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The Masons Return to the Final Four!

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While delivering a fairly impressive performance in our 15th (!) consecutive appearance in the Monroe County Public Library's VITAL Quiz Bowl, the Library's own Perry and the Masons (Ralph Gaebler, Dave Lankford, Dick Vaughan and Nonie Watt) proved once again we just cannot seem to win the Big One. Although it is true this was our third Final Four appearance in five years (hard to believe, given all the whining we've done over the years), we have yet to win the coveted winners' tee-shirts. Maybe next year – yeah whatever...

An annual fund-raiser, the Quiz Bowl supports the public library's adult literacy program while giving local contestants the opportunity to simultaneously impress their friends and embarrass themselves with their knowledge or lack thereof on all matters trivial. The first round saw us pitted against a team of high school students. Perhaps we're just really, really smart, or really, really fast, or maybe their buzzers were not plugged in. But in any event, we pulled off an impressive win with a score of 155-0.

The following night we returned to face the Bloomington Amateur Radio Club, comprised this time of three high school teachers and a very bright valedictorian. Although a much more competitive

match, we were able to pull away at the end thanks to Dave's amazing breadth of trivial knowledge. Who, other than Dave, would know that Cinderella's slippers were originally made from fur?

At this point, we are back in the public library for the third consecutive night and the Masons are growing a bit tired of the whole thing. No time to rest on our laurels though since tonight we face none other than La Forza Viola, the faux-Italian bicycle team whose membership includes the Law School's own Professors Bob Heidt and Joe Hoffmann. With a longer and much more illustrious history than our own, (they've actually won the whole thing!) we knew we needed to get serious. The questions came fast and furiously as the tension mounted. The lead switched back and

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forth like a ping-pong ball with no time to even stop and check the scores. When the final buzzer rang and we learned we had actually managed to pull off the win, our fans (all six of them) went wild.

With hardly time for a water break, we are now on to the Final Four against the latest incarnation of the Bolivian Eggheads, a group of polite/trash-talking dentists/brothers making their umpteenth appearance in the semi-final round. Our unfamiliarity with the finer points of knitting coupled with our team captain's exasperating habit of trying to answer questions before the moderator even finished reading them, got to be too much for us at last. While we gave it our best shot, our fur-slipped Cinderella team sadly reached the end of the road.

I would close by saying "we'll be back next year", but of course, you already know that.

NEW & NOTEWORTHY: SUMMER READINGS

You are done with all your classes, exams are behind you, and summer stretches out endlessly. What to do, what to do? Well how about a little reading that will keep you entertained, but also stimulates your legal brain cells.

Here are a few biographies that the Library has received over the past few months, all of which somehow deal with the law.



Bell, Madison Smartt. *Toussaint Louverture : a biography*. 1st ed. New York : Pantheon Books, c2007.
F1923.T69 B45 2007

Brawn, Dale. *The Court of Queen's Bench of Manitoba, 1870-1950: a biographical history*. Toronto : Published for the Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History by University of Toronto Press, c2006.
KE396.M3 B73 2006

Cook, Kerry Max. *Chasing justice : my story of freeing myself after two decades on death row for a crime I didn't commit*. 1st ed. New York : William Morrow, an imprint of Harper Collins Publishers, c2007.
KF224.C66 C66 2007

Cowley, Patricia F. *Thunder over Zion : the life of chief judge Willis W. Ritter*. Salt Lake City : The University of Utah Press, c2007.
KF373 .R52 C69 2007

Diggins, John P. *Ronald Reagan : fate, freedom, and the making of history*. 1st ed. New York : W.W. Norton & Co., c2007.
E877 .D54 2007

Harvey, Mark W. T. *Wilderness forever : Howard Zahniser and the path to the wilderness act*. Seattle : University of Washington Press, c2005.
QH31.Z34 H37 2005

In memoriam : glimpses from Indiana's legal past. Indianapolis : IBJ Custom Publishing, 2006.
KFI3512 .I52 2006

McMillan, James E. *Ernest W. McFarland : Majority Leader of the United States Senate, Governor and Chief Justice of the State of Arizona : a biography*. Prescott, Ariz. : Sharlot Hall Museum Press, c2004.
E748.M148 M37 2004

Noble purposes : nine champions of the rule of law. 1st ed. Athens: Ohio University Press, c2007.
KF353 .N63 2007

Oakes, James. *The radical and the Republican : Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln, and the triumph of antislavery politics*. 1st ed. New York : W.W. Norton & Co., c2007.
E449.D75 O15 2007

Rosen, Jeffrey. *The Supreme Court : the personalities and rivalries that defined America*. 1st ed. New York : Times Books, 2007.
KF8744 .R67 2007

Stebenne, David. *Modern Republican : Arthur Larson and the Eisenhower years*. Bloomington, IN : Indiana University Press, c2006.
KF373.L36 S74 2006

Thornton, W. W. *Isaac Blackford : the Indiana Blackstone*. [Indianapolis, Ind. : Indiana Supreme Court, 2005?]
KF373.B53 T56 2005

Witt, John Fabian. *Patriots and cosmopolitans : hidden histories of American law*. Cambridge, Mass. : Harvard University Press, 2007.
KF353 .W58 2007

Yunus, Muhammad. *Banker to the poor : micro-lending and the battle against world poverty*. Rev. and updated pbk. ed. New York, NY : PublicAffairs, c2003.
HG3290.6.A6 Y86 2003

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DONATE YOUR BODY TO SCIENCE

I am just finishing a semester of Basic Human Anatomy here at

IUB. This course involved four hours a week of lab time, with cadavers. We had two cadavers in the lab, one male and one female. We didn't know their names, but we were told how they died (in both cases, "Alzheimer's with accompanying failure to thrive") and the ages at which they died.

I will admit, I was very uneasy around the cadavers at first. But over the course of the semester, I got used to them. For our lab exams, we had to be able to identify various body parts (blood vessels, nerves, muscles, parts of organs, etc.) by sight on the cadavers. I quickly found myself focusing on learning these hundreds of different parts by sight and soon forgot that I was examining dead bodies up close.

Indiana University obtains cadavers for the education of students in medicine, dentistry, physical therapy, nursing, and other health professions through its Direct Donor Program. The program has been in place for more than a century, and it differs from the cadaver programs at many universities in that IU does not buy cadavers from brokers or middlemen. As a result, there is less likelihood of shady or questionable procurement or handling.

Interested Indiana residents can arrange before death to donate their bodies to the Direct Donor Program. After death, at no charge to the deceased's family, a funeral home transports the body to one of eight IU campuses. Medical students dissect the body, and anatomy classes learn from the dissected cadaver over the following year. Each October, a memorial service is held for all of the individuals whose bodies were studied over the past year. The bodies are cremated individually, then given to family or buried at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis.

To my pleasant surprise, all of my classmates treated the cadavers with the utmost respect throughout the semester. That's no small feat, given that the average age in the class was 19 or 20. I think we all realized how much we were learning from the cadavers (photos or a computer program would have been a weak substitute for the real thing) and just how generous the donors had been in making this gift to us and our future patients.

Liz Goldberg
Reference Librarian

SUPERLATIVES: THE VOTING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN JUSTICES

For a forthcoming article, I recently aggregated the co-voting matrices over the entire 50 years that the Harvard Law Review has been publishing such matrices in its annual review of the previous Supreme Court term. This provides some interesting insights into the frequency in which justices voted together. The tables below indicate the highest co-voting percentages as well as the lowest over the 50 year span of the dataset (1956 to 2006 terms).

I utilized the Harvard Law Review's O metric relative to the N metric. This is the number of times any two justices agreed in the main opinion of a case (O) relative to the amount of cases the two justices heard together for that particular term (N). The aggregate percentages are for the entire time the two justices served together.

The polemic nature of Justice Douglas is evident in the fact that he is one of the justices in each of the first six, lowest voting agreement percentages. Also, some have called Justice Thomas a "Scalia clone." In fact, there have been justices who voted together at a much higher percentage over the tenure of their time together on the bench. The voting agreement percentage between Scalia and Thomas for the time range of the dataset is 67%. This value is not even in the top 25.

Table 2: 25 Lowest Co-Voting Percentages Over 50 Years (1956 – 2005 Terms)

(Calculated from O & N data from the Harvard Law Review)

Rank	Justice 1	Justice 2	Percentage	Number of Cases Heard Together
1	O'Connor	Roberts	91	23
2	Warren	Marshall	88	178
3	Reed	Clark	85	40
3	Fortas	Marshall	85	132
5	Warren	Brennan	82	1406
5	Scalia	Roberts	82	78
5	Roberts	Alito	82	39
8	Warren	Fortas	80	391

THE SUGGESTION BOX

Every month in this space Associate Director Linda Fariss responds to a suggestion from the Suggestion Box.

Suggestion: Finals hours should begin when the reading period begins. Reading period marks when students begin to study for finals and the hours should reflect that.

Response: I think you make a very good point. The reading period is a relatively new concept at the Law School and I have not thought much about it. We will work to adjust our schedule accordingly next academic year. Thanks for the suggestion.

Rank	Justice 1	Justice 2	Percentage	Number of Cases Heard Together
9	Kennedy	Roberts	79	78
9	Brennan	Fortas	79	394
11	Thomas	Roberts	78	77
12	Bennan	Goldberg	77	308
12	Rehnquist	Kennedy	77	1670
14	Burger	O'Connor	76	790
14	Warren	Goldberg	76	308
16	Warren	White	75	770
16	O'Connor	Kennedy	75	1685
18	Souter	Roberts	74	78
18	Breyer	Roberts	74	78
18	Powell	O'Connor	74	888
18	Rehnquist	O'Connor	74	2669
18	White	Kennedy	74	688
23	Ginsburg	Roberts	73	78
24	Burger	Powell	72	2070
25	Reed	Warren	71	42
25	White	O'Connor	71	1694
25	Clark	Brennan	71	1169
25	Clark	White	71	537

Rank	Justice 1	Justice 2	Percentage	Number of Cases Heard Together
10	Brennan	Rehnquist	42	2706
10	Douglas	Whittaker	42	523
13	Black	Frankfurter	43	576
13	Marshall	Scalia	43	685
13	Harlan II	Goldberg	43	308
16	Stevens	Thomas	44	1266
17	Stevens	Alito	45	40
17	Black	Burton	45	222
19	Douglas	Stewart	46	1963
19	Frankfurter	Warren	46	587
19	Brennan	Scalia	46	565
19	Stevens	Scalia	46	1978
19	Marshall	Burger	46	2424
24	Black	Whittaker	47	515
24	Brennan	Burger	47	2440
24	Marshall	O'Connor	47	1462
27	Marshall	Kennedy	48	460

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(Calculated from O & N data from the Harvard Law Review)

Rank	Justice 1	Justice 2	Percentage	Number of Cases Heard Together
1	Douglas	Rehnquist	28	513
2	Douglas	Burger	35	792
3	Douglas	Blackmun	36	695
4	Douglas	Powell	37	495
5	Frankfurter	Douglas	38	588
6	Douglas	Harlan II	39	1633
7	Marshall	Rehnquist	41	2819
7	Douglas	Burton	41	231
7	Black	Harlan II	41	1628
10	Blackmun	Thomas	42	284

LAW LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS
May 14 - August 10, 2007

Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Res Ipsa Loquitur has been published monthly during the academic year since 1990, we believe that the time has come for a change in format. We look forward to bringing you the news from the Library in a new, and hopefully improved, way next year.

WORKING THE HALLS

Happy May Birthday to:

Ralph Gaebler on the 3rd
Jeanne Criswell on the 19th
Professor Fred Cate on the 20th
Professor Donald Gjerdingen on the 22nd



**Congratulations
Graduates!**