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Justices recall
their first dates.**

Cynic's Corner

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**SPECIAL
WEDDING
ISSUE!**

MOREOVER...
**Babes on
Death Row!**



Events

All Month: Black History Month

Feb. 11: SBA Fund Raiser. Chevy's 11:00 am to 10:00 pm.

Feb. 13: SBA Meeting 5:15-6:15

Feb. 13: Faculty/Student Coffee Break 4-6 pm.

Feb.14: Saint Valentine's Day

Feb 17: President's Day, no school

Feb 18: Pizza with the Dean, Day Session 12:30-1:30 in room 102

Feb 19: Pizza with the Dean, Evening Session 5:00-6:00 in room 112

Feb 20: Dallin Oaks Society speaker 12:00

Feb 20: SBA Meeting 5:15-6:15

Feb 21: CLS Speaker: Timothy Floyd

Feb 22-23: Pre-Bar Review Course

Feb 26: BSOL Pride Day

Feb 27: SBA/NV Bar Open Doors to Federal Courts with Judge Pro

Feb 27: SBA Meeting 5:15-6:15

Thanks to everyone who came to the last SBA social. About 50 Boyd Students showed up as opposed to 3 from McGeorge, and only 1 from Harvard. All had a good time relaxing, not thinking about school, and enjoying the SBA-provided appetizers. Due to the

liability of serving alcohol, the school does not provide drinks. Luckily, however, there is no such cholesterol liability, so appetizers were provided courtesy of the SBA.

Please keep a lookout for future SBA events and plan your schedules accordingly. Watch for updates in upcoming Dicta issues and the email list serve. If you have an event coming up next month, please put in Box 165 so we can get it in the next issue.



American Idol Update by Ryan Seacrest

American Idol visited Boyd School of law last month to see who would be the next Clarence Darrow. With a rather large, dare I say "Super," football game going on the same weekend, the city was packed with visitors. Of course, most of the visitors came, not to bet on the Super Bowl (Fine, I said it. Sue me.), but to witness the Clark County Bar Moot Court version of America's favorite new pastime,

Eliminating Contestants from Competitions. This Idol, therefore, was different from anything viewed on TV. Rather than our usual formula of Survivor cross-breeding with Star Search, we now had a love child of Survivor meets Court TV.

Backstage, the contestants were quite calm Friday night. Being friends, many of them practiced together, for nobody knew against whom they would argue until the competition started. Three rounds scheduled at 6:00, 7:00, and 8:00 would enable all participants to complete their auditions. Clones of Randy, Simon, and Paula volunteered from the local legal community to judge this year's event. However, in the interest of time and the fact that even Fox would not televise this, none of the contestants would be immediately dismissed from the competition. Rather, after each round of Friday's auditions, the contestants were sent home to await a call addressing their fates.

The first round was brutal. The Simons were in rare form that night. The comments ranged from "lose your accent" to "your attire is completely inappropriate for this type of work." Randy, however, was a bit more subdued, although he continued to

repeat the soon-to-be-indoctrinated-into-the-real-world student's names three times. Paula only cried twice. Once when after "May I please the court, I would like to sing 'A Moment Like This,'" and when the editor of this newsletter handed her roses during his rebuttal.

In the spirit of the legal industry, however, this Idol continued to try to separate itself from last summer's TV hit by having the judges ask questions during the auditions. Randy liked to throw softballs, but Simon threw splitters. Asking about the penalty for stealing videotapes in Alaska and why the judges should not even care.

The calls were made on Friday night, and 16 hopefuls were invited back Saturday morning. The 4 winners would fly to Hollywood and argue at the Kodak theater. However, that was booked with the reunion of Huey Lewis and the News, so last minute scrambling opened up the Federal Court Building for the final round. Simon was calm for the first round; apparently someone slipped Demerol into his Coke. But where is his suit today? Sure, it's Saturday, but the law students were dressed in their Sunday best. But Simon in jeans and sunglasses? Oh, the

pretentiousness! Those who argued at 9:00 waited around until the 10:00 auditions were finished. Finally, there was some drama with all the contestants together in the meeting room. Suddenly, American Idol turned into Survivor: "Hi, I'm Jeff Probst, and this is Survivor XXXVII from Las Vegas. Who will be voted off and who will return for another dip in the shark tank?"



One by one, the winners were called out. Some had to argue again at 11:30, and some were sent packing. By this time, however, the Demerol had worn off. Simon backed some contestants into a corner out of which he could not get. He proved the old adage, "Why do Lawyers wear high collar shirts with neck ties? To cover the foreskin, of course." I'm not saying he was brutal, but I would have rather been a defendant at Nuremberg than to face him. For the editor of this newsletter, constructive criticism was

taken to a new low. "You appear to have no understanding of how the law works" will take more than few days to shrug off.

It is said that in competition the cream rises to the top. Suffice it to say, that nobody will be pouring him into coffee anytime soon. Against this caliber of fellow law students, he was more out of place than Ron Jeremy at a NOW rally.

Others also felt Simon's sting. Those that knew the law in California were asked about Nevada. Those that knew Nevada were asked about Kansas. There was no pleasing casual Simon today. As the final 8 walked to the tribal council things went from bad to worse: It was close to noon and they ran out of bagels. The top four made it to the Kodak Theater inside the Federal Courthouse, with Assly Sayer taking home the big prize.

Thanks to the Society of Advocates for putting on quite a show. Especially Tabitha Fiddymment for not only being well organized, but for bringing the bagels.

EYE OF THE TIGER

Professor Grant is currently out for a few weeks after undergoing emergency eye surgery. For those who do not know, Professor Grant teaches Property and Property-related classes. Of course with a name like Grant, he had to teach Property. We wish him well in his recovery.

Campus security, Metro, and a committee from Boyd School of Law are still looking for the student or students who wished this on him. A spokesman for Metro has said under the condition of anonymity that they have not ruled out the possibility that this was gang related. He did not say, however, which campus organization was under investigation.

KUDOS

The ABA House of Delegates voted on Monday to grant Boyd School of Law full accreditation. Despite meeting in Seattle, the delegates granted us full accreditation. Special congratulations to Dean Morgan and his team for getting this done so quickly. No word yet how this will affect tuition.

TOP TEN

From the home office in Blackacre, Ohio, here are the Top Ten Valentines for Attorneys.

1. I'll never forget the moment you served me with papers. Please be my valentine.
2. Oral Argument.
3. Let's settle.
4. I hope we can engage in a little Discovery tonight.
5. Let's pretend you have a Search Warrant.
6. Tonight you argue off brief.
7. Appeal! Appeal! Appeal!
8. I'm looking forward to your Learned Hand tonight.
9. I've got the actus reus if you got the mens rea.
10. I'm claiming Fair Use.

NEXT MONTH

Professor Bryant on his new direction.

Favorite Breakfast Cereals of the Supreme Court.

Spring Break Study Destinations.

Spring Fashion Faux Pas.