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Donelson M. Leake, Class of '62
Newest Member of the UT Board of Trustees

Don Leake is probably one of only a handful of our graduates who played football while studying for his law degree. A native of Memphis and the son of a lawyer, he earned a scholarship to play football as a Volunteer under Coach Bowden Wyatt, 1956-60. During his last year of varsity football, he was enrolled in law school.

He notes that he had made up his mind to pursue a law degree before beginning his undergraduate education, and UT's reputation as an outstanding law school was more than a minor consideration. The fact that UT had an outstanding coach in Wyatt was an extra bonus.

One of his favorite memories of the football days, besides the single-wing formation, was as a freshman. Although freshmen could not play varsity ball at that time, he "had the honor" of scrimmaging against the 1956 team which was ranked number two in the nation, led by then senior John Majors.

Don lettered in football as an end on the 1958, 1959, and 1960 teams, whose records were 4-6, 5-4-1, and 6-2-2, respectively. He caught seven passes for 129 yards in his junior season, and a like number the year later.

He can still recall the elation of upsetting the number one team in the nation, LSU, in the 1959 game played in Knoxville. That was the game in which LSU's Cannon tried for a two-point conversion in the fourth quarter and failed, leaving Tennessee the winner, 14-13.

The Discipline of Law

The program which made the dual study of law and football possible was commonly referred to as the "three-three" program (discontinued in 1968) in which one could acquire both the undergraduate and the law degrees in a six-year period.

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The Centennial
Celebrating 100 years of excellence in legal education, 1890-1990

An "Old Fashioned Lawn Party" will be held in each region of the state this fall, complete with lawn tennis, lawn bowling, and croquet. Other special events will be featured throughout the year.

The Dean's Corner

The place where one lives...

T
here was a period in your life when your domicile might have been a house or an apartment, but most of your daily life was spent at the law school -- in classes, in the library, or somewhere in-between with a heavy load of law books in your arms. The unique character of law study is such that you have to immerse yourself in it in order to learn it.

In a very real sense, you lived the law while you were here. If you are not convinced of that, just ask your spouse or family or friends who wondered what happened to you during those three years.

a place where one likes to be...

Well...I doubt if you could honestly say you liked the entire experience of law school. Only masochists could enjoy being the victims of the socratic teaching method. That facet of legal education has resulted in many an embarrassing moment, and some residual resentment, but you must admit it was good preparation for the inevitable embarrassments in practice.

There were also good times -- good friends, classroom victories, and the monumental success of earning that special degree.

And now you can walk through these doors without fear of failure and with plenty of bragging privileges; once you've survived here, you have earned the right to call it your school.

the place of origin...

"Commencement" is the name accorded graduation ceremonies, not "conclusion". That pride you felt when you received your hood and/or the LL.B. or J.D. sheepskin was for an extraordinary accomplishment, but as soon as the excitement waned, the realization that you were embarking on a new adventure sank in. It was the beginning of the rest of your life.

Law school is where you learned that the law is many shades of gray, that you cannot assume anything, and that lawyers carry a tremendous responsibility for the welfare of society as a whole. Many of you were leaders before you entered these hallowed halls, but law school is where you learned how to put those leadership skills to work for the benefit of others. For more recent graduates, law school was a prerequisite to admission to the bar. In any event, your life as a lawyer originated here.

There are over 5,000 of "you" out there -- 5,000 individuals who can call the University of Tennessee College of Law "home".

This academic year, 1989-90, is our 100th. It is more your celebration than that of the faculty, staff, or even the current students, because collectively you represent this school's first century. You know the faculty, the students, and the staff. You know, more than anyone else, how our faculty and students and staff have been important to the great state of Tennessee, and in some instances, the nation.

Where would the United States be without Senator and White House Chief of Staff Howard H. Baker, Jr. (Class of '49) or the World War II leadership of Col. Harold Warner? Where would clinical legal education be without Professor Charles Miller? Where would Tennessee evidence law be without Donald Paine (Class of '63) and Professor Neil Cohen? Where would the art of trial law be without such notables as John Morgan (Class of '55), George Montgomery (Class of '41), Houston Gordon (Class of '70), Bob Pryor (Class of '69), and Tom Scott (Class of '67)? Where would U.S. products liability law be without Professors Dix Noel and Jerry Phillips? Indeed, where would Tennessee sports be without John Ward (Class of '55), the voice of the Vols?

The list could go on and on, and we'll do our best to give credit where credit is due. The history of our first 100 years now being composed.

We plan to celebrate throughout this coming year with a series of alumni gatherings and special events, and we want to ask you to help us in one very simple way. Borrowing on the "Tennessee Homecoming" theme of UT president and former Tennessee governor Lamar Alexander, we are asking you to "come home" to the UT College of Law at least one time during the year, July 1989 to June 1990.

Come home to share with us your memories.

Come home to see if you still shiver at the thought of walking into your first Contracts class.

Come home to see how legal education has changed, and how it has stayed the same, since you were here.

Come home to share with us your hopes for the future of legal education at UT.

When you come by, be sure to sign our Centennial Homecoming Register in the main hallway.

An "Old Fashioned Lawn Party" will be held in each region of the state this fall, complete with lawn tennis (badminton, if you will), lawn bowling, and croquet. These will be our official "kick-off" events for our alumni and their families. You can even come dressed in period costume, if you like!

It is an honor to be Dean during such an exceptional time in the College's history, and I look forward to seeing you sometime during the year.
Don Leake

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He recalls having to recover from the shock of discovering the need for greater discipline in his law studies than had been required for his undergraduate courses. "If you want to go to law school, you have to make a commitment; you have to be mentally and physically ready for it, and you have to be willing to pay the price."

Feeling privileged to have endured the trials and tribulations of law school with so many people who have since excelled in the practice of law, including Sid Gilreath and Bob Ritchie, Don is quick to express his gratitude for the guidance he received from faculty members, especially Harold Warner. "I think that anyone who went to law school in those days was influenced by Dr. Warner," he reflected. "He was one of the most outstanding teachers I came in contact with, and I considered him a very good friend. He took a personal interest in the people who were in law school."

In the same way that made Coach Wyatt such a good coach, if you made the effort and produced, Colonel Warner recognized it.

The law librarian, Martin Feerick, was also a positive influence. "He was tough -- he was a tough professor -- but he had a big heart and was interested in his students."

1962 was a busy year for Don Leake. He graduated from law school and passed the bar, then entered the service in September. Three months later, he married Catherine "Vandy" Van Dyke Cifers (her father also played end for the UT Volunteers in the "golden era", the late '30s and early '40s), and they headed off to Germany.

An Extended Honeymoon, Then Back on the Career Track

It is clear that the next two years they spent stationed in Europe on an extended honeymoon were among their happiest times.

Don was a lieutenant in the military police in Nuremberg, Germany, and he ended his tour of duty as a provost marshal at a small post at Erlangen. He coached a football team while there, and when they found a moment or two to get away, he and his wife did quite a bit of travelling. They proved that you could indeed see Europe on $5 a day, as promised in the book of that name.

It was also where they began their family, all of whom would follow their mother and father in the University of Tennessee tradition. Son Martin, now 24, is a UT graduate now in the real estate business and about to be married, daughter Laura will be a sophomore at UT this fall, and daughter Lynn will enter UT this fall.

Upon their return from Europe, there was an opening at the firm where Don had once clerked, and he decided to make Knoxville his home. "I think (Knoxville) is the finest place in the country," he now declares without hesitation. "Every time I go someplace and visit, then return to Knoxville, I reaffirm my love for East Tennessee."

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He has been with the firm, now known as Kramer, Rayson, McVeigh, Leake & Rodgers, ever since. He describes his practice as a general civil practice, with a fair amount of courtroom time.

Has he seen a change in the practice of law in Knoxville over the last 25 years? "I sure have....When I first came into the practice of law in 1964, it seemed as if everyone knew each other in the bar, and you had a more personal approach to the practice of law."

Don also observed (without prompting from the interviewer) that "the law school is so much better than it was when I went there in that students seem to be much better prepared when they come out of law school. I really feel that way."

A Political Trail Is Blazed

Raised in a family with strong ties to the Democratic party, it was only natural for Don Leake to decide to become actively involved in politics when he assumed a leadership role in the Knoxville business community.

The fact that there were "a lot of good people" active in Democratic politics was always a factor in his own decision to become involved, and ultimately, to rise to a leadership role within the party. He has managed several Knox County campaigns, including Senator Sasser's stunning upset of the incumbent, Bill Brock, in 1976.

Then he had the opportunity to manage the Knox County campaign for Governor Ned McWherter's successful 1986 bid. He describes McWherter as "an outstanding governor and an astute politician...I cannot think of any other governor who was as well-prepared to take office as Governor McWherter."

Many Varieties of Leadership

His resume also includes several civic leadership roles, including membership on the board of directors of the East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce, and the Knoxville Museum of Art.

One of Don's most interesting appointments of late was that of the Commissioning Committee for the Trident submarine, the USS Tennessee. He and his son survived a seven-hour trip inside the close quarters of a sub last summer ("it's like crawling into your closet"). A scale model of the USS Tennessee has a prominent place on his desk.

He admits to having "a soft spot for UT". It is partially due to the fact that so many members of his family have gone to UT, and partially due to his own fond memories of the football team and law school days, including the daily strolls across the street to the E & E drug store to discuss grades. His office walls reflect his pride in his alma mater, with both a portrait of the old UT campus and a more recent print & Ross T. Stewart

Don Leake as a member of the Volunteer football team
J im Kirby has been teaching at the University of Tennessee nearly eleven years, just a small percentage of his extensive career. In that time, his easy-going style and friendly demeanor have endeared him to many a student and colleague.

It All Began in "Kirby"

He was born in a small town in Macon County, Tennessee named for his ancestors. It was located near a mineral springs resort popular in the 1920s and '30s, Red Boiling Springs.

His mother taught in a one-room schoolhouse called "Kirby Grove" until she decided to marry James Cordell Kirby, named for the former Macon County circuit judge Cordell Hull. At one time, the Kirby family ran a gristmill, a sawmill, and a store, but the need for a steady income forced his parents to move to Old Hickory, where Jim's father worked his way up to foreman in the DuPont rayon factory.

Placing third in the 1946 Elks National Foundation "Most Valuable Student Contest" was the perfect culmination of Jim's outstanding academic and leadership record at DuPont High School. He also graduated first in his class of 83 students.

When he realized he was losing school elections to football stars, he decided to beat them at their own game, lettering in football the last two years of high school. It worked: he was elected vice-president of the student body and of his senior class.

His record of achievements earned him the distinction of being a four-year Founders Scholar at Vanderbilt. Vanderbilt coach Red Sanders convinced this young tender that he need not try for a "walk-on" position on the football team, something Jim now recognizes as one of the best things that could have happened to him.

He was elected president of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity as a sophomore, and he excelled in oratory and debate, further fueling his ambitions in the political arena. Law seemed an appropriate vehicle for those ambitions, and Jim entered law school at Vanderbilt, working his way through school, but he soon earned a chance to spend more time studying the subjects he learned to love by transferring to New York University.

A Distinction Shared With UT's New President

James Cordell Kirby, Jr. was one of the first class of recipients of NYU's Root-Tilden Scholarships, an honor later shared by the University of Tennessee's current president, Lamar Alexander. (Only two are chosen from each judicial circuit.) He earned the J.D. and a masters degree in law in 1954.

NYU Dean Russell Niles was a source of inspiration. Jim graduated in the top five percent of his class, served on the editorial board of the law review, and was a member of the law school's championship moot court team.

In his first six months out of law school, Jim earned about $250 per month with Waller, Davis & Lansden in Nashville. He returned to that firm after a two-and-a-half-year stint in the J.A.G. Corps, during which he tried many a general court martial.

In 1955, he married Barbara Eggleston, a black-haired beauty whom he had met during a state political rally in the summer of 1954.

It was during his second tenure in Nashville law practice that he tasted his first experience as a teacher of the law. Starting in the fall of 1957, Jim taught one course a year at Vanderbilt, but "Potomac Fever" soon took him off the legal education track.

Helping to Run the Country

Both Barbara and Jim worked for Senator Estes Kefauver in 1960, and the election of fellow Democrat John Kennedy unleashed many opportunities for a young woman who "wanted to help run the country on the new frontier." Jim was hired as Kefauver's assistant and as chief counsel to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments.

Two years later Jim accepted a tenured position on the faculty at Vanderbilt, refusing a similar offer at NYU because he thought his home state would serve as a viable political base.

During these years he served on the ABA's Special Commission on Presidential Inability and Vice Presidential Vacancy, doing work which led to the ratification of the 25th Amendment in 1967. He published a series of Tennessee surveys on constitutional law in the Vanderbilt Law Review and several articles on labor law and constitutional law throughout the early 1960s.

Then Helping to Run Legal Education

Jim became somewhat disillusioned with party politics after he lost a bid for a seat at the state constitutional convention in 1964, so he focused his talents on the field of legal education.

Beginning in 1965, he spent an enjoyable three years on the faculty at Northwestern University, but a prestigious grant led him to assume administrative responsibilities on the faculty at New York University as director of the Special Committee on Congressional Ethics for the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. In 1970, he accepted the deanship at Ohio State University.
As dean and professor of law at Ohio State, he was frustrated by the nationwide lack of financial support for professional schools from central university administrations, so he tried looking at the situation from the other side. He accepted the post of vice president and general counsel at his alma mater, NYU. In 1976, he became director of NYU's Appellate Judges Seminars, administering programs which featured U.S. Supreme Court justices Blackmun, Burger, and Stevens.

Jim helped shape the future of the law and legal education during these years. He was a member of the ABA Special Commission on Electoral College Reform and the Consortium on Legal Services and the Public. While dean at Ohio State, Jim also served as chair of the Ohio Ethics Commission.

He became a life fellow of the American Bar Foundation and a life member of the U.S. Sixth Circuit Judicial Conference. He has also served on the arbitration panels of the American Arbitration Association and the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

Jim continued to publish articles on constitutional law, labor law, and legal education in such journals as the New York University Law Review, Ohio State Law Journal, and the North Carolina Law Review. He also contributed to two books published in 1970: Congress and the Public Trust and The Rights of Americans.

Throughout this period of his career, his administrative responsibilities steadily increased, and he finally decided he would rather teach and write. Jim let it be known that he could be attracted back to Tennessee.

This Tennessean Comes Home

After one year as a visiting professor, Jim was offered a permanent position on UT's faculty in 1979. His administrative experience would soon entice the University to engage his services as acting dean while Ken Penegar was on leave for the 1980-81 academic year.

In his favorite course, the Constitutional Law seminar, he conducted "mock Supreme Court" sessions with his students concerning pending cases, and he notes that his classes experienced a high degree of success in predicting the outcomes of Supreme Court decisions.

In the role of scholar at The University of Tennessee, Jim has written a monograph on legislative ethics codes, a chapter on federal conflict of interest regulations, Representation and Responsibility (with others), Developments in State Constitutional Law (with others), and "Expansive Judicial Review of Economic Regulations Under State Constitutions: The Case for Realism" at 48 Tennessee Law Review 241. He earned celebrity status in 1986 with his book about Bear Bryant and Wally Butts, Fumble.

The U.S. Congress continues to call upon his expertise. A few weeks ago he testified before the Bipartisan Task Force on Ethics concerning the revision of the House ethics code.

Jim feels quite good about UT and its College of Law. He considers the University a good state university, but he urges revision of the state's tax structure to provide properly for higher education. He believes the law school does a good job of providing Tennessee lawyers for Tennessee, but it can do more. A new building is badly needed, and a larger faculty would improve the elective curriculum.

A Living Legacy

When Jim retires this summer, he will leave behind more than friends and a strong record of teaching and scholarship. He and Barbara have established an endowment to fund scholarships for first-year students from middle Tennessee. (See "Development News").

Jim is planning to settle down in Nashville, perhaps practicing part-time with a firm, but he plans to devote the rest of his time to writing.

He is working on a book in which he contends that the 1919 Chicago White Sox ("Black Sox") team did not really throw the World Series which led to the team members' lifelong exclusion from the game of baseball. He is also writing a biography of U.S. Supreme Court Justice (and Tennessean) James C. McReynolds.

[Editor's Note: Jim's friends and former students are all invited to a party in his honor on Friday, July 14th at 7:30 p.m. at Club LeConte in Knoxville. The cost is $27 per reservation. For more information, contact the Dean's office at 615/974-4241.]

Tennessee's Attorney General, Charles W. Burson, was the featured speaker at the College of Law's annual Law Review Banquet. The event was held on March 4th at the Orangery in Knoxville.

In Memoriam

R.B.J. Campbelle, Jr. of Nashville
Class of '51
Robert L. Cheek of Knoxville
Class of '56
William Walter Derington of Knoxville
Class of '51
G. Reece Gibson of Church Hill
Class of '71
Guy W. Shanks of Knoxville
Class of '50

At the 1951 ABA meeting in New York, Jim Kirby, left, is congratulated by the chief justice of the Tennessee supreme court, A.B. Neel, on winning one of the first Root-Tilden Scholarships at New York University Law School. At the right is another Tennessee recipient, Stewart Bohan from Memphis.
Dean's Circle Inaugurated

The first meeting of the Dean's Circle, a select group of Law College alumni and friends committed to improving the College's base of private financial support, was held in May at the Law Center. These leaders will help Dean Yarbrough and Director of Development Scott Fountain identify potential donor clubs and secure significant gifts to satisfy the school's increasing needs for private support.

Cheek Memorial Scholarship Endowed

Henrietta Cheek Halliday of Atlanta, Georgia has established a scholarship endowment to honor the memory of her brother, Robert L. "Bob" Cheek, Sr., who passed away in February of this year. A 1951 graduate of the College of Law, Bob Cheek was well known for his cowboy hat and charming manner as well as for his contributions to the legal and civic life of east Tennessee.

Kirby Scholarships Announced

Professor James C. Kirby, Jr. and his wife Barbara have decided to endow scholarships in their name for first-year law students based on a combination of merit and need. The scholarships will be available to students who attended public high school in one of three counties in Tennessee, Davidson, Macon, or Williamson, and who are permanent residents of one of those counties. The Kirbys are donating $20,000 this year to the endowment fund, and they have made a $100,000 bequest.

Two Law Firms Establish Student Awards and Scholarships

The Houston-based law firm of Vinson & Elkins has committed $5,500 annually for three years to the UT College of Law for new student awards and scholarships. The Vinson & Elkins Scholarships for Academic Excellence will be awarded each summer to three students based upon their first-year grades in the College of Law. Each recipient will carry the title of Vinson & Elkins Scholar. Second-year student Tamara Davis received the first annual Vinson & Elkins Law Review Achievement Award this year. Vinson & Elkins will also fund annual moot court awards for oral advocacy and brief writing.

The Knoxville office of the law firm of Hunton & Williams has pledged $500 annually to the College to support two awards for outstanding student writing. The Hunton & Williams Law Review Prize will be awarded annually. Third-year student Andrew R. Tillman received the award this year. The firm also will present a writing award to a first-year student this summer.

Bass, Berry & Sims Increase Matching Gift Program

The Nashville-based law firm of Bass, Berry & Sims recently demonstrated its support for the UT College of Law in two ways: by a $10,000 pledge to be used for capital improvements, and by increasing their matching gift program to provide a one-to-one match for gifts from UT graduates in the firm.

Class of 1990 Doing Their Part

The first coordinated effort of students to raise funds for the benefit of the Law College has begun with the formation of the Class of 1990 Development Council. A ten-member committee, headed by Angela Magill and Ken Irvine, is organizing class solicitations. They plan to challenge other classes to do the same.

New Presidents' Club and Society Members

Through significant gifts which have been either entirely or partially designated for use by the College of Law, these persons have recently joined the following donor clubs at The University of Tennessee:

President's Club: (gift or pledge of $10,000 or more)
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Campbell - Knoxville
- Scott and Nada Fountain - Knoxville
- Henrietta Cheek Halliday - Atlanta
- Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Hodge - Roswell, Georgia
- Julie and Heath Jones - Nashville
- J. Payson and Genie Matthews - Somerville
- Charles H. Miller - Knoxville
- John and Wanda Sobieski - Knoxville
- Heritage Society: (gift or pledge of $50,000 or more)
- Joel A. Katz - Atlanta, Georgia
- Benefactors Society: (gift or pledge of $100,000 or more)
- Professor and Mrs. James C. Kirby, Jr. - Knoxville

A complete roster of all College of Law Presidents' Club and Society Members will be listed in the College's Annual Report this fall.

CENTENNIAL EDITION!

Alumni To Be Surveyed for The University of Tennessee College of Law Alumni Directory

All alumni for whom we have current addresses will soon be receiving an important Alumni Directory Questionnaire in the mail. This will give every alumnus the opportunity to be accurately listed in the upcoming new College of Law Alumni Directory.

PLEASE BE SURE TO COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR DIRECTORY QUESTIONNAIRE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

Once received, your information will be edited and processed by our publisher, Harris Publishing Co., Inc. Over 5,000 of our alumni will be included in this impressive new Directory.

If you don't return your questionnaire there is a possibility you may be inadvertently omitted. So don't take a chance...watch for your questionnaire and remember to return it promptly.
The 1989 Outstanding Graduate:  
Andrew R. “Andy” Tillman

In Andy Tillman’s application for a clerkship with Sixth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals Judge H. Theodore Milburn, he demonstrated the forthright “down-home” honesty for which he is so well-known:

“I apply for this judicial clerkship because I am firmly convinced that at thirty-seven years of age, with a good grade-point average to my credit and a bookshelf full of casebooks, I have no idea what a lawyer is. More than I need the clerkship, my potential clients need that I have the clerkship....I propose to bring to the job a good deal of practical experience, a strong sense of duty to whomever I serve, a work-brittle (as we very high regard for the bench.”

That “work-brittle” attitude served him well in his law studies: he was selected by the faculty as this year’s Outstanding Graduate.

Andrew R. Tillman grew up on a farm in Oklahoma, the son of a sharecrop farmer. “Even though we didn’t have much money, we were taught that we were as good as a Mr. Anybody.” He was also taught that “hard work and perseverance will not fail you”, a lesson he later learned well, albeit in a slightly different way, from his father-in-law. After several years in the mining and logging industries, Andy started his own lumber business in Arkansas. He later moved the business to Huntsville, Tennessee, the site of his first contracted stand of timber. He moved his sawmill to the timber site on two trucks, but when his last truck wrecked, he said to himself, “I have to do something else.”

He does not care for mediocrity. In deciding how to “revise his dreams” in his mid-thirties, he sought a career in which he thought he could be among the best. He decided he wanted to try to be the kind of lawyer described in the first chapter of Proverbs:

Open your mouth for the dumb,  
For the rights of the unfortunate.  
Open your mouth, judge righteously,  
And defend the rights of the afflicted and the needy.

He “prepared for the worst” his first year of law school. Although Andy enjoyed “kicking legal issues back and forth” in class, he would have liked to have had more time to cover the material. As a 2L, he read the book 1L and decided it really did not apply. His least favorite courses were Legal Process and the first-year writing courses, which seemed to lack the strong purpose characteristic of the substantive law courses.

He agrees with Professor Jerry Phillips, whom Andy considers the “highlight” of law school, that the law can be taught out of a telephone book.

In his valedictory address at the Hooding ceremony in May, Andy thanked a lot of people, including the law faculty. “It seems to me you have to have many talents to be a law school professor -- entertainer, cross-examiner, judge, and writer. I have been impressed by the professionalism and dedication of most of these people...many of them go above and beyond the call of duty to make a personal investment in us.”

“...there’s a many a hard push between here and success.”

He also thanked his wife, Claudia (of the famous singing Coffey Family), whom he married in 1975. She helped him try to make several dreams come true. Andy also issued a special thank you to his father-in-law, the late Claude Coffey, with whom he had gone into the sawmill business.

It was Mr. Coffey who taught a “young and hard-headed” Andy Tillman an inspirational lesson in a “gut-level honest” conversation which took place while they were sitting on a big pine log following a heated confrontation: “Andy, there’s a many a hard push between here and success.”

Those words helped him make it through law school. “When it was midnight, and I still had another class to prepare for, and had to get out of bed at 6:30 in the morning,” or “when I had studied for a final till I didn’t think I could force myself to look at the material one more time,...I heard those words, ‘Andy, there’s a many a hard push between here and success.’ ”

That little phrase, Andy has learned, contains both a warning and a promise: “a warning that...if you are not able or willing to pay the cost, then bail out now” and “a promise that if you are willing to pay the cost, to make the push, then you will succeed.”

By the way, he got the job with Judge Milburn.
Legal Clinic Sponsors
Program on Prisons and Jails

"The Anatomy of a Constitutional Crisis: Tennessee Prisons and Jails" was the title of a program sponsored by the UT Legal Clinic on March 31st. Pictured here is John Eldridge, Class of '79. Other panelists were Richard Beeler, Class of '84, Assistant District Attorney Bob Jolley, and Professor Neil Cohen.

Hot Topic:
Panel Discussion on Abortion
The Christian Legal Society sponsored a panel discussion on "The Implications of Overturning Roe v. Wade and Moral Considerations of Abortion", featuring both pro-choice and right-to-life speakers. Students were actively engaged in the discussion. Panelists included 1958 UT law graduate Matthew Prince, founder and president of New Life, Inc., and 1974 UT law graduate D. Vance Martin, chair of the Adult-Oriented Establishment Board of Knox County.
James J. Gobert, a member of The University of Tennessee law faculty since 1971, has accepted a chaired professorship in law at the University of Essex in England. Jim has been on leave as a visiting professor at Essex the past year. In the future he hopes to help establish close links between his former University home and his new one.

Professor Amy Morris Hess will be a visiting professor at The University of Missouri-Columbia for the 1989-90 academic year.

Also on leave next year are Professor Ndiva Kofele-Kale and Assistant Dean Doug Wells. Ndiva will be at Southern Methodist University Law School, and Doug has accepted a teaching position at Capital University College of Law in Columbus, Ohio.

J. Otis Cochran is leaving the faculty at the end of July. He plans to remain in the Knoxville area while investigating other career opportunities.

Carol Mutter has accepted a permanent position on our faculty. She has been teaching at the Law College in a visiting capacity since 1982.

Two new faculty members, Jim Thompson and Glenn Reynolds, will arrive this summer. Look for more information about them in the fall issue of Alumni Headnotes.

Bob Lloyd has been invited to write a chapter on financing leveraged buyouts for the leading multi-volume work on secured transactions. He has also written an essay on "Zen and the Art of Contract Formation" for The Journal of Legal Education.

Jerry Phillips is one of the contributors to the first issue of the Bond Law Review, and an article he wrote on British product law was recently published in Leader's Product Liability and Strategy, where he serves on the board of editors. Another of his articles on products liability appeared in a recent issue of the Washington University Law Quarterly.

Dean Rivkin filed an amicus brief in the United States Supreme Court recently concerning an important death penalty case.

Grayfred Gray wrote a chapter for a new book, Computer Power and Legal Language, on the subject of normalized statutes.

First Manier, Herod Scholarships Awarded

Two first-year students and one second-year student received the very first Manier, Herod, Hollabaugh & Smith Scholarships in Law at The University of Tennessee this spring.

David Wigler is a 1978 UT graduate and studied at the Juilliard School of Music. On the dean's list for the past three semesters, David is the sole general partner of Investment Associates, Ltd. and Shenandoah Apartments, Ltd.

John Dotson is originally from Paris, Tennessee. He earned a bachelor's degree in art history from UT and two masters degrees, one from The University of Illinois and the other from UT. He has taught English as a second language in Iran, Saudi Arabia, and at The University of Tennessee.

Prior to entering law school, Robert Horton was chaplain resident for The University of Tennessee Medical Center. He is a summa cum laude graduate of Louisiana State University and earned a master of divinity degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Robert was on the dean's list his first semester.

Alumni Distinguished Lecture

"The Revival of Civic Republicanism and the Possibility of Citizenship" was the title of the 1989 Alumni Distinguished Lecture in Jurisprudence held April 12th. The speaker was Paul A. Brest, Dean and Richard E. Lang Professor of Law at Stanford University.

A Note From Will Derington's Classmates

Will Derington, Class of '85, died following a traffic accident in April, leaving behind his wife Sally and two children, Patty and William. Will was a classmate and a friend. He had an agile mind and a quick wit, and was always happy to share both, and an inexhaustible love of old Rock & Roll 45's and St. Louis Cardinals baseball.

Several of his classmates are establishing a post-high school educational fund for each of the children. Firms and individuals who wish to help should send their contributions to:

Derington Educational Fund
c/o Stephen Elmore
Susano & Sheppard
One Centre Square, 620 Market St.
Knoxville, TN 37902

- Stephen Elmore, Ronald Atanasion, Richard Corsini, Kimberly Corsini, Deborah Wall, and Anne Ferrell
Class of '50
JAMES M. HAYNES of Knoxville recently celebrated 30 years on the bench as a Circuit Court judge.

Class of '54
J.D. LEE of Knoxville recently received a Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award during graduation ceremonies at Bristol University. He is president of the National Board of Trial Advocacy.

Class of '57
FORD P. MITCHELL has been elected to membership in the Chattanooga firm of Spears, Moore, Rebman & Williams. He was formerly a partner in the firm of Swafford & Mitchell.

ROBERT F. WORTHINGTON, JR. has been named to the board of directors of Third National Bank in Knoxville. He has been a partner in the firm of Baker, Worthington, Crossley, Stansberry & Woolf for more than 18 years.

Class of '61
HOWARD R. DUNBAR, a member of the UT President's Club, practices in the Johnson City firm of Dunbar & Dunbar, handling tort, criminal defense, products liability, and medical malpractice cases.

ANDREW J. EVANS recently retired after 21 years as a Knox County General Sessions Court judge.

Class of '62
DONELSON M. LEAKE of Knoxville has been appointed by Governor McWherter to the University of Tennessee board of trustees. He is a partner in the firm of Kramer, Rayson, McVeigh, Leake & Rodgers.

Class of '63
H. DENNIS JARVIS, JR. has become associated with the Knoxville office of Morton, Lewis, King & Krieg.

CHARLES D. SUSANO, JR. of Knoxville has announced the formation of a partnership with Sarah Y. Sheppard, Class of '79, under the firm name of Susano & Sheppard.

Class of '64
JAMES L. CLAYTON, president and chief executive officer of Clayton Homes, Inc. has been named "Entrepreneur of the Year" by the Tusculum College Students in Free Enterprise business club. He also earned an award for excellence in the manufactured housing-recreational vehicle industries.

Class of '68
G. RICHARD JOHNSON of Elizabethton was appointed by Governor Ned McWherter as chancellor for the First Judicial Circuit. He has been a practicing attorney for 19 years.

Class of '72
J. RUSSELL DEDRICK of Knoxville was honored with the Knoxville Barristers' Law & Liberty Award for 1989. He is with the United States Drug Task Force for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

WILLIAM A. "TOM" THOMAS has been named director of development and quality at Oak Ridge Associated Universities. He is founder of Law and Science Associates in Chicago, through which he consults on the legal aspects of scientific and technological activities. He was a research scientist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory from 1967 to 1973 and a research attorney for the American Bar Foundation in Chicago from 1973 to 1987.

Class of '74
CHARLES P. DUFREE of Chattanooga received an award from the American Civil Liberties Union of Tennessee for his work as a "Cooperating Attorney".

Class of '75
JOHN PATRICK KONVALINKA of the Chattanooga firm of Grant, Konvalinka & Grubbs, P.C. has accepted an appointment to the board of trustees of the Austin Peay State University Foundation.

CAROL S. NICKLE of Knoxville received a "Cooperating Attorney" award from the American Civil Liberties Union of Tennessee.

Class of '77
PETER J. ALLMAN of Madisonville received an award in April from the American Civil Liberties Union of Tennessee for his work as a "Cooperating Attorney".

C. DOUGLAS GOINS, JR. recently became associated with the firm of Gearheiser, Peters & Horton in Chattanooga.

Class of '79
SARAH Y. SHEPPARD of Knoxville has formed a partnership with Charles D. Susano, Class of '63, under the firm name of Susano & Sheppard.

BILLY J. STOKES has stepped down after serving two terms as Knox County Republican chairman. He has formed a new Knoxville firm with fellow UT alumnus Daryl R. Fansler, Class of '82, under the name of Stokes, Fansler & Raines.

Class of '80
TIMOTHY W. HUDDSON of Bristol was recently elected to the Board of Governors of the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association.

Class of '81
ROBYN JARVIS ASKEW of Knoxville became associated with Baker, Worthington, Crossley, Stansberry & Woolf in February of 1988. She and her husband, Jerry Askey (Dean of Students at UT), had their first child last May - a boy, Taylor Jarvis Askey.

ROBYN served as president of the Knox Barristers in 1986, and from 1987-89 she has been on the board of governors of the Knox Bar Association.

DEBRA L. FULTON has become a member of Frantz, McConnell & Seymour in Knoxville.

J. EDDIE LAUDERBACK has joined the firm of Herron, Coleman, Bradin & McKee in Johnson City.

Class of '82
DARYL R. FANSLER - see Billy J. Stokes' notice under Class of '79.

DONALD D. HOWELL has become a member of the Knoxville firm of Frantz, McConnell & Seymour.

F. SCOTT LEROY has been elected to membership in the Chattanooga firm of Spears, Moore, Rebman & Williams.

JUDY PINKSTON McCARTHY of Knoxville has become a partner in the firm of Morton, Lewis, King & Krieg.

ELMA E. RODGERS has become an associate in the Knoxville office of Morton, Lewis, King & Krieg.

Class of '83
STEPHEN H. ELMORE has become associated with the new Knoxville firm of Susano & Sheppard.

TOM SLAGLE, law clerk to U.S. District Court judge James Jarvis, and his wife Lisa are the proud parents of a baby boy. See Lisa's notice at Class of '85.

LOUANN PRATER SMITH has become a member of the Chattanooga firm of Caldwell, Heggie & Helton, P.C.

MARY MARGARET TESTERMAN has become associated with the Knoxville firm of Stone & Hinds.

Class of '84
JANICE Y. BROWN was named to fill a vacant General Sessions Court seat in Knox County this February.

DOUGLAS R. JOHNSON joined the Chattanooga firm of Hall, Haynes, Lusk & Foster as a partner in January.

REGGIE E. KEATON has been named a partner of the Knoxville firm of Frantz, McConnell & Seymour.

Class of '85
LISA SLAGLE and husband Tom, Class of '83, brought a baby boy into the world on January 19, 1989. He started out a big fella: 9 lbs. 12 oz. and 22 inches.

Class of '86
CHARLES J. and BRENTA M. FLEISCHMANN have announced the birth of their first child, Charles Maximilian, on March 26, 1989, weighing in at 6 lbs. 35 oz. Their Chattanooga law firm is named Fleischmann & Fleischmann. Perhaps later they will add a third "Fleischmann" to the title?

MARY JO MANN has become an associate in the Knoxville office of Morton, Lewis, King & Krieg.

TIMOTHY M. McLEMORE has become a member of the Knoxville firm of Gentry, Tipton, Kizer & Little, P.C.

Class of '87
KYLE E. EDWARDS has become associated with the Chattanooga firm of Caldwell, Heggie & Helton.

THOMAS L. BLANKENSHIP has become associated with the firm of Stone & Hills in Knoxville.

MICHAEL E. EWELL of Knoxville has become associated with the firm of Frantz, McConnell & Seymour.

WILLIAM T. MAGILL has become associated with Caldwell, Heggie & Helton in Chattanooga.

ALAN J. MANDERINO of Chattanooga has become associated with the firm of Caldwell, Heggie & Helton.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE

Class of '78
CHRISTINA NORTON NORRIS was elected first vice-president of the Nashville Bar Association for 1989.

Class of '80
DEBI TATE of Nashville has been appointed to the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association Board of Governors.

Class of '82
M. ANNE AUSTIN has joined the Nashville law firm of Fray & Barnes, P.C., after serving four and one half years as an administrative judge with the Tennessee Secretary of State's Office. She will be handling the firm's business litigation and building an administrative law practice. Anne and her husband, Ray Noblit, also celebrated the birth of their first child, Jason Patrick Ian Noblit, on August 6, 1988.

Class of '86
DAVID BARNETT SCOTT has joined the Nashvile Office of Orbite, Kelley, Herbert & Crawford.

Class of '87
JUDY C. JOHNSON of Nashville has become an attorney with the Tennessee Board of Professional Responsibility.

Class of '88
MARGARET LANNQUIST NOLAND has become an associate with the firm of Dickerson & Day in Cookeville.
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If your address or job status and changed or will soon change, please let us know.

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- Thank you!

West Tennessee
Class of '63
JERRY F. TAYLOR of the Memphis firm of Wilkes, McCollough & Taylor was elected president of the Tennessee chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates for 1989.

Class of '71
DAVID FRANKLIN "FRANK" MOORE, JR. has accepted a position as an attorney in the corporate litigation department of Holiday Corporation in Memphis. He is currently serving as chair of the Corporate Counsel Section of the Memphis Bar Association.

Class of '82
PHILIP E. MISCHKE has become a partner in the recently formed Memphis firm of McDonnell, Boyd, Smith & Solimson.

Arizona
Class of '75
EARL F. DANIELS, Ill is a member of the firm of Healy and Beal, P.C. in Tucson, Arizona. His practice is limited to representation of plaintiffs in bodily injury and wrongful death cases, including medical malpractice cases.

Florida
Class of '80
TERESA FOX DAVENPORT is head of Military Justice and Claims Litigation at the Naval Legal Service Office in Mayport, Florida. She sent us news of three other UT law grads serving as attorneys with the United States Navy in Mayport and Jacksonville, see below.

Class of '83
WAYNE E. DILLINGHAM, a major in the USAF, is an assistant professor of law at the United States Air Force Academy near Colorado Springs. He is also an adjunct professor at Webster University, where he teaches a graduate course in Space Law and Policy.

District of Columbia
Class of '78
KENNETH A. CUTSHAW has been appointed by Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher as deputy assistant secretary for export enforcement in the Bureau of Export Administration. Among his several responsibilities, Mr. Cutshaw will manage the Commerce Department’s enforcement of the U.S. Export Administration Act and will oversee investigations of export control law violations and the analysis of export intelligence.

Class of '82
RONALD GREGORY is a captain stationed at Boling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. where he is circuit defense attorney with responsibility for ten northeastern states. He previously served in Germany and Korea.

Class of '84
GARY MCCOWN is senior defense counsel at the Naval Legal Service Office in Mayport.

Class of '85
RICHARD LADD is the attorney for the Jacksonville Naval Hospital.

Class of '88
ROBERT CARTER is a defense counsel at the Naval Legal Service Office in Mayport.

Class of '61
RONALD E. LUND has been elected vice president and general counsel for Medtronic, Inc., a leading developer and manufacturer of devices for improving cardiovascular and neurological health. He was previously vice president and associate general counsel for the Pillsbury Company.

Class of '78
MICHAEL H. HICKEY of Houston holds the position of senior attorney for the Zapata group of companies whose activities include international marine transport and related services, offshore drilling, commercial fishing, and oil/gas exploration and production.

Virginia
Class of '71
E.M. MILLER, JR. was recently appointed director of the Virginia Division of Legislative Services by joint action of the Rules Committees of the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates. The appointment was confirmed by the membership of both Houses during the 1989 legislative session. The Division is the primary legal and research support agency for the Virginia General Assembly, with 50 full-time employees and a nearly $3 million budget.

Class of '80
REX R. VEAL of Vienna, Virginia is now liquidation counsel for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in Washington, D.C., with approximately 300 lawyers under his supervision. He is responsible for the FDIC’s regional liquidation efforts and savings and loan conservatorships by the FDIC’s legal division. Rex has been involved in the drafting of the Financial Institution Reform Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989.

Pennsylvania
Class of '83
TERRY D. GOLDBERG has become a partner in the Philadelphia law firm of Datz & Goldberg, P.C. He represented the United States as a member of the U.S. Fastpitch Softball Team in 1985, winning the gold medal. He also travelled with the team to Venezuela in 1988 for the South American Games. Terry has made the 1989 team and will be going to the Maccabiah Games in Israel this July to defend their gold medals.

Texas
Class of '78
Mike Rutler of Houston holds the position of senior attorney for the Zapata group of companies whose activities include international marine transport and related services, offshore drilling, commercial fishing, and oil/gas exploration and production.

Minnesota
Class of '61
RONALD E. LUND has been elected vice president and general counsel for Medtronic, Inc., a leading developer and manufacturer of devices for improving cardiovascular and neurological health. He was previously vice president and associate general counsel for the Pillsbury Company.

North Carolina
Class of '88
ELIZABETH A. FARR has become an associate with the firm of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice with offices in Charlotte, Raleigh, and Winston-Salem.
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Do you believe the UT College of Law should be offering more continuing legal education programs than it currently does? / YES / NO / NO OPINION

Should UT's CLE activities include: (Check all that apply)
/ Programs in Knoxville? / In different locations across Tennessee?
/ Three- to five-day programs? / Week-long or longer programs?
/ Programs designed specifically for Tennessee attorneys?
/ Programs designed to attract attorneys from outside Tennessee?
/ Programs telecast via satellite & produced by UT?
/ Programs telecast via satellite & produced by other organizations nationwide?

Would you attend an intensive, i.e., five days or more, CLE program taught by UT faculty on several subjects, in the nature of a revisitation of law school? Possible schedule: Two or three subjects, such as Business Planning and Evidence and Remedies, one and one-half hour each day for five or ten days? / YES / NO / UNSURE

Regardless of the length of the program, which of the following subjects for CLE programs would most interest you?
/ Administrative law / International law / Appellate advocacy
/ Labor law / Business planning / Remedies
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/ Medical info for lawyers / Corporation law / Energy/oil/gas law
/ Criminal law/procedure / Creditors' rights / Personal injury law
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/ Workers compensation / Computer applications / Family law
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