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Taylor Times

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April 2

"Class of '91 Composite" make-up day for photos - 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. in the Career Services office

April 3

"The Gay Family: Legal Strategies for the 1990s" - Speaker Ruth Colker, C.J. Morrow Professor of Law at Tulane Law School - 11:00 a.m. - Moot Court room - Presented by the Committee for Distinguished Faculty, Law Women and B.L.S.A.

April 4

The First Amendment Under Pressure - Two lectures by Judith F. Krug, the Director of the Office for Intellectual Freedom of the American Library Association

** "School Book Censorship: A Threat to the First Amendment" - 10:00 a.m. - Hodges Library auditorium

** "Racially Insensitive Speech on Campuses vs. Freedom of Expression" - 2:00 p.m. - Moot Court room Presented by the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Constitution Bicentennial Committee and Hodges Library.

April 5

Lawyers of the Future biographical data due in Career Services

April 7

Spring ahead! Another hour of daylight

April 8-12

Law Week!

April 25-26

Association of American Law Schools Accreditation Committee Meeting, Washington, DC

April 26

Classes end

April 26-27

American Bar Association Task Force on Law Schools and the Profession: Narrowing the Gap, New York City, New York

April 30 - May 9

Examination period

Upcoming Events

Hooding: May 9

Commencement: May 10

Summer Term Registration: May 21

Summer Term Begins: May 22

You should know ...

Anita Ealy, Word Processing Specialist and Development Secretary, has accepted a position with the Knoxville law firm of Morrison, Morrison, Tyree and Dunn. She will begin her new position April 1. Good luck, Anita! Thank you for your years of service; the GCT family will miss you.

Steve Crump, a first-year law student, has been elected president of the Graduate Student Association. Two other first-year law students, **Kevin Townsel** and **Sandy Brown**, were elected as law representatives to the GSA. Congratulations, **Steve**, **Kevin** and **Sandy**!

Two members of the Class of '92 have already accepted federal judicial clerkships for the summer of 1992. **C. Mark Pickrell** will be clerking for Judge Boyce Martin of the Sixth Circuit in Kentucky, and **Richard L. Gaines** will

be clerking for Judge Emory Widener of the Fourth Circuit in Abingdon, Virginia. Congratulations, **Mark** and **Richard**!

Micki Fox has received kudos for her performance in UT's production of "The Marriage of Bette and Boo." The Daily Beacon review indicates, "Just as the mother is often the dominant figure in a family, so were the two mothers ... in the production. **Micki Fox** ... took command of this production with aggressive, energetic acting." *The Knoxville Journal* says, "Fox makes a strong impression" as the relatively sane mother.

Carla Ainsworth, Webb School senior and daughter of Dean Yarbrough, was honored at *The Knoxville News-Sentinel's* Academic Achievers Banquet last month.

Jackie Thomas will be working in the External Affairs Office, Suite 14, as a temporary secretary as **Pat Hurd** assists in the Dean's Office temporarily. Thank you **Pat** and **Jackie** for keeping GCT running smoothly.

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Four College of Law Students Attend the 4th Annual Robert M. Cover Memorial Public Interest Retreat

For the past three years the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) and several law schools have sponsored a public interest law conference named in memory of Professor Robert M. Cover. The goal of the conference is to bring together students, professors and practitioners from around the country to discuss the practice and purpose of public interest law in an informal and supportive setting. On March 8-10, University of Tennessee College of Law students Wanda Adams, Michael Keyton, Brian Quarles and Cassandra Washington attended the 4th Annual Robert M. Cover Memorial Public Interest Retreat held at Camp Sergeant in Peterborough, New Hampshire. Thanks to the generosity of several faculty members, the University of Tennessee College of Law was well represented by four second-year law students.

The theme of this year's retreat was "Breaking Down the Barriers: Minorities in Public Interest Law." The retreat was attended by more than 150 minority students, practitioners and professors from around the nation. The Legal Director of the ACLU, John Powell [no caps] delivered an inspirational address pointing out the realities of public interest legal practice. Informative workshops addressed topics such as "Poverty, Race and the Environment," "How to Write Grant Proposals for Public Interest Projects," and "Discrimination in Public Interest Law."

When asked what they thought of the retreat, the students had the following comments. "I found the retreat to be an invaluable experience. I was overwhelmed at being surrounded by such a wealth of experience, wisdom and sensitivity for those in need. It was refreshing to get away from the competitiveness that the law school environment encourages and to be among those with a sincere social consciousness," said Wanda Adams.

Michael Keyton stated, "As expected, the trip to Boston's Sergeant Camp was rewarding to say the least. Prior to going, however, I knew very little about public interest law. Therefore, I was greatly moved to meet and get to know lawyers who are committed solely to serving poor clients. In public interest law, client contact and the rewards of seeing the direct effects of one's efforts on another person's life are unmatched by any other field of law. Particularly, however, I was most impressed with its commitment to breaking down patterns of housing discrimination based on race. Being a Mississippian, I feel that housing discrimination finally has the chance to receive the attention that it rightfully deserves."

Brian Quarles also found the conference rewarding. "I discovered there were many more areas of public interest law than I was aware. I also realized that being placed in these positions is no easy task. It is very competitive to be placed in such low paying jobs. The compensation is more from a feeling within your heart than a big salary on your paycheck."

"IT WAS COLD!!" Cassandra Washington said laughing. "But the weather could not compete with the compassionate warmth felt with new found friends when building fires in our wood burning stoves and with debating issues and concerns of public interest law. I think we all realize there is enough work for everyone, but in doing the work, we must know the people we are serving. One message to all at the conference was to take the time to know the minority students (i.e., people of color and women) at your school. Then we will understand one another better and really break down the barriers in all aspects of law.

(Editor's note: Special thanks to Cassandra Washington for her efforts in writing this article!)

**Freedom Has A Name - The Bill Of Rights
Law Day U.S.A. - May 1**

Faculty Activities

Fran Ansley ...

... has received a research grant from the Fund for Labor Relations Studies. ... was quoted in the *Vermont Law Review*, Volume 15, page 125, "On doing the right thing: Education work in the Academy."

Larry Dessem ...

... served as a scoring judge for the final round of the 1991 Knox County Tennessee High School Mock Trial Competition on March 11. ... presented a CLE program on Rule 11 of the Federal and Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure. The program was sponsored by the Chattanooga Bar Association.

Bob Lloyd ...

... coauthored an article, "An Agenda for Reform of the Article 9 Filing System," with Peter Alces of William and Mary. It will be published in a special symposium issue of the *Oklahoma Law Review*. ... will have an article, "Financial Covenants in Commercial Loan Documentation," published in the Spring 1991 issue of the *Tennessee Law Review*.

Barbara Stark ...

... has received a research grant from the American Council of Learned Societies.

Jim Thompson ...

... was featured in a *Knoxville Journal* article, March 1, about "investigating trying Saddam Hussein for war crimes." Professor Thompson highlighted the environmental crimes.

Marilyn Yarbrough ...

... served as the moderator for a panel discussion on the current issues of affirmative action and discrimination at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, February 26. ... made the pages of the February issue of *Black Issues in Higher Education* with her resignation news.

Faculty Promotions and Tenure Candidacies, 1991-92

Next fall the College of Law faculty plans to consider Associate Professor Larry Dessem and Associate Professor Thomas Eisele for promotion to full professor, and Associate Professor Fran Ansley and Associate Professor Tom Davies for tenure. Law students may now provide promotion committees with comments about teaching abilities, scholarship, service, or any other matters that might be relevant in promotion and tenure deliberations on each candidate.

Professor Dessem's promotion committee includes Professors Fred Le Clercq, Bob Lloyd, and Dean Rivkin. Professor Eisele's committee includes Professors Amy Hess, Joseph King, and Jerry Phillips. The tenure committee for Professor Ansley is Professors Jerry Black, Pat Hardin and Durward Jones. Professor Davies' tenure committee is Professors Neil Cohen, Carl Pierce, and John Sobieski. Law students are encouraged to submit written comments to committee members or to the Dean's Office. Comments may be made anonymously so please feel free to participate in this administrative process.

1991-92 *Tennessee Law Review* staff announced

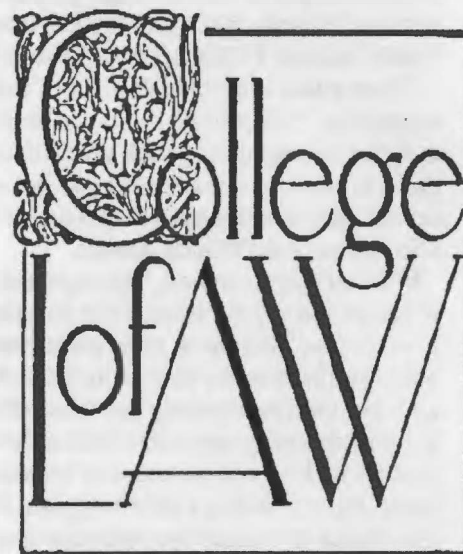
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1991-92 B.L.S.A. Officers Elected

President - Cassandra Washington
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 Secretary - Cathy Hill
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TAYLOR TRIVIA: Name the third-year law student who is a wife, mother, captain in the United States Army and taking clinic this semester? Answer to last month's Taylor Trivia: *The Forum* became a part of the GCT culture on May 9, 1979 (as far as the official archives can prove). This issue of the law student newspaper covered such events as law week, club activities, bar information, party plans, law school sports, and "The rules for permitting beverages in the law library."



Law Week 1991

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

Tuesday, April 9

2:00 p.m. Ray H. Jenkins Trial Competition - Moot Court room - The Honorable John Y. Powers, United States Magistrate for the Eastern District of Tennessee, presiding. A reception in the Faculty Lounge for participants and guests will immediately follow the competition.

Thursday, April 11

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Awards Banquet - Holiday Inn-World's Fair

Friday, April 12

Noon - Moot Court Board luncheon

2:00 p.m. - Advocates' Prize Moot Court Competition - Moot Court room - The Honorable Robert Leon Jordan, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, the Honorable William J. Haynes, United States Magistrate for the Middle District of Tennessee and the Honorable Penny Jo White, Circuit Court for the First Judicial District of Tennessee, presiding. A reception in the White Avenue lobby for participants and guests will immediately follow the competition.