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LAW JOURNAL ELECTS EDITORS

Mark Morris, Editor-in-Chief of the NCCU Law Journal, recently announced the names of those elected to serve on the 1982-83 Executive Committee. Marvin Sparrow will serve as Editor-in-Chief and John Copeland was elected Associate Editor. Ed Shelby becomes the Business Editor With the Lead Articles position filled by Tina Herlinger. H. B. Marshall will be the Journal's Note and Comment Editor.

SBA

The Student Bar Association will present "You and the Law: A Four-Part Community Law Series" during the month of March. On March 2, "How the Legal System Affects Your Everyday Life" and "Landlord/Tenant Problems" March 9, 1982.

On March 23, the topic will be "Everyday Contract Problems" followed by "Public Benefit Problems" on March 30. All sessions will be held in the Albert L. Turner Law Building at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday nights.

The Trial Advocacy Team travels to Wake Forest University School of Law this weekend to compete in the Regional competition. The team consists of Curtis Davis, Kim Luckes, Sandra Kellaher, George Glenn and Ron Butler. A victory for Professor William's team will send the team to Houston to compete in the final competition.

F. Mickey Andrews, a 1973 graduate, has announced his candidacy for District Attorney of Forsyth County in North Carolina. While a student at NCCU, Mickey served on the Moot Court Team and the Law Journal staff.

Judge Becton

Judge Charles L. Becton of the N. C. Court of Appeals presented a seminar on opening statements to Professors Opp and Powell. Students report the seminar was excellent and well worth the Saturday morning investment. Judge Becton is a frequent lecturer and a good friend of the law school. Judge Becton's wife, Brenda, an attorney, recently served as a witness deposed by civil rights litigation students. Mrs. Becton was apparently a good witness since the students were surprised to later learn her true identity.

"Fast-paced and strictly business" is the way students describe the new course, N. C. Statutory Interpretation. The course is designed for third-year students planning to practice in North Carolina. The course has covered wills, intestacy, evidence, civil procedure, property and commercial paper with each topic followed by a test. As the course continues various professors will present remedies, corporations, trusts, sales and secured transactions.

POETIC JUSTICE

The 72-year-old chief prosecutor of Columbus, Bladen and Brunswick counties is known as the "Silver Fox" with the silver tongue. District Attorney Lee J. Greer of Whiteville often summarizes the state's evidence in verse:

The state contends:
That if Bobby didn't go there
with evil in his mind
He should have left his pistol
behind
No, he didn't go there to join
in the fun
Because he went there with a gun.
When you use your reason and
common sense
You can see there was no self-
defense.
And one can also readily see
That David was at a place he had
a right to be.
Bobby didn't want to make a slip
And shot David in the face, right
through his lip.
So after all is said and done
David is dead, Killed by Bobby's
gun.
The state contends you should
see as a fact
That there was no excuse for
this act.
This is what this case is all
about
And you should find so beyond
a reasonable doubt.

The jury returned a guilty verdict.

The poetic style is "entirely acceptable procedure," said Giles R. Clark, resident Superior Court judge for the 13th Judicial District.

Mr. Greer says he developed his poetic style to get the attention of the jurors. He says "As long as you are reciting the facts, you can make them rhyme."

Greer has decided not to seek another term as district attorney. "We're going to miss him, says Superior Court judge Clark, "the courtroom will certainly be different."

Mr. Greer is the father of Lee (Bubba) Greer) an assistant district attorney and NCCU graduate.

THE BEDROOM OR THE COURTROOM?

BY
GALE R. MURRAY

Curious as to what the response might be to this question, I interviewed a few of the male professors and students:

I: IN GENERAL, HOW DO YOU AS A MAN FEEL ABOUT WOMEN BEING IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION?

R: DEAN DAYE: Any person should be able to aspire to whatever profession he or she has chosen.

MARK MORRIS: High time!

TOM HODGES: If they are qualified, they have a right to be here.

NICK STRATAS: Excellent! There should be more!

PROF. EARNHARDT: I think it is not only good, but it is necessary. Women have every right to be in any learned profession.

MAX MATTHEWS: Fine! Women can deal just as well as men.

PROF. WILLIAMS: I think it is great! Adds lots of attractiveness.

I: DO YOU VIEW WOMEN AS SIGNIFICANT COMPETITORS?

R: TONY HARRIS: Yes, also as significant compliments.

GENE ELLISON: I don't view anyone as a competitor.

PROF. WEEDEN: As much as any other person.

ROSSIE ALSTON: A man has a masculinity problem if he is threatened. Sex makes no difference. Women are as formidable as men.

LEROY ETHEREDGE: Based upon their perspective and the way they have been dealt with, they have a lot more to give because they have been affronted with more.

RALPH EVANS: Not really.

GEORGE GLENN: No!

FRED BATTAGLIA: Certainly—equals!

PROF. BECKWITH: Of my best students, more have been women than men and the best writers have been women.

DEAN DAYE: Yes! (He was rushing to make an appointment.)

RON CARTER: It depends on her qualifications. If she is competent, then I will give her "Full Faith and Credit".

I: DO YOU THINK THAT WOMEN HAVE ANYTHING DIFFERENT TO OFFER TO THE LEGAL PROFESSION THAN MEN?

R: FRANK GILLESPIE: Yes, they have better looking legs.

ROBERT HARLEY: Women are sometimes more dedicated and honest.

DEAN RINGER: Women have a certain compassion that men do not bring to the profession. They bring a female perspective, whatever that is. If the profession contained only men, we would only have a male perspective.

GENE ELLISON: Women are more sympathetic on things where men are stubborn. But that can be a plus or a minus.

T. BYRON SMITH: Sex Appeal!

PROF. CAREY: Everybody has something different to offer because of different backgrounds.

ED REISNER: Women give different points of view, but, justice is blind, so the shape of an advocate's body and the pitch of the voice should not matter.

RON CARTER: I do not see a great difference based on sex.

PROF. WILLIAMS: Women offer more compassion, sometimes too much. Sometimes because of sentiment or emotion, they look at "is this right or wrong" instead of "is this the law".

JOHN DWYER: I do not think so.

DEAN DAYE: Sure, we need all kinds of people to relate to all kinds of persons.

I: WOULD YOU MARRY A SUCCESSFUL PROFESSIONAL WOMAN?

R: REGGIE SCOTT: Yes, so long as I make more money than she does.

GEORGE GLENN: Love it! I like independent people.

ED REISNER: I'd rather marry a successful one than an unsuccessful one.

BOBBY CHAMBERS: Sure! I would admire the qualities that have made her successful.

CLARK BELL: Sure, employment does not matter in choosing marital partners.

TOM HODGES: Yes, both of us will have gone through the same things, so it will be easier for us to relate to one another.

FRANK GILLESPIE: Yes, but not to another lawyer because there would be too much pressure on the marriage.

LEROY ETHEREDGE: A man is personally insecure if he cannot handle this.

GENE ELLISON: I see no reason why I would not.

I: HOW WOULD YOU EXPECT YOUR MATE TO BALANCE HER CAREER AND HER FAMILY?

R: TONY HARRIS: If she is going to be a lawyer and a mother, she should be able to handle the family as well. Her role in the family should be more important than her legal career.

REGGIE SCOTT: The responsibility of raising a family should be shared.

ROBERT HARLEY: She should set her priorities before she has a family.

T. BYRON SMITH: It is a decision a woman will have to make.

FRED BATTAGLIA: I did not want a part-time mother, so how can I expect my child to have one? But, maybe it can be done.

PROF. WEEDEN: She should work out a balance where neither her career nor her family is injured.

DEAN RINGER: It is an individual's choice. The practice of law is extremely time consuming and demanding which makes it difficult for females to assume the role of mother and wife along with her practice of law. It would take an understanding husband. Male attorneys do not have the same problem because they are expected to work 8 to 12 hours a day. However, role playing will change with more female attorneys.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

ROSSIE ALSTON: Women are similar to minorities; they have to be more than good, they have to go one step further.

TONY HARRIS: All women lawyers should look like women.

PROF. WILLIAMS: I love women! Women rarely quit where men do. Their only weakness is that they are too damned sentimental!

PROF. EARNHARDT: I am glad we have reached a point where there is a significant percentage of female lawyers. It provides a needed balance.

A: I regret that I could not present the entire opinion voiced by each of the contributors, however, I would like to thank each person for his time and his output. While many of the contributors differed on what items he thought women added to the profession, each strongly supported the presence of women in the legal profession. Each of the men also felt that the responsibilities of a family should be shared; however, they felt that a family would require more sacrifice on the part of their mate.

C: The bedroom or the courtroom—both!

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*OVERHEARD IN THE BASEMENT:

"They have done a lot to improve the appearance this year by landscaping, the lobby furniture and the hiring of Professors Mills and Fox."

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"My torts outline is slightly longer than the book."

IL

Carolyn Sims, a 1st year law student, PAD member and 1st year class secretary won the title of Miss Kinston 1982 on Nov. 28 and will compete in the Miss North Carolina pageant in Raleigh on June 21-26 to be televised on June 26, 1982. Please support Ms. Sims in Raleigh.

MEMORABLE QUOTES DEPARTMENT

"Do you consider yourself a viable candidate?"

Reisner to Markham 10/81

"I like the bells. I also like the idea of hall passes."

Professor Beckwith

"Of all patients I prefer to operate on lawyers because their mouths and rectums are interchangeable."

local proctologist

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When a reporter asked retired Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart if the membership of the court should be increased to lighten the workload, he replied, "I don't think it would solve the problem. Life on the court would have been a lot simpler for me if I had no colleagues at all".

*YOU KNOW IT IS GOING TO BE A BAD DAY WHEN:

*Prof. Williams wants you to be his "friend."

*Prof. Ringer asks if you have considered business school.

*Prof. Broderick asks "Who's next?" and the whole class looks at you!

*You discover you brought torts book to "Marschall Law".

*The one case that made sense to you is omitted by the professor due to the publisher's having included four pages out of order.

*AT&T employs 964 lawyers and hires 100 a year.

Professor Charles Markham, recently elected mayor of Durham, is recognized in the current issue of Phi Delta Phi's, THE HEAD-NOTER, mailed to all members of the international legal fraternity.

Congratulations to 2L Marvin Sparrow on his recent marriage. Marvin spent his honeymoon in his second floor carrel. Marvin's new bride is a nurse so she should be able to provide assistance with her new husband's shock treatments.

Effective July 1, 1982, the N.C. Supreme Court will require that all papers presented for filing to the General Court of Justice shall be letter size (8½ x 11), with the exception of wills and exhibits. (Apparently the legal size would not fit in their notebooks either!)

ADS AND STUFF

*WATCH for sale. See M. Kalo.

*WANTED: Students to help raise money for LAW DAY. See Judy Scott, Wanda Naylor, Tony Harris, Kim Jennings, Sharon Avery, or Lyn Whitted.

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-Henry Kissinger

*ORKIN has refused to give 2L Venable a free estimate for treating his beard.

Rossie Alston, Renee Bowser, and Jamie Burnett were among eight North Carolina students selected by the Department of Justice for interviews.

THE BARRISTER welcomes the thirteen students entering the evening division this semester. You will find the students and staff flattered at your requests for information and assistance. Please do not hesitate to ask us.

GRADUATE SEEKS DISTRICT ATTORNEY POSITION

Mike Easley has filed for district attorney in the 13th Judicial District which includes Columbus, Brunswick and Bladen counties.

Easley is now serving as chief assistant in the district where he has worked since receiving his law degree from NCCU in 1976. His wife, the former Mary Pipines, is an assistant district attorney in the 5th Judicial District. They reside in Southport.

Mike seeks election to fill the vacancy to be left by 72-year-old Lee J. Greer, father of Lee J. (Bubba) Greer, also an NCCU law graduate, assistant district attorney.

Al Pearl, '81, is an assistant district attorney in Atlanta.

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