members to keep their chrestomathies. Needless to say, Wilkes informed his class of the Recycling Police’s numerous breaches of his rights – and attributed all true resource wastes to actually paying the likes of Rehnquist and Scalia for this jurisprudence.
WILKES HAS PHILOSOPHICAL DILEMMA, NIGHTMARE

In a related item involving Wilkes, he is apparently suffering from sleepless nights because of intense nightmares of Justice William Rehnquist being deprived of his constitutional rights as a criminal defendant. When approached to represent Rehnquist, Wilkes is unsure whether he should defend the ex-Supreme Court Justice or if he should present Rehnquist his collection of the Rehnquist's "Dirty Dozen Decisions" that limit defendants' right and force him to live by his own sword. Wilkes finally decides to let Rehnquist fend for himself, realizing that the removal of Rehnquist would allow Clinton to name another liberal justice to the court. Subsequently, when Alan Dershowitz's name was added to the short list, Wilkes exclaimed "That's disgraceful - he's way too conservative."

KURTZ AND DAVIS STAGE STANDOFF

The UGA Law has become the focus of National Legal and Media attention as day 6 of the Branch Kurtzian standoff with the Board of Regents continues. Upon learning that the University has decided to bring another candidate for the Dean position back for a series of receptions, Associate Dean Paul Kurtz took several hostages and barricaded all of them into Ellington's office yelling "Mine! Mine! Mine! - And I'm smoking my pipe in here." Shortly thereafter, Kurtz phoned Sam Davis and invited him to join him in the protest over the outside Dean selection. Davis agreed, but once the two discussed the situation in the Dean's office, a dispute arose as to whether the standoff should be known as the Branch Kurtzians or the Branch Davisians. As the standoff continues, no injuries are reported. Ellington asks that his plants be watered. Also, Ellington wishes to notify the Law School Community that classes will proceed as normal, because "after all, Linda Dudley isn't a hostage and she can continue to run the law school."

HONOR COURT INDICTS SALAMEH

In a bold and startling move yesterday, the School of Law Honor Court filed charges against Mohammed Salameh, the alleged bomber of the World Trade Center, citing multiple violations of the Honor Code. "This dastardly deed is certainly in violation of the school code," said Honor Court Chief Judge Stacy O'Donnell. "At least, we're pretty sure it was against the rules. If the truth be known, this is sort of a test case."

The already embattled suspect, who has been interrogated by various police organizations for days, was unamused. "I declare Jihad against them all!!", yelled Salameh. "We will never give up until the infidel dogs are killed, and the Honor Court and its capitalistic underpinnings is completely annihilated!"

When asked how a student disciplinary court was able to assert jurisdiction over the Egyptian national, O'Donnell said "It's in our Constitution, I think. If not, we'll bootstrap it in somehow. We're a pretty powerful court - much more powerful than most people realize."