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LAW WEEK:
April 8-12, 1985

A new intraschool trial competition, exciting and entertaining speakers and programs, and the traditional Novak Auction, Law Follies, and Awards Ceremony completed the picture of Law Week, 1985 at George C. Taylor.

Alumnus James C. Simmons, Jr., Class of 1968, described his recent success in a five-and-a-half-million-dollar case against Johnson & Johnson, involving birth defects caused by a contraceptive gel.

The East Tennessee Lawyers Association for Women sponsored a luncheon forum on "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Practicing Law But Were Afraid to Ask."

At the Terrace Tap House, the Law Follies were acclaimed as a highlight of the week. The hidden musical and comedy talents of our law students and at least one faculty member were showcased in song, dance, and theatrics. We met the "mothers" of several faculty members, at least as imagined by one uninhibited law student. The "XChequettes" sang a song entitled "Law School Boys" to the tune of "California Girls." Professor Dick Wirtz bravely displayed his acumen at the piano keyboard. Beautiful renditions of such songs as "Lady," "Suzanne," and "The Man I Love" and musical groups with names such as "Hung Jury" and "12(b)(6)" inspired the audience to dance in the aisles.

Professors Honored During Law Week

At the honors ceremony on Friday, April 12, 1985, two law professors were honored for their service and achievements.

Amy Morris Hess, Associate Professor of Law, received the Harry W. Laughlin Award for her service to the College of Law. The award is named in honor of Memphis alumnus Harry W. Laughlin, Jr., Class of '35.

Patrick Hardin, Professor of Law, received the Harold C. Warner Outstanding Teacher Award. The Warner award is sponsored by Robert and Lorraine Child of Knoxville.

Another, authentic "Jack Jones" tie? Auctioneer and renowned humorist Carl Pierce charmed donations out of the audience for the Student Bar Association's Alan Novak Student Loan Fund. The annual Law Week event followed an Ice Cream Spree on the front lawn of George C. Taylor.

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Mike Kinnard, left, congratulates Skip Jones, a member of the winning team in the Ray H. Jenkins Trial Competition. Mike conceived, planned, and executed the first such intraschool trial competition at George C. Taylor, and he received a Dean's Citation for his initiative. The Knoxville law firm of Jenkins & Jenkins sponsored the event.

Dean Penegar presents a Dean's Citation to Laura Abernathy Williams, Editor-in-Chief of the Tennessee Judicial Newsletter, for her extraordinary contributions to the College of Law during her senior year.

In the heat of advocacy: In the Ray H. Jenkins Trial Competition, Leslie Bridges and her partner, David Weeks, concentrate on their next move. They comprised the runner-up team.

Jenkins Trial Competition: Skip Jones patiently awaits the witness' response, as co-counsel Stuart A. Wilson listens attentively. They won the event. U.S. District Court Judge L. Clure Morton presided over the finals during Law Week in April.

Above: Our Advocates’ Prize Bench: U.S. District Court Judge Julia S. Gibbons, left, Chancellor William H. Irman, now Legal Counsel to Governor Lamar Alexander, and the Chief Judge of the United States Court of Military Appeals, Robinson Everett, right, share a secret during the Law Day awards ceremony: they know who the Advocates’ Prize champions are! Later in the evening, the announcement was made that Judith A. DePrisco and Laurie Lea Doty comprised the victorious moot court team. Doty was also named Best Oralist. The Best Brief award went to the team of Howard Lewis and Karen Luffman.
Alumni Profile:
John A. Parker '42

Not only is he Clerk of the Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal for the Eastern Division of Tennessee, John Parker is also a former Special Agent and Supervisor of the FBI, and was elected permanent president of the law class of 1942.

He was recently re-appointed to a fourth six-year term by the Tennessee Supreme Court, eighteen (18) years after first assuming the post. He succeeded Gen. William H. Eagle, who was Clerk from 1943 to 1967. The office now has a staff of six and handles all State appeals from all civil and criminal courts in thirty-two counties across East Tennessee.

The first chapter in John's illustrious career, following graduation from the University of Tennessee College of Law, was as a Special Agent and Supervisor of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. When he retired from the FBI in 1967, he began the second chapter of his public service career as Clerk of the Supreme Court.

While a UT student, John was Magister of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, represented the law school on the "All-Students Council," and won the McClung Medal for Outstanding Practitioner in Moot Court. He was awarded a Faculty Scholarship for attaining the second highest academic average in his class during the first year.

John and his wife, the former Lois Whitehead, are at home on Parker Drive in the Spring Place Community in Knox County. Mrs. Parker is a KUB Commissioner and was the first woman president of the Knox County Library Board of Directors. Three daughters and seven grandsons complete the portrait of the Parker family.

In his spare time over the years, John Parker has served as president of the UT alumni chapter in Knox County as well as president of several state and local civic organizations. For fifteen years, he was chairman of the board of Parker Bros. Hardware Co. The law class of 1942 must have known what they were doing when they elected him "permanent president."

HOODING CEREMONY: MAY 24, 1985

The Chairperson of the Moot Court Board, G. Andrew Brigham, was selected by his classmates to deliver a farewell address at the hooding ceremony. He said that he and his fellow graduates shared a common characteristic of "perseverance," in addition to talent and dedication. He concluded, "If all of you are indicative of the profession, then I've chosen the right profession."

UT Vice Chancellor Homer Fisher, left, Dean Kenneth L. Penegar, and Senator Albert Gore, Jr., right, enjoy the festivities immediately following the May, 1985 Hooding Ceremony in the Tennessee Amphitheatre on the World's Fair site. Senator Gore expressed his concerns about nuclear war, apartheid, and personal freedom in his address to the graduating class of 1985. Gore said it is the responsibility of the lawyer to uphold the freedoms of American society. The senator urged the graduates to give further meaning to the words in the Constitution. He was quoted in the Knoxville News-Sentinel the next morning: "Those words are meaningless without the people to back them up... Lawyers must shed light on the reasons for decisions made in the legal system."
A New Basement!

STUDENT LOUNGE AND SNACK AREA.
The top priority on our list, an entirely new look is being given to the student lounge and snack area, featuring a window to the outside world, a separate vending area, a new entrance, floor tiles, wall coverings, and all new furnishings.

NEW BATHROOMS WITH SHOWERS

NEW AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM:
Many of the problems with the old basement can be attributed to poor ventilation and an inadequate cooling system. The new year-round air-conditioning system will service not only the basement area, but also some rooms on the main and second floors. Breathe easier, everyone!
Renovations are underway!

The front lawn of the George C. Taylor Law Center recently received a long-awaited and much-needed facelift, thanks to the concern and the generosity of one of our alumni. Harsh winters and scant budgets had left the entrance to our building rather uninviting. The alumnus' generosity provided new plants and an overall design concept, which the university matched with new sidewalks and concrete benches as well as a new landscape design for the entire building. Implementation of the rest of the design awaits financial support.

NO MORE TRAFFIC JAMS!

Changing classes in the main hallway has been a lesson in patience and fortitude until now, primarily because the single, narrow entrances to A117 and A114 left little room for efficient traffic management (traffic lights have been recommended). A measure more appropriate to a law school has been adopted. The seating in A117 will be turned 90 degrees, and a second entrance will be built across from the current entrance to A114. This will not only alleviate some of the people-moving problem, but it should also enhance the acoustics and provide a flexible seating arrangement for courtroom simulations.
ALUMNI NEWS

East Tennessee

Class of ’57

The Honorable HERSCHEL P. FRANKS of Chattanooga and his wife, Joan Loope Franks, are among those listed in the current edition of Who’s Who in the World.

Class of ’64

BILL FAIN of Seymour has been re-elected President of Holston Hills Country Club for a second term.

Class of ’70

JAMES L. FOUTCH, formerly Deputy Chief Counsel for Legal Services with the U.S. Department of Energy’s Oak Ridge Operations Office, has been promoted to Assistant Counsel for Legal Services with the U.S. Department of Energy’s Oak Ridge. He has responsibility for nuclear defense facilities and safeguards and security activities.

Class of ’73

MARTHA S.L. BLACK, a partner in the Maryville firm of Kizer & Black, received the 1985 Law and Liberty Award from the Knoxville Barristers and the Tennessee Young Lawyers Conference. The award was presented at the Knoxville Bar Association’s Law Day Luncheon on May 1, 1985.

Class of ’74

JAMES MIKEL DIXON is resigning his position as an assistant attorney general in Knox County to start his own private practice.

Class of ’77

JOHN NORRIS has been named partner in the Nashville firm of Hollins, Wagster & Yarbrough. He has a general litigation practice.

Class of ’78

JERRY L. SMITH has been appointed Deputy Attorney General of the State of Tennessee.

Class of ’79

DAVID E. FIELDER is now practicing in the Knoxville office of Stophele, Caldwell & Heggie.

CHRIS RALLS and Phillip Reed have opened offices for the general practice of law in Maryville.

PAMELA L. REEVES became an Associate of the Knoxville firm of Morrison, Morrison, Tyree & Dickinson, P.A. in January.

Class of ’80

PATRICIA D. MURPHY of Harriman has joined William A. Newcomb, Class of ’61, in the practice of law.

DAVID BRITTON BRAND and Karen June Marsh were married in Knoxville this past May.

Middle Tennessee

Class of ’77

JEREMY T. MORGAN has resigned as a partner of the Knoxville firm of Frantz, McConnell & Seymour in Knoxville as an Associate.

Class of ’84

WILLIAM H. HALTON, JR. of Memphis has been elected Moving Vice-President of the Tennessee Young Lawyers Conference. He will be President-Elect in 1986-87 and President in 1987-88. In September, Bill will begin a two-year term as Editor-in-Chief of Banister magazine, published by the Young Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association. He and his wife, Claudia Swafford Halton, are the proud parents of William Howard Halton III.

Class of ’80

CLAUDIA SWAFFORD HALTON and her husband, William H. Halton, Jr. are the proud parents of William Howard Halton, III, born on April 21, 1985.

MARK DOUGLAS JOHNSTON left the firm of Walker and Walker to form the partnership of Bivens and Johnston in Dyersburg, Tennessee.

SUSAN TAYLOR-SHOAF left the Jackson, Tennessee firm of LaFon, Hardee & Shoaf to open a solo practice in August, 1984.

Class of ’82

MATTHEW P. MULROY of Memphis has been named Staff Attorney at Hermitage Health and Life Insurance Company.

Class of ’83

JETT L. WHITMER, First Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps, is presently a prosecutor at El Toro Marine Corps Air Station in Santa Ana, California.

Class of ’67

PETER D. KASDIN, managing partner of the Chicago law firm of Kasdin & Nathanson, recently won the highest Illinois compensatory damage award in a medical malpractice lawsuit. The verdict was $10.8 million.

Class of ’81

BETH LEVINE ORLANSKY of Jackson, Mississippi has set aside the practice of law to be a full-time mother of fifteen-month-old son, Abram.
Nominations Open for Outstanding Public Service Awards

Beginning last year, we established a procedure for honoring alumni who have distinguished themselves and their profession by long-term and often unrecognized contributions to their communities, to the public, and to the legal profession. The awardees will be honored at Homecoming in November.

1984 Recipients:
- Hon. Howard H. Baker, Jr. ’49
- Hon. Harry W. Laughlin, Jr. ’35
- Hon. Frank W. Wilson ’41

To nominate an alumnus/a for this honor, please complete and return this form to Julie Hardin, Assoc. Dean, UT College of Law, 1505 West Cumberland Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37996-1800.

I submit the following nomination for the 1985 Outstanding Public Service Citations:

Nominee’s Name: ____________________________
Class Year (If known): ____________________________
Your name (optional): ____________________________

Oops!
Mark J. Mayfield, ’58, of Chattanooga, was accidentally omitted from the 1983-84 list of contributors of $1,000 or more to the College of Law. Please accept our apologies and our appreciation, Mr. Mayfield.

Knoxville Catholic Wins Knox County Championship

Knoxville Catholic High School won the championship title in the 1985 Street Law Mock Trial Competition for Knox County this spring. They proceeded to place third in the state championships sponsored by the Tennessee Young Lawyers Conference.

Locally, the competition is sponsored by the Knoxville Barristers, the Public Law Institute, and several legal fraternities and student organizations. Law students advise teams of high school students on presentation and courtroom strategy in this annual law-related education event.

The Knoxville Catholic Mock Trial Team

ALUMNI ADDRESS CHANGE AND NEWS

If your address or job status has changed or will change in the near future, please let us know. Send information to: Julie Hardin, Assoc. Dean, UT College of Law, 1505 West Cumberland Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37996-1800, or phone 615/974-6691.

Name:
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Address: ____________________________
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This is my: □ Office Address □ Home Address

Year of Graduation:
Formal Address:

 Alumni News:

Please include your former address and zip code in any correspondence with us regarding an address change. With over 4,000 alumni on our mailing list, this is the only way we have of readily locating your listing and properly correcting our records. Thank you!

In Memoriam

R. Harvey Coulter of Forest City, FL
Peter Portrum of Colorado Springs, CO
Edgar H. Snodgrass of Crossville, TN
Jonas L. Snodgrass of Crossville, TN

DIARIO

Fortaleza, Ceará — Sábado, 08 de junho de 1985

Professor americano pesquisa no CE as condições da prática forense

O professor Edgar Amorelli, da Faculdade de Direito da Universidade Federal do Ceará, buscou e apresentou a sua tese diante das autoridades do CEU, desempenhando um papel na defesa de sua tese. No entanto, tal pesquisa não foi suficiente para garantir uma adequada compreensão das situações que ocorrem na prática forense no Brasil. A pesquisa de Amorelli indicou que a prática forense no Brasil está longe de ser um ambiente perfeito.

The Brazilian Connection

Our own Dean Ken Penegar has been the subject of publicity in Brazil, as the above news clippings indicate. He recently visited Dr. Paulo Bonavides, who was a visiting professor at UT last year via a linkage agreement between the University of Tennessee and the Federal University of Ceará in Fortaleza, Brazil. Dean Penegar was invited to be a visiting scholar at Ceará. Even though he was only able to spend a week in Fortaleza, Dean Penegar pursued plans for future faculty and student exchanges and collaborative research projects. He also made an exploratory visit with officials of Amazonas University in Manaus on behalf of the Chancellor and met with lawyers in Sao Paulo.

In addition to the exchange program we have instituted with the University of Bonn, West Germany, this “Brazilian Connection” should enhance the opportunities for the further intellectual and cultural growth of our faculty and student body.
CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT

JOANN GILLESPIE

It's Time to Schedule For Fall Recruiting

Think fall... foliage of orange and gold blanketing the countryside... football mania on crisp Saturday afternoons... and the height of the legal recruiting season. The beginning is just around the corner when summer ends and late August brings not only registration for fall semester but with it a flurry of resume-writing sessions and seminars on interviewing techniques.

The first or second Monday after Labor Day signals the kick-off to the $250 million-a-year law placement and hiring season on most law school campuses around the country. (Yes, the placing and hiring of lawyers is big business - about the same as it costs to educate the national graduating class for its final year according to Stephen Yandle, the immediate past president of the National Association for Law Placement.)

The George C. Taylor Center is no exception. September 9 is the official beginning of the season on the University of Tennessee campus. It's scheduled to run until the Wednesday before Thanksgiving when we'll take a break until after exams and the Christmas season.

As an alumna, you don't have to be told that based on the broad education they receive, as well as their own personal characteristics, our graduates are among the finest in the country. In the coming school year we expect to graduate about 200 students. We will have just as many second-year students, most of whom will be seeking opportunities for summer clerkships.

Won't you take a minute now to assess your needs and consider adding your name to the growing list of recruiters who will be visiting campus this fall? Call our office at 615/974-4348 or write to us in care of the College of Law.

We Want Photos of Your Offices

Remodeling and a move across the hall await the Office of Career Planning and Placement by the fall recruiting season's opening date September 9.

While the quarters should be terrific, the budget assures nothing for accessories. I'd like to cover the walls with photographs of firm offices where our alumni have located. Edifices I've seen so far range from traditional to the ultra-modern, but tasteful and attractive one and all.

Not only could such photos enhance the new quarters aesthetically, details about your firm could be reiterated in a prospective clerk's or associate's memory with the association of photograph and resume.

If you have spare interior or exterior photographs of your offices you'd like to see displayed in the Office of Career Planning and Placement, please forward them to us. Should you prefer to mat and frame them as you would like to see them displayed, that would be ideal. So far, Tom Parrish of Borod & Huggins in Memphis has promised to help us out.

Speaking of promises, architects promise windows for the interview rooms, lack of which some recruiters have lamented. Cheryl Mays, our new placement assistant, also promises coffee on the premises.

February, 1985 Bar Results

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