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GAVEL RAPS

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A Word Of Wisdom To First Year Students

I had the good fortune prior to entering law school to discuss my prospects for the upcoming three years with a friend of mine whose exploits gave her a unique perspective on such things. My friend, the Honorable Jean Galloway Bissell, was the first woman from South Carolina to be appointed to the federal bench, serving today on the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. After graduating first in her class from the USC Law School, she went into private practice, first with the Haynsworth firm in Greenville, and then with McKay in Columbia. She then was named General Counsel for the South Carolina National Corporation and, while occupying that position, also taught taxation and banking law courses at the Law School.

My discussions with her were delightful, and her insights helpful for the naive, eager student that I was. This summer, I asked her to write a piece for Gavel Raps advising first-year students, and in characteristic form she had the following note in my mailbox a couple of days later. —ed.

There cannot possibly exist a more harrowing experience for anyone than first semester law school. Even a United States Senate confirmation hearing—other than perhaps one for the Supreme Court—pales in comparison. The only thing that perhaps comes close is a course in fourth year Japanese without ever having the benefit of first, second and third year Japanese. Reverberating in your brain will be a multitude of abstract terms, none of which seem connected or connective. Yet upperclass students and professors will toss these bon mots at you with increasing frequency all the while exhibiting increasing frustration at your seeming inability to comprehend anything.

Fear not—this will pass. I, as well as countless others before me, and countless others after me, experienced the same exact thing. It will all begin to jell at the end of your second

semester. So much so that you will forget that once to you the vernacular of the law was merely gibberish. This was brought home to me the year after I finished law school. I was "anointed" by my law firm to teach a group of young bankers a course, prosaically captioned "Bills and Notes." I concluded, after reading the textbook written for laymen, that this would be a snap. Hence, at the end of the first night's lecture, I asked the students if there were any questions. Dead silence ensued. Then, from the back of the room a voice rang out: How can we ask any questions when we have not understood a word you have said during the entire class?

I have never forgotten that lesson. We do speak a different language from nonlawyers and in your dealings with the "laity" you must translate. But before you can do that, you must comprehend that which you translate. It is a building block process, which begins from the very first day that you enter your very first classroom in Law School. As Rome was not built in a day, neither can you absorb, correlate and use the principles undergirding the legal vernacular unless you work at it day by day. I never missed class, never attended class unprepared and never started the next class assignment unless I had some understanding of the material covered in the last class. That first semester I was perplexed on many occasions, but I attempted to fit the pieces of the puzzle together piece by piece. Although I was in the law school library every night save one that first semester—an entire span of four months with every waking moment devoted to "the law"—the balance of my law school career was an absolute joy. I worked, yes, but I knew what I was supposed to do and learn and be and I revelled in it. May each of you have the same experience.

—Jean Galloway Bissell
Circuit Judge

Montgomery New Dean Of Law School

John E. Montgomery, formerly the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, became Dean of the Law School on July 1. Montgomery, an authority on environmental law and products liability, joined USC's faculty in 1971 as an assistant professor. He was named Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in 1979, with responsibility for the Law School's academic, student recruitment, and counseling programs, as well as administrative matters.

A native of Louisville, Kentucky, Montgomery earned his bachelors degree in chemical engineering at the University of Louisville, where he graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors and earned his law degree, also with honors. He earned a masters in law from the University of Michigan in 1971.

We spoke with Dean Montgomery recently about his administration:

GAVEL RAPS: First of all, congratulations. There has been a long selection process to get to this point and you've gone through a lot to get here.
MONTGOMERY: Yes.

GAVEL RAPS: Why did you want to become Dean? What is your goal?

MONTGOMERY: A combination of personal and professional reasons. Everybody needs to change what they're doing periodically, and I had been Associate Dean for, I don't even remember, five, six or seven years, and I was at the point in that job that I needed to make a change. I wanted to do one of two things: to get back to teaching and writing, or the other choice was to think about applying for this job and trying to do some more administrative work for a few years. Fortunately, or unfortunately, I got the job.

GAVEL RAPS: What would you perceive to be the focus of your administration?

MONTGOMERY: I don't think there is any one focus. There are two or three things that I see as major priorities. First, I think the faculty at this law school now is the best it's been since I've been here, and that's been 16 years.



John E. Montgomery

We've come from a fairly young group of people trying to establish their reputations in teaching and research to where now we've got several really outstanding individuals on the faculty who have national reputations. The challenge now is to keep the quality faculty that we have, keep them as happy as we can and get the resources for them to stay here, and also to continue to hire people who are as good as the general quality of faculty that we have now. To do that, we've got to broaden our base of support, broaden out fundraising activity.

This law school, the only law school in the State, is unique simply because we are so tied in with the practicing lawyers State and with the judiciary. The law library is the major research library in the State. We've got 4000 to 5000 lawyers and clerks

a year using it. There are a lot of things that we do that affect the Bar, and vice versa. But we have very little in the way of formal ties with the Bar. So one of the other things that I want to do is build up rapport between the Bar and the Law School. One of the things that is going to be done this year is the establishment of a Law School Advisory Board, which will be made up of lawyers and judges from around the State and will meet with us periodically to talk about our mutual needs. Along with that, the University and the Law School have just started working toward increasing alumni involvement and support of the Law School. We are more like a State assisted institution than a State funded institution, and we currently are strapped to come up with enough money for faculty salaries and student financial aid, supporting the moot court teams, maintaining the law library. I'm going to have to spend a lot of time working with alumni to spread the message that we want to get out. I hope they will respond in terms of additional support for the Law School. We've got something like 6000 alums and only about 600 in the time we've been keeping records have ever contributed money to the Law School. That's

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Gavel Raps Talks With Dean Crystal

Students returned to Law School this semester to find two new Deans: John Montgomery, Dean of the Law School; and,



Nathan Crystal

Nathan Crystal, Dean of Academic Affairs. Although Dean Montgomery's selection may not have been unexpected, Dean Crystal's appointment came as a pleasant surprise to a number of students. The Dean of Academic Affairs is a position appointed by the Dean of the Law School.

Nathan Crystal is originally from Georgia. He has a J.D. from Emory and an L.L.M. from Harvard. Crystal came to U.S.C. in 1976 because Columbia offered job opportunities for both him and his wife, Nancy McCormick. Nancy is an attorney with South Carolina Legal Service Coalition. The Crystals have two children,

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MONTGOMERY

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a number that we need to work on.

The other thing that I think we're going to have to devote a lot of time and attention to is the other important constituency, students. There is a lot of concern, both among students, and in the Bar, about who's getting jobs and where the students are going. Many in the Bar feel that we are losing too many students to out-of-state law firms. We are producing some very, very fine lawyers, but they go to Houston, or they go to New York, or they go to Washington. The other side of the coin is that there are a lot of students who feel that there are some very fine students in the law school that a lot of firms don't even want to interview. If they would just get their foot in the door to get the interview, they could convince these law firms that they are as good as the people who are leaving the State. That's one of the reasons leading me to think that we need a board of advisors here. We need to start trying to convince the law firms of this state that they need to start looking more broadly at the students that they hire and at the same time, we need to address the law firms' concern that we are doing everything that we can to help them recruit the students they want.

So there's no single priority. Faculty retention, attracting good faculty and students, increasing job opportunities for students, and working closely with the alumni and the Bar of the State are the major things that I think any dean has to do, especially in a state supported school.

GAVEL RAPS: Shifting gears, let me ask a question related to individual students. We had a student commit suicide at the beginning of the semester. Realizing that there are a lot of factors that might have gone into that particular situation, do you think that as a general rule we are putting too much pressure on first year students in that first semester?

MONTGOMERY: It certainly is a question that I think comes to everybody's mind immediately. Are we really sending the right message to somebody just starting into law school? From what very little I know about it, this particular situation was one of those things that didn't have very much at all to do with this person being in law school. Apparently it had to do with some other difficult problems in this young person's life. But, I think in addition to the message that law school is difficult and stressful, and Judge Bell's "Law School is Different," there's got to be another message that comes through: that our major objective is to get you through law school, work with you—we wouldn't have taken you had we not thought you were qualified—and we want to do everything that we can to make sure that you're going to succeed, not only academically, but on a personal level.

That suicide was terrible a thing, and one of the things that it brings up is that there is no immediate way for entering students to hook up with other students, especially in the first week or two, and that's when you get most of the tension and anxiety. After that, most people have hooked up with two or three people and formed a study group. In any event, a lot of us have talked about what kind of resources we could find to address that particular issue.

GAVEL RAPS: A long-standing issue with first-year students has been the amount of credit given for legal writing, which seems to be out of proportion to the amount of time spent. Do you see any change in that situation?

MONTGOMERY: We've talked about it from time to time, and the last time we brought it up two years ago, the faculty was not amenable to change. I think the argument was that you are always going to be faced with situations in practice in which you do a lot more work than you get paid for. That's what the nature of pro bono work is about. So, at that point, two years ago, there was no real sentiment to change it. We have looked at it, and Dean Crystal is again considering changes, and I think he has decided to try and restructure the thing a little bit so that it's not quite as disproportionate as it has been in the past. We, as a part of reaccreditation are going to look seriously at the whole first year legal writing process. At this point, all I can say is that there are no specific proposals to

lighten the load, and I think that will probably stay that way for at least this year, but we will be looking at that situation.

GAVEL RAPS: This semester, Securities Regulations and Commercial Paper are offered at 10:00 o'clock in the morning. Neither are offered in the Spring, and both of these courses, I think, would be of interest to a particular type of student. This is an example of what seems to the students to be a scheduling procedure that is not created in the students' interest, but rather seems to revolve around the faculty. That may or may not be correct. But do you foresee any changes that would address this problem and make it easier for a student to take the courses he wants to take?

MONTGOMERY: What we've always tried to do in working out the schedule—and it's always a process of compromising—is to work with a group of people from the SBA, an ad hoc committee, made up of first, second and third year students, to look at the schedule before it's published and say this is what I want to take, and can I do it? What problems am I going to run into? I would assume that Dean Crystal will continue to follow that and get as much input as possible, but inevitably, you're going to find one or two courses that two or three people, or sometimes even a lot of people want to take, that for a lot of different reasons end up being offered at the same time. One of them, perhaps is only offered once a year. All I can say is that it happens, and we'll make every effort that we can to minimize that sort of thing.

GAVEL RAPS: I'm currently taking two courses in which supplements are being used which are printed here at the school, a frequent occurrence. These two supplements are 1100 pages long, and they cost me \$55. Neither of them is bound. One is not paginated. One is of such poor quality that reading it is incredibly difficult. It is almost illegible. Has anybody taken a look at this procedure? Can anything be done to alleviate that problem?

MONTGOMERY: In terms of selling supplements, we are more or less locked into using the USC print shop through the University book store. Every year we have major discussions about quality and cost. But, as I understand it, if we're going to sell them through the book store, we have no option but to use the University printing. It's one area we are thinking about going off campus. Some of these things get, quite frankly, prohibitively expensive.

GAVEL RAPS: Ten years from now, if students from this law school were asked to recall their dean, what would you have them say?

MONTGOMERY: Since change in any institution like a law school or a university is incremental, what I would hope that a student would remember is that the law school made a reasonable amount of progress during the time that I was dean in terms of increasing the quality of the faculty, getting good students, increasing employment options and opportunities for the students; that we built a really solid relationship with the bench and bar of the State, and that our private support, our relationship with our alumni started to become significant and got to the point it significantly assisted the law school.

GAVEL RAPS: Would you like to add anything in summary?

MONTGOMERY: In spite of all the stress and strain students experience in law school, I hope you have a little fun while you are here. I hope it is more than a place to spend three years so that you can get out and spend the rest of your life. And

Culture, Counter - Culture

(Movies in Review)

By Kelly Branham & Duffie Stone

"Someone To Watch Over Me"

"Someone To Watch Over Me" bites the big one. Well, maybe it doesn't bite the BIG ONE, but it comes terribly close. Awaiting the sneak preview, I anticipated an incredibly sexy thriller, where man and woman are thrown together as a result of murder, have an impassioned affair (extra-marital, no doubt), and where the bad guy got what he deserved in the end. Sounds great, doesn't it? It wasn't.

While the plot contained everything I had anticipated from the advertisements, the film was a disappointment. The only positive thing about the film was lighting, which seemed to desperately attempt to strengthen other weak facets of the film. Let's face it, lighting is not that persuasive.

Here's what's wrong. The characters are not well developed and there is not enough sex. In other words, the plot just hangs, but who knows if Tom Berenger does? The participants of the supposedly steamy extramarital affair are portrayed through the script merely as two gorgeous people from opposite ends of the socio-economic spectrum (realistic, don't you think?) and nothing more. The bad guy is the bad guy just because he has one of those bad guy faces, and the wife of the wayward husband is a strong and streetwise woman who ultimately becomes the heroine (she's the only interesting person in the film and the viewer sees her for approximately fifteen minutes).

If this film was meant to be about the effects of an evil occurrence on the lives of innocent bystanders, the viewers deserve the right to know who those bystanders are. If, on the other hand, the film was meant to capture an unusual, unlikely, and steamy love affair, it needs more steam. In the final analysis, "Someone To Watch Over Me" is a lot like my co-columnist. It needs either more character development or more sex.

—Kelly Branham

Kelly, you ignorant misguided left winger you, who did you ter-

rorize to get this job?

It is true that this is not the sexiest thriller I've ever seen but, in the infinite words of Professor Walter Reiser, SO WHAT? If I had wanted to see a bunch of nude bodies sweating all over each other, I would have paid my four-fifty to the Starlite Drive-In and Flea Market. Instead, I went to "Someone To Watch Over Me" for, imagine this if you can, good clean entertainment. And, that's what I got!

The plot revolves around a wealthy woman who witnesses the vicious murder of a good friend and is willing to ignore the risks involved in testifying against the psychopathic killer. Added to this is a touching romance between this woman and her guardian policeman. It is an interesting and refreshing change of pace from the usual murder movie. I found the plot well designed, moving and exciting. I don't see how you were bored. Perhaps you were through the wrong doors of the Bush River Mall Multi-Cinemas.

I also fail to see how you can say the main characters are not well developed. You would be

The "Truth" On The Bork Nomination

Carl Hubbard

Realizing that at press time the Bork nomination was in serious trouble, *Gavel Raps* thought you would still find the comments below to be of interest.

Question

If you were a member of the Senate, would you vote to affirm Judge Bork's nomination to the Supreme Court, and what are the reasons for your answer?

Answers

Professor Reiser: I really don't have an informed opinion. You know, I haven't paid that much attention. I would probably vote for him. If I were appointing, I'm not sure I would've appointed him. In fact, I know I would not have appointed him, because I'd rather have a more liberal type person, I guess. I'm not sure what that really means. I would vote for him.

David Raeker: I would have to vote against Judge Bork's nomination for the simple reason that he's a law school professor, and those people never tell you what they really think.

Professor Flanagan: If I were on the Senate Judiciary Committee and not running for president, I would probably vote to confirm Judge Bork, because I think he's bright enough for the job and not any more inconsis-

lucky to be one-half as well developed as the leading lady of this movie. She is shown to be a strong willed aristocrat who, during the course of the movie, becomes torn by her fear of one man she doesn't know and her love for another man she can never have. Her boyfriend is shown to be the perfect social mate for her. He is a man, and I use this term loosely, who is very much at home in her elite atmosphere; yet, he is someone that she can control. The boyfriend is a stark contrast to the married, streetwise (but nowhere-else-wise) cop with whom the witness really falls in love. It is true that the cop's wife and child are not as well developed as the rest of the cast. I think this is a positive. I'm tired of the same old gobbly gook about the effects of extra-marital affairs on the little lady at home. I've seen it too often.

In short, "Someone To Watch Over Me" does not, as you so intelligently put it, "bite the big one." Thank you though, for using such language. I had forgotten that "South of the Border" is still handing out undergraduate degrees.

—A real review by Duffie Stone

tent or illogical or out of the main stream than the other people who have held that job.

Professor McAninch: I would vote against Judge Bork. His opinions would have a disastrous effect.

Kelly Branham: I would vote against him because he is a right-wing reactionary who, I'm afraid, would undermine everything that we've worked so hard to get in the last 25 years in the areas of civil rights and women's rights and the right to privacy.

Doug Churdar: I support Bork's confirmation. He'll restrict himself to interpreting the Constitution rather than creating special privileges and rights, as other justices have done, which should be left to Congress or state legislatures. Bork's most vocal opponents have benefited from a recent history of overly-broad interpretation.

Also, you have to like his beard and dashing good looks!

Peter Ness: I would have to vote against Judge Bork because I can't have any respect for a man that has such silly facial hair. Until he shaves that stuff off his face, I just can't deal with him seriously.

An Open Letter To Students Of USC Law School:

The University of South Carolina Law School is accredited by the American Bar Association. Accreditation is important to the school and to you because most states require graduation from an ABA accredited law school as a condition to bar admission. ABA procedures require that all approved schools be visited by a reinspection team for purposes of reviewing the school's accreditation every seven

years. This is our year. Tentatively our reinspection visit by the ABA team is scheduled for late February or early March.

An important part of the recreditation process is the preparation of a self study, which is intended to be a comprehensive examination of all

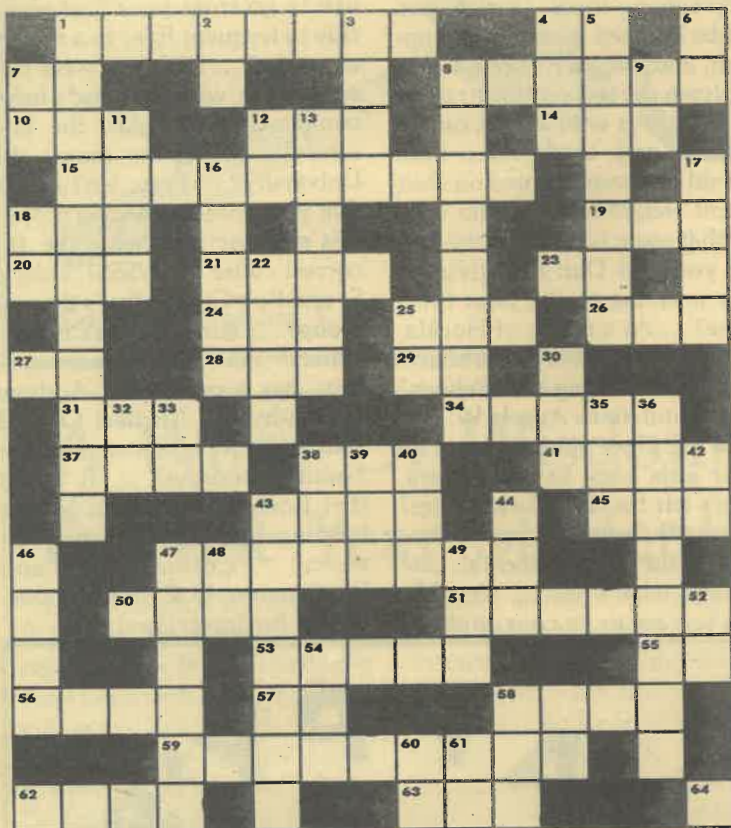
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GAVEL RAPS CROSSWORD



ACROSS:

1. Fodder of 1L professors.
4. "No static at all."
7. Abbreviation, "in terrorem."
8. Tort professor's bumper sticker: "Life's a _____"
10. What you can't live in anymore once you're married.
12. John Abdalla study aid.
14. Stagnant 27th Amendment.
15. Third dean to greet 3L's.
18. What law school women may as well be.
19. To people in 49 states, a university in Los Angeles.
20. Why you are not through with law school in three years.
21. The only reason some students go to class.
23. Abbreviation, tort defense.
24. Busiest business law professor at USC.
25. Boyled down topic.
26. Does Bork need a shave?
27. Alien which should hear Stravitz' first day lecture.
28. So, sow, _____
29. Either, _____
31. Wedlock raises this in students.
34. Easiest way to handle 8:00 classes.
37. Description of post-exam party.
38. Abbreviation, student organization "in the vanguard of the conservative movement."
41. Published student writing.
43. What Columbia is not in the summer.
45. Before.
47. Graph of proximate cause.
50. Healthy emotional response to law school.
51. Criminal reason.
53. Primary motivation for law students.
55. Abbreviation, Latin for "that is."
56. High anxiety, obtuse questions, frantic scribbling.
57. West's regional reporter for Tennessee cases.
58. What some con law professors love to put on your record.
59. What the USC grading system is not.
62. Encumbrance upon property to recover a debt.
63. South Carolina Supreme Court's major resource tool.
64. Rarest commodity in law school.

DOWN:

1. What 3L's with job offers don't get at law school.
2. Abbreviation, obligatory ethical standard for South Carolina lawyers.
3. You serve a three-year one.
4. Tail, simple, simple absolute.
5. Famous non-Justice of the Peace.
6. Sound rarely heard at the wailing wall or in law students' beds.
7. Third person singular, present indicative of be.
8. "Workhard _____"
9. Abbreviation, highest New York court.
11. Number of A's Mather gives.
12. Abbreviation, Vicar-General (I swear,

13. Part-time avocation for Attorney Chastain.
16. Pieces of cake.
17. Non-omissions.
18. Kennedy & Covington is based in this state.
22. What Richard Nixon did not do with the law.
25. Preposition, in the direction of.
30. Never seen by Law Review students.
32. Blue Book abbreviation, "railroad."
33. For example.
35. The only party Kelly Branham would not attend.
36. "1947 Grand Cru Classe."
38. 1L's semaphoric lament.
39. Atmospheric condition surrounding 1L study groups.
40. Annotation source.
42. Poet Cummings' first name.
43. Where "legal education" means four years without NCAA probation.
44. If you see one in Hubbard's class, it's just chalk.
46. Edgar v. _____
47. Corporate takeover defense; Winner's Circle entertainment.
48. Laotian unit of money equal to 1/100 kip (and you learned it here).
49. Polite Vanderbilt.

this stuff is in the dictionary.)

CRYSTAL

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Abraham, nine, and Miriam, three.

In the twelve years Dean Crystal has been at the School of Law he has noticed several developments and changes in the faculty and the student body. He believes that the faculty has become more productive in the area of academic scholarship and that more students are seeking judicial clerkships and permanent positions in other parts of the country.

When questioned about his goals as the new Academic Dean, Crystal said that he is exploring several programs for improving the intellectual atmosphere at the Law School. Working with Professors Adams and Patterson, he hopes to develop the Faculty Colloquium which is a forum for individual professors to present their scholarly works. Another project involves working with the SBA Legal Forum to improve the quality of speakers that guest lecture at the school. He encourages input from the faculty and the student body on these ideas and any others in this vein.

Dean Crystal is also responsible for improving the curriculum offered. He negotiates the course schedule with the faculty members and is very interested in entertaining student suggestions for improvement. He plans to review the efficiency of the current system and will try to solve problems of exam conflicts, course conflicts, staffing, and the like.

He discussed the problem of inconsistencies between course descriptions and the actual course. "Whenever we are putting together the schedule we ask the faculty to review the course descriptions to make sure they are accurate," Crystal explained. "The problem is that courses change from year to year." Crystal elaborated that professors are asked to look at the course description sometimes much in advance of the semester. Often a professor will decide to change the structure of the course in an attempt to solve past problems or to use an alternate teaching technique long after the course description has been published. He suggested that students use the class evaluation forms to voice constructive criticisms and suggestions about their courses.

Crystal believes that the faculty takes the evaluations very seriously, but that vague criticisms are not much help in troubleshooting problem areas. "The more specific a student's [comments] are, the better the evaluation. What you need is very specific comments about the pro-

fessor and the course." Dean Crystal would like student suggestions on how the evaluation forms could be improved.

Another concern of Crystal's is the development of professionalism in the attitude of the student body. "One thing that we are going to be doing this year is working with the Young Lawyers' Section of the Bar. One possible plan is to have small luncheons that will be attended by a group of students, a younger lawyer, and a member of the faculty to talk about issues of practice, law school, and professionalism in general." The administration has also discussed adding a presentation on professionalism to the Orientation Program.

Crystal also noted that the theme of professionalism could be worked into a series of speakers through the Legal Forum. "[I] would like to work with the Student Bar Association to foster programs that might develop a professional atmosphere in the school."

It is apparent that Dean Crystal is interested in hearing from students. He said he would try to make himself available to all students to entertain their complaints, suggestions, and ideas. Crystal intends to attend Deans' Coffee Hour in the lobby on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. whenever possible. He hopes that students will find him approachable and feel comfortable voicing their thoughts to him. "The only thing I would say [to students] is 'tell me what your problems are'. Either tell me directly or tell me through your representatives."

Answer Key



52. See 42 down.
54. What you want to do with a condo at Hilton Head.
58. "Shuttle-cock."
60. Frank Draper, Bob Eubanks, etc.
61. The less essential ingredient in screwdrivers and mimosas.

Moot Court News

— By David Ballenger

Second-year competition for the Moot Court Bar is underway. The response has been great, and we hope it continues.

The National Moot Court Team (Gene Fulton, Gray Culbreath, Joseph Melchers and manager, Carol Unger) are now heavily in preparation for the semifinals to be held in Atlanta in November. Their issue will be tobacco liability. Professor Flanagan is their coach.

The International Team (Charlie McDaniel, Kelly Branham, Frank Draper and Danny Carrol and manager, Leslie Moore) just received their problem at press time. Due to Professor Haimbaugh's retirement, the team is coachless at the moment. The problem is one involving international terrorism.

The Craven Team (Jon Nassen, Joe Dusenberry, Barbara Krug and manager, Doug Churdar) will be arguing in Chapel Hill. They are still awaiting their problem. Professor Thames will be coaching them.

The ABA Team finished up in August with a fifth place finish in National Competition in San Francisco. Professor Mather coached the team, which included Tom Tupper, Todd Miller and David Ballenger and Joel Brandon as manager. The team was seen celebrating in Chinatown at the infamous "Buddha."

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Loggin' Lobby Time

By The Jury Stalker

Ann A., have you been served any vintage wines lately? ... Cammie G., we were shocked to learn that you fit the Columbia P.D.'s drug courier profile ... Cliff M. was declared M.I.A. the morning after the Western Carolina game (may we ask who the Miss was?) ... Robert B., was it Luck or did you really win the "Bird" dance contest? ... Members of the First-year Welcoming Committee have been hustling in full force. We'd like to thank David C., Jay L., Graves W. and Jeff T. for all their hard work. ... Gus D., did you feel upstaged by Dick Rambone at John C.'s bachelor party? ... To Greg V., thanks for making all those in Environmental Law a part of the coffee generation. ... Jay L., did you bite off more than you could swallow at Wild Dunes this summer? ... A word to the wise (Boo, take heed) even though your hands are under the desk, it doesn't mean that they are invisible to those people behind you. ... David R. and Susan J., now that little Petey is almost a fully grown boy, shouldn't you two think about setting up house? ... Gray C., what does one do to rate VIP treatment at the Paper Doll Lounge? ... Bubba C., what's this about you lobbying at the Statehouse for an expressway from Columbia to Bamberg? ... Recent advice from the esteemed J. Swerling: "Don't put little baby frogs in your pockets before a big date." ... The scoop is that Hugh C.'s outline for Law Practice Workshop is the best, but see Linda B. for class notes. ... The reason for the stampede of students into Securities Regs must be the 100 page assignments (200 if you read the cited statutes & regs), and the prospect -- listed in the syllabus -- of having an "A minus" raised to an A for class participation. ... Jim M. was last seen getting his feet wet at Little O's. ... Kelly B., are you now an expert on reggae music? ... To all the guys on Law Review, who'll be the first to win a trip to WallyWorld? ... John C., in your pre-commitment days, did you have your teeth checked often? ... Karen M., is your current flame old enough to come see your band play? ... Jim L. -- "it's tough to be a politician" (2 weddings in 2 cities in 1 night) ... Prof. Hank M., after seeing your performance in the game "Questions" we can't imagine what you'll do with "Pictionary". ... Oh yes, on the first day of class, Susan D. tried to sneak away and go shopping, but no one is safe from the candid camera. ... Not only has Cal W. followed Frank in his job selection, but he is quickly replacing Frank as the "most visible" graduate. ... Amy R., et al., Law Practice Workshop runs from 4-6, not 4-5. ... Sally H., does your expertise in geography qualify you to tutor Jeannie C. in city

populations (or do you too think Columbia is home to 800,000 people). ... Speaking of geography, we understand that Kay T. had a difficult time navigating Washington, D.C. (or did they move the capitol out near the National Zoo?). ... Is it true that Lester T. is "sleeping around" in Columbia? ... Jose M., thanks for coming up for yet another synonym for "I'm unprepared" in T & E. ... Jay L., how have you managed to be so successful in the football pool? (Do you outline it every night, too.) ... You can always tell if Cora M.'s boyfriend is coming to town because she loses that greased back look. ... Why were two 1-L's distributing contraceptives? To promote aids prevention or discourage the procreation of Law Nerds? ... If you don't make Law Review Sandy H., will your green card be revoked? ... What is this we hear about Leigh & Joan entertaining four men at Edisto Beach. ... If Mike M. fell in the "Green Street Ditch" could he pull himself out, or would Margie need to throw him a ladder? ... Valerie, we hear Prof. Adams is sure impressed by your "briefs". We heard you left them in his office. ... To suit wearers alias "snoot wearers" -- are you just practicing or do you

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aspects of law school's program: faculty, curriculum, admissions, placement, extracurricular activities, etc. The self study should be an honest evaluation of how we have progressed during the last seven years, the problems still facing the institution, and a plan for our future development.

Dean Montgomery has placed me in charge of preparing the self study, but this is not a one-person job. I need input from everyone who has an interest in the Law School -- faculty, judges, lawyers, and you, our students. I ask that you give me your comments about any aspect of the Law School. Praise as well as criticism is

really have to be somewhere? ... Where do you get an application for Sharon G.'s harem? ... Mary, have you considered applying for a position as a Con Law professor? ... To all first years, last year's 1-L class won the "wienie award" at Law Follies for non-participation, will this year's class produce a sequel -- revenge of the wienies. ... Who in their right mind would "impede the progress" of Curtis M? ... Some 2-L's seem to be having trouble with their cars late at night. Luke K. can't locate his car and John O. creates new parking spaces on sidewalks. ... Fran H. and Glenn R., did you show those Georgia folks how to party? Also, are you ready to challenge Danny M. as the new Michael Jackson impersonators? ... To all law school football players -- you realize your game may take on new significance due to the NFL strike. As a punter, Jan M. is showing her true Cape Canaveral heritage by rocketing the ball straight up and straight back down. ... Seems that Dani F. took the coach's order to dress in dark colors to heart and in true Gamecock fashion came dressed in black from head to toe; but Jan M. and Luck C., are peach and pink the darkest colors in your wardrobe? ... Speaking of the powderpuff team, what were Jim L. & Lester T. doing on the sidelines? ... Babbs H., what's this about

welcome. I ask only that your comments be as specific as possible and that they be in writing, so that I can keep track of the information that I will be receiving from many different sources. Feel free to make your comments anonymously. Or, if you prefer, ask that one of your Bar Association representatives make comments on your behalf.

Since I plan to begin writing the self study around November 1, I would appreciate receiving your ideas by October 30. Thank you for your participation in our self study.

Sincerely,
Nathan M. Crystal
Associate Dean

Watergate? ... How much longer will Pug's be the bar of choice? Not much longer if law students keep singing there, Dani F. and Babbs H. keep making the popcorn, and Evelyn R. keeps hanging from the second floor railing by her knees with a skirt on. ... Jim R. and Linda W., both should be complimented on their recent weight loss. (Could it be all that exercise?) ... Kitty M., are you and Duffy S. giving a new meaning to the term four-some? ... As a native of Florida, Dan L., is it every Floridian's dream to be dating Miss Pelican? (Congratulations Angela W.). ... John M., since you have sent all your girls back to the minors, who's left for the World Series? ... John B., now that you've conquered the Environmental Law Society, what's next? ... Fran H., you too are to be congratulated

on welcoming the first years. I'm sure Maura B. feels right at home. ... Blaney C., what's it like to go from your first plane ride to frequent flyer in a matter of weeks? ... Dirk, we were just wondering, with your dad's help, could you help plan the law school's secession from the University? ... Fran, isn't it true that your most rewarding project this summer was being the 4th correct caller on W\$\$\$? Valerie S. and Rob G., so what's the real scoop? ... Amy R., isn't it convenient that your roommate's beau has a cousin? ... Andrew L., Kathy G., Michael O. and Cathy W., is four company on South Woodrow? ... It seems that Rosie C. and Mitzi M. are burning up the highways between Columbia and Washington, D.C. (it's obviously not for interviews).

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