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Unprecedented Weather Rocks the Legal Eagle Nest!

The Law School academic year 2002-2003 will go down in history as one unprecedented in terms of bad weather playing havoc with the Law School’s schedule.

The ice storm in December 2002 was the worst ever in North Carolina history. Students, faculty and administrators, of course, remember it for when it occurred: the day before fall semester finals were supposed to begin!

The Law School was without power for two days, and getting information out to students and faculty was difficult because so many people in the area were without power or phone lines for several days. Duke and UNC-CH law schools had similar communication problems, but those schools did not lose power in their law buildings.

January saw another bout of bad weather, this time, snow, and classes were suspended for a day as the Durham area was paralyzed once again.

Finally, most recently, Sunday and Monday, February 16 and 17, the “President’s Day Storm” hit the area. Originally feared to be another ice storm on the scale of the December event, this mini-ice storm nonetheless shut down the Triangle area and much of North Carolina with approximately an inch of frozen sleet and ice for two days.

As an added bonus of the bad weather, Tuesday, February 18, as students, faculty and administrators arrived at the Law School Building, they discovered a pipe had burst in the basement, and a few inches of water threatened to take over the entire floor. Students with basement lower lockers scurried to empty them.

These pictures show the Law Building crying out for renovation!

This weather-related event has prompted the delivery of this Weekly by e-mail for the first time to all of the students for whom we have current e-mail addresses. The reason is a practical one ... the student mailboxes are in the midst of a lot of water!

Spring, anyone?
Announcements for Graduating 3Ls and 4LEs!

1. Graduation Pictures are scheduled to still be taken Tuesday, February 18, 2002. The photographer will be here from 3:00 - 6:30 pm. We will see about scheduling another make-up day because of the bad weather... The sitting fee is $12.95. This cost includes up to four poses and one 11X14 color print of the entire class. All delivered within 65 days! Packages may be purchased from the proofs.

2. An interpreter for the hearing impaired will be provided for family members attending this year's graduation if needed. If so, arrangements need to made as soon as possible. Please contact Mike Navarro or email me_navarro@hotmail.com by March 1.

STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

All Student Leaders: You should each see Dean Lavelle about your budget requests which the SBA Executive Board reviewed two weeks ago so that you can properly plan for this semester. This is especially important if you plan to TRAVEL!

Academic Support: The Office of Academic Support will sponsor a workshop entitled "The Combination Exam: What It Is and What It Isn't" on February 24th at noon in the Moot Courtroom. Associate Dean Hill and Professor Green will discuss practical points for the Combination exam. Stay tuned. If you have any questions, please contact Attorney Perry or Attorney Potter. Thanks.

Tutorial Notice. Reminder to students who participate in tutorials in Classrooms 100, 102 and the Moot Courtroom. Eating or drinking (except in approved containers) - even water - is prohibited in these rooms. The rules are NOT suspended simply because a Professor is not present. Please remember that eating or drinking in these rooms is not only a violation of the Student Code, but it may also adversely affect our ability to hold tutorials in these rooms. Thank you.

FREE FOOD and a chance to win a FREE MBE Review! Join Kristi Bellamy, a MicroMash attorney mentor, for an informative session about the Bar Exam, MicroMash Bar Review, the Mentor Program, and the PASS NOW, PAY LATER GUARANTEE February 24, 2003 from 5:00-6:30PM in the Moot Court Room. See Kellie Chappell for details.

BASKETBALL STARS!

This winter, Assistant Law School Dean Steve Douglas ’82 coached his son Eddie's basketball team in a Raleigh Parks and Recreation League at Lake Lynn Community Center. Imagine Dean Douglas’ surprise when, on Saturday, January 18, he found his team up against a "red" team that had two familiar players!

Dean Douglas is shown in the picture on the left posing with his son Eddie (who does not appear too excited to be posing with girls!) and Amanda and Mary Austin Tugman, daughters of Sarah Tugman, Law School Director of Law School and Foundation Relations.

While the two teams had a heated battle, Dean Douglas' team came out on top. Dean Douglas admitted that the two girls played well and privately acknowledged that he intended to draft them on his team next year.