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Barristers Gain Control; Install Lonsberg as Dean

In a surprise daylight attack, the Barristers took control of the Law School on Saturday and immediately installed Lord High Chancellor John V. Lonsberg as Dean. In the confusion of the fighting, former Dean Terrance L. Sandalow escaped and has sought asylum from Paul Carrington at Duke University.

Armed with baseball bats and hockey sticks and accompanied by specially trained attack dogs, the Barristers' elite corps took the School with little bloodshed. Backup air support was provided by Lieutenant Colonel James J. White, a longtime Lonsberg confidant.

In a variation of the classic pincer strategy, the Barristers mounted a two-pronged attack, divided the loyalist forces, and easily contained them.

The attack began about 3:00 p.m. Saturday, when one group of Barristers entered the Reading Room of the Library and forced an immediate surrender of the small advance guard at the desk. The group worked its way up through the largely empty stacks to the seventh level.

Meanwhile, another group of Barristers entered Hutchins Hall on the Monroe Street side and secured the first and second floors. The two groups then met in a two-front attack on the Law Review Library, where heavy hand-to-hand fighting occurred. Aided by insiders Jack Molenkamp and Barrie Leeks, the two groups of Barristers easily subdued the unarmed loyalist Reviewers.

The reunited Barristers then stormed the ninth level of Legal Research. With the elevators held on the ground, the professors on the long corridor of Legal Research were hopelessly trapped. Nonetheless, Prof. Roger Cunningham manfully tried to stem the tide with a squash racquet while Prof. Doug Kahn threw copies of his new corporate tax book at the invading forces.

The resistance was in vain, as the Barristers, enraged at the sight of Cunningham and Kahn, tore the professors' limbs off, painted the corridor with their blood, and threw the maimed bodies into the pit of the new library.

With ninety percent of the Law School now under their control, the Barristers headed back to the third floor of Hutchins to the citadel of the Dean's office.

Terrified at the attack, Dean

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Interview with Dean

His Excellency Lord High Chancellor John V. Lonsberg granted the Res Jestae his first interview after being installed as Dean of the Law School.

The Dean seemed fit and at ease as he received the interviewer in the reception room of the Dean's new residence opposite the Lawyer's Club (formerly the residence of the President of the University).

RJ: Your Excellency, can you give us some idea of the changes in policy you plan during your administration?

HIS EXC.: Well, the first thing I'll do is get rid of those wimp professors teaching wimp courses. You know, like Westen with his nineteenth-century history, Tommy Green, and for God's sake, let's get rid of that Commie Whitmore Gray.

RJ: Do you plan any other faculty changes? (Con'd on p. 2)
Tragicomedy in 42

The following is an excerpt from a new play at the Law School, in 42 acts.

Scene: A classroom in Hutchins Hall.
Enter 125 students and the professor, a young woman.

PROF. : Bobbie, what is it that we are expounding?
STDNT : It is a constitution we are expounding.
PROF. : (Coughs.) Who made the Constitution, Mary?
STDNT : The Framers made the Constitution.
PROF. : Why did the Framers make the Constitution, Johnny? (Coughs.)
STDNT : To form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, uh, uh . . .
PROF. : Heh-heh. Sue Ellen, can you help Johnny?
STDNT : Yes, Professor Chrissy. Insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty for themselves and their posterity.
STDNT : Professor Chrissy, what does "domestic tranquility" mean?
PROF. : Well, when I was a clerk on the Court, Justice Powell explained that domestic tranquility was when he got home on time. Heh-heh. (Coughs.) You'll learn more about that in Con Law II.
STDNT : Professor Chrissy, why aren't you a lawyer?

Barristers (con'd)

Sandalow had gathered various professors in Hutchins Hall into the reception area. Together, they barricaded the door to the receptionist's office and piled filing cabinets and other furniture against it. They then locked themselves into the Dean's office and planned a final defense.

Fate soon overcame them, for they had not counted on the treachery of a woman. With her own two hands, Mrs. Helen Betts dismantled the barricade and welcomed the insurgents with open arms.

Just as the Barristers reach his door, however, the Dean somehow fled out the window, retreated hastily to the airport, and was soon out of town.

Bereft of their leader, the remaining loyalist forces quickly succumbed and the Barristers acclaimed Chancellor Lonsberg as the new Dean.

Acts Opens Opens Here

PROF. : (Coughs.) Jimmy, lawyers just boring things for their clients, like boring litigation and--ugh--corporate work. Just remember, if you study very, very hard, you might be editor-in-chief of the Law Review and be a clerk on the Court and be a professor too.
STDNT : Could we ever be as smart as you, Professor Chrissy?
PROF. : Heh-heh. (Coughs.) It's not likely. But try hard. Heh-heh. Well, you have been a very good class, so Professor Chrissy will tell you a story.
STDNTS : Professor Chrissy! Tell us a story about when you were a clerk!
PROF. : Not today, class. This is a story about John Marshall, our greatest Chief Justice ever. He was born in Virginia in 1755 . . .

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The tragic part of this comedy is that the play will be repeated over and over. Optimists, however, believe that there is a small chance that it will not have an indefinite run.

Interview (con'd)

HIS EXC. : Everybody knows that there are two professors who are here only because some jerk got the idea that we needed women professors. Neither one can teach worth a damn, so they go off and visit China and write an article saying how great the legal system is there. Well, if they like it there so much, they can damn well stay there.
RJ : Does Your Excellency plan any changes in admissions policies?
HIS EXC. : This Law School became the great School it is because of the red-blooded Americans from the Midwest who used to dominate it. Now we have two kinds of nuts coming here, from both Coasts. Believe me, I know, because I lived with one of each kind first year. On one hand, you have the effete types from New York and the East Coast--you know, the limp-wrist types--and on the other, you have the real weirdos from California. I say, kick them all out! Give this School back to us regular guys from the Midwest and we won't have any problems.
RJ : Anything else, Your Excellency?
HIS EXC. : Yeah, we're going to use that new library for racketball courts. We have more books than anybody could possibly read now, anyway.
RJ : Thank you, Your Excellency.
Law Review Will Get Reading Room

Associate Dean James J. White has announced that the Reading Room of the Library will be turned over to the Law Review when the new library is completed.

Editor-in-Chief Charles Taylor (who recently changed his name from Carl Schneider "to improve the tone of the Review") rejoiced at the news. "The Law Review is an exclusive club," Taylor explained, "and finally we have a proper home. The Reading Room reminds me of the best clubs in Boston."

Under the new plan, junior members of the Review will each have one of the 32 tables in the Reading Room. The Editor-in-Chief will occupy what is now Prof. Pooley's office; other senior staff members will use the other administrative offices and alcoves. The collection of books will remain the same, except that no one other than Review members will be permitted to use them.

"We are doing the most important work in the law school and it is very annoying to have other people using our books," Taylor commented. "And it won't be such a great loss to the little people in the law school; they seem to read only Gilbert's and such anyway."

Other aspects of the plan call for a staff of waiters to serve two meals a day to Review staffers plus coffee and snacks at all hours. The Review will also invest in a fleet of limousines to chauffeur members to and from their homes.

Reaction from other Review members was also enthusiastic. Bertram Penrose (né Rosen) explained, "We Debevoise lawyers don't mix with hoi polloi." Lady Bartholomea Lawson-Lookes explained that the new plan was fair to other users of the Library: "They are going to have a brand-new library all for themselves, don't you see? We are really making a sacrifice for the benefit of all, n'est-ce pas?"

Edward Martin commented, "Conceptually, the spatial characteristics of an autochthonous periodical will disseminate to ineluctable dimensions." Edward Timmins said, "I concur."

Wall St. Firm To Run Clinic

Professor Douglas A. Kahn, of the faculty committee to study the clinic program, announced last week that the Wall Street firm of Hughes, Hubbard & Reed had agreed to take over the clinic.

"With the foundation grants expiring, there was no way that the Law School could pick up the tab for the program," Prof. Kahn explained. "With a private firm coming in, there will of course be some changes in the program, but the important thing is that the clinic has been saved."

Hughes, Hubbard is a large New York firm with branches all across the country. They will now open an office in Ann Arbor to serve their clients in Michigan and Ohio. Students in the clinic will work on regular firm matters and receive the regular salary which the firm pays to summer associates.

All the personnel now in the clinic program will be discharged, Prof. Kahn said. "A firm like that doesn't need anyone to tell it how to train people. All those psychologists and so forth aren't necessary when you're dealing with corporate officers instead of poor people."

One of the first students to sign up for the new clinic was Bruce Richards '79. Richards had accepted an offer from Hughes, Hubbard to work in their New York office last summer but changed his mind and stayed in Ann Arbor to run for City Council on the Socialist ticket.

"I've had it up to here with socialism," Richards explained. "The so-called people don't appreciate anything you do for them. Besides, Daddy's oil money won't keep me in sportscars forever."

Some students who signed up for the old clinic were disappointed. Drew Brehm '79 said, "Waal, ah'll tell ya, my two roommates from Noo York there they did work for this heah firm, but they's fucked up, you know w'nt ah mean?"
Martin Proposes Federal Philosophy Court

In an article soon to be published in the University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform, Professor James A. Martin calls for the establishment of a federal Philosophy Court, to decide important questions of philosophical truth.

The proposal parallels Prof. Martin's recent article in the Michigan Law Review, which proposed a Science Court to settle controversial questions of scientific fact which affect federal policies.

In an exclusive interview granted to Res Gestae, Prof. Martin explained the details of his new proposal. The interview took place in the weightlifting room of the local YMCA, a favorite hang-out of the professor.

"You meet the hunkiest guys here," he explained. "You're kind of cute yourself." We stepped back a bit and asked him to talk about the article.

"Basically, you have a situation with a lot of people running around saying that they don't even know what law is," Martin commented. "It beats me how they expect to decide legal issues when they don't even have the basics figured out."

"The Philosophy Court would provide a forum to decide issues like what is law, what is right, and so forth. Your big names in philosophy, like Hart, Dworkin, and so on, would brief the issues and argue them, and then the judges would decide. It would be a lot more efficient than arguing about them for thousands of years, like the system we have now," Martin claimed.

Reaction from other faculty members was mixed. Professor Donald H. Regan stated, "Well, yes, er, no, um, well, I think ... , uh, let's see, oh, uh, well, uh ... , sorry, that's all the time I have to talk about that now."

Professor Philip Soper described the proposal as "interesting." "We philosophy types are always looking for new ideas--that's the name of the game," he explained. "Of course, this is taking positivism pretty far, if you ask me. But Jim's always had kind of strange ideas. Maybe the answer is a Psychology Court, to deal with guys like that."

Kauper and Cooper Announce Merger

Professors Thomas E. Kauper and Edward H. Cooper announced last week their merger into a new professor named Edward Thomas Cauper (pronounced COW-per).

The new professor has two heads, but only two arms and two legs. Other details of anatomy were not disclosed. Prof. Cauper will teach antitrust and civil procedure, from both the practical and theoretical standpoints.

"I think the merger is a perfect fit," Prof. Cauper said in unison with himself. "With Tom's practical experience and Ed's theoretical capabilities, I'm the perfect antitrust team."

The merger was immediately denounced by Prof. Peter O. Steiner, Michigan's other antitrust teacher. He called the merger "a clear case of an illegal horizontal merger" and "a blatant attempt to monopolize the local antitrust market."

Prof. Steiner has filed suit in U.S. District Court, asking that the merged professors be dissolved and enjoined from any future anticompetitive activity.

In an interview, Prof. Cauper expressed confidence in a successful defense of the Steiner suit. "First of all, this guy isn't even a lawyer," Cauper explained. "Furthermore, now that the merger has taken place, how can a court dissolve me? I'm one egghead you can't unscramble."

Preliminary indications were that it is unlikely that the Cauper merger would start a trend among faculty. When asked if he planned a merger with Hart Wright, Prof. Doug Kahn exclaimed, "With that old coot? No way, José! But if you're talking about Pam Luther, that's a different story. I sure wouldn't mind merging with her! Ha-ha-ha!"