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UT Legal Clinic to Establish Homeless Persons Legal Program

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The “Let’s Go For It” Section for Law Students

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Faculty Facts

Fran Ansley ...
... has been granted tenure as an Associate Professor of Law at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, effective August 1, 1992.
... appeared on NOVA’s “Made in America” series on May 27 and discussed American competitiveness.
... is working with students to send one or more delegations from GCT to work with the Haitian Refugee Project in Miami. Law students from all over the country will be doing interviews with refugees to assist them with asylum petitions.

Tom Davies ...
... has been granted tenure as an Associate Professor of Law at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, effective August 1, 1992.

Larry Dessem ...
... has been promoted to Professor of Law at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, effective August 1, 1992.

Jerry Phillips ...

Glenn Reynolds ...
... presented “Commercial Activity in Outer Space” and “Principles of Governance for Human Societies in Outer Space” as part of panel discussions at the International Space Development Conference in Washington, D.C., May 23.
... has been named to the Advisory Board of the Center for Constitutional Issues in Technology, a Palo Alto, California foundation.
... spoke last month to the Knoxville Chapter of the Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers about the U.S. Space Program and promotion of commercial industries.

Dean Rivkin ...
... has been spending a bit of time on an Academic Advisory Committee to the Visitors Committee of the University of Oregon Law School. The committee was convened to advise the Visitors Committee on issues relating to Oregon’s Environmental Law Clinic. The clinic has been embattled for the last ten years because of its activities on behalf of the spotted owl. Embedded in the controversy are some other complex issues relating to academic freedom and clinical legal education.
... will serve as vice-chair of the ABA Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Environmental Values Committee. This committee is charged with organizing forums on more cosmic questions of administrative law and environmental policy.

Greg Stein ...
... has been asked by the ABA Central and East European Law Initiative to offer comments on proposed Romanian real property legislation. CEELI provides various types of legal assistance to the emerging democracies of Eastern and Central Europe.

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Personnel Particulars

Zula Parton, Legal Clinic, proudly announces the birth of grandson, Rodney Austin, on June 12. Grandson Rodney is the son of Zula’s son Rodney. Child and grandmother doing great!

Jackie Bonvin, Third-Floor Faculty Secretary, celebrated five years with the University in June. She has been with GCT the entire time. Congratulations, Jackie!

Suzanne Livingood, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs, is at home recuperating from surgery. We wish her the best for a complete recovery.

The new face at the Annex library table belongs to Charese Moore, a rising senior at Fisk University in Nashville, who is studying at UT this summer as a participant in the Talented Undergraduate Minority Research Fellowship Program. Charese is an English major who hopes to begin law school in the Fall of 1993. She is assisting Professor Amy Hess, who is also her summer mentor, with research for a casebook on Gratuitous Transfers.

TAYLOR TRIVIA: Who won the Knoxville Bridge Tournament Open Pairs on June 12-14? Answer to last month’s Taylor Trivia: Professor Jerry Phillips goes to Wears Valley to participate in shape note singing. Shape note singing developed before church hymnals.

Celebrate our freedoms!
Happy Birthday, America!