



TUITION DECREASE ANNOUNCED FOR FALL SEMESTER

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The American Bar Association has long been critical of Thomas M. Cooley and other law schools for being too "dependent on tuition." The Cooley Administration has taken the ABA's suggestions and decided to look elsewhere for financial support. Recently it was announced that President Don LuDuc struck a deal with Michigan Mogul and Republican candidate for governor Dick DeVos.

While some of the details are still to be worked out, an unnamed source in the administration outlined what is known at this point. DeVos, who made his fortune from Amway; a pyramid scheme that the US Government charged robbed many Americans of their money and hope, has a new format for his scheme that involves the internet. The new company called Quixtar, has already cost many average Americans their savings and it is becoming clear to the DeVos camp that he is going to have many new legal battles to fight.

Enter Cooley: LuDuc promised DeVos that in exchange for funding an endowment worth \$150 million, over the next decade LuDuc would have the tenured professor's work on his legal battles. DeVos upon learning that Cooley's Professors are among the brightest legal minds in the country and that Cooley pays its professors at a higher rate than other law schools was said to have realized that he was getting a bargain.

DeVos after reviewing several resumes was said to have asked for a particular professor by name, although the name has not yet been revealed, it is clear that the chosen professor was a Cooley graduate.

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COOLEY SCRAPS PLAN TO RENAME LAW LIBRARY LEDUC HORRIFIED, NEW BANNER READS *WELCOME TO HELL*

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In a surprising change of plans, the Thomas M. Cooley Law School has scrapped plans to rename the library, turning away a

large grant and disappointing a previously excited alum.

Robert Edwards, who graduated in 1978 and went on to make millions as a personal injury lawyer, approached Cooley about making a \$2 million grant to Cooley Law School in exchange for the school renaming the law library in honor of his grandmother, Harriet Edwards. Harriet Edwards was the first woman to be admitted to the Michigan bar from the Upper Peninsula.

At first most of Cooley were very excited about both the donation and the name change. However, the Chair of the Property Department was deeply disappointed, commenting, "There is no finer name for a library than Brennan!"

Dean LeDuc was initially enthused about naming the library the Harriet Edwards Law Library. He cited many of her fine accomplishments, including her well-known law review article explaining the vital nature of making sure the period at an "Id" is italicized and the comma after a case name is not. Her paper, spanning 11 pages and containing 937 footnotes, appeared in the very first edition of the Thomas M. Cooley Law Review and was highly influential in the development of the third edition of the Bluebook.

Student reaction was also very positive. As Rick Frank described, "This is the most honest act the law school has ever undertaken. Finally, truth in advertising." Most just thought it was hilarious. However, some first-terms simply wrote the library's new name down in their notebooks and asked if they would be expected to know it for the final exam of Intro. One student exclaimed, "This is one heck of a good idea."

Administration was surprised and pleased at the positive reactions of students, but did not understand why they thought it was so funny. Dean Charles Cercone commented, "We are very pleased with the support from the student body, but

frankly I don't understand why so many just start giggling. Harriet Edwards was a serious lawyer with many very serious

Robert Edwards. Edwards was quite disappointed, but understood the decision.

"As they say the devil is always



accomplishments."

Plans were developed for the use of the money. First and foremost, the library was going to replace the paper signs on the second floor indicating that there was no power in the cubicles, with permanent and professionally prepared signs.

Duane Strojny, Associate Dean for Library and Instructional Support, explained, "Having paper signs is extremely unprofessional looking and detracts from the overall library experience for the students." When asked why not use the money to actually power the cubes instead of getting professionally made signs, Strojny indicated that the decision was briefly considered because wiring the cubes would be cheaper than the improved signs, but that was dismissed.

"With the rise in the number of students wishing to use the library, keeping the cubes unpowered ensures that there is a high turnover. Once a student's battery dies he or she is forced to head home, freeing up the seat for another student. If we powered the cubes we might have students trying to study all day," he said.

Professor Buttrey said, "Law students spend too much time in the library as it is. They need to spend more time outside getting fresh air."

After making plans to spend the money and organizing a black-tie grand reopening, the plan was scrapped. The day prior to the official announcement, the administration was reviewing the banner that was to fly over the library, and Dean LeDuc finally understood the students' reactions and their overwhelming support for renaming the library the Harriet Edwards Law Library.

"We can not have a banner flying on a school building that says 'Welcome to HELL,'" he quipped

The money has been returned to

in the details," Edwards said.

The school has not yet decided how to get rid of two thousand copies of the library guide for first-terms titled "Your guide to HELL" or the fifteen hundred coffee mugs imprinted with "The official spill proof mug of HELL."

Likewise, Coolcat will not be being renamed to My HELL, as was previously underway as part of the portal upgrade.

NEW PROFESSOR TO JOIN THE COOLEY ELITE

by Verushka Alexander
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Cooley is pleased to report the addition of a new professor, James Roberts, who will begin teaching Trinity Term on the Lansing campus.

It's great news for Cooley students because Roberts is no ordinary professor. Indeed, there is something about Roberts that sets him apart from the rest of the pack. He is candid about his opinions and, like Einstein, quite childlike in his outlook on life.

Further, Roberts is one of only five test pilots for "Wayfarer or Work" (WOW), a federal program the government hopes to institutionalize in a year or two, depending how well Roberts and his cohorts work out.

Wheeee, I'm a test pilot!" screamed Roberts with enthusiasm. "Woohoo! I get to put on my Batman suit and fly off the garage roof. WOW. Oops. Shhh. They're not supposed to know that. But sometimes I do it when they're not looking. The feeling of flying is amazing. All Cooley students should try it least once. In fact, it might be homework for my classes."

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"Departing from the normal requirements that professors must possess top-of-the-class status and accolades upon accolades upon accolades, the federal government decided it was high time to give those less fortunate a chance to get a job in academia. Some WOW candidates were homeless at some point in their lives, which gives them a valuable and unique perspective on life.

Other WOW candidates simply don't have the normal mind power possessed by traditional professors. But the federal government has mandated that it would be discriminatory to deny these folks a chance. As a safeguard, the feds do impose strict standards. WOW candidates must possess a minimum I.Q. of 60, because anything lower than that probably wouldn't work out very well.

At first glance, you may not notice anything different about Professor Roberts. With his hair combed and his fly zipped, he looks pretty much like an all-around normal kind of a guy. But engage in a conversation with him, and you're in for the debate of your life. This will serve Moot Court and Mock Trial participants in good stead as it prepares them for the drama of the real-life courtroom.

"I am much honored to be part of the new WOW initiation, which gives regular Joes the chance to get a job, but my name

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Some professors have grumbled about the new deal and feel they shouldn't actually have to put effort to earn their paychecks beyond straining their voices in lecture and arbitrarily grading exams. One professor who wished to remain anonymous said, "I hope they will be paying us overtime."

It was announced that the \$150 million endowment would be used to lower tuition rates. Originally, the Cooley Administration had decided that to keep with its principle of being economically sound during the building process, the school would need to raise tuition each fall semester. Now, that Cooley and DeVos have reached an agreement tuition will be lowered to \$500 per credit hour until the year 3033. Both students and the administration seem to be happy with the new figure. Though some students question why it cannot be lower.

The overly critically ABA has also commented that Cooley should stop trying to expand through Michigan and use this new endowment to build on the Lansing campus. It added further that the endowment was not from a source that the ABA generally likes to see these programs set up through. The ABA official said that President LeDuc should consider speaking with traditional sources, like graduates, for other endowments, beyond Justice Brennan.

is Jimmy," said Roberts. "Without WOW, I'd be homeless again, no doubt about it."

Roberts, coincidentally, is a distant cousin of our country's new Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, John Roberts. Cooley's Roberts is the first to admit that his family connection with Chief Supreme Court Justice Roberts was a huge factor in getting Cooley's Roberts into WOW.

"Yeah, Johnny and me, we was real close buds in the '60s," reflected Roberts, a gleaming tear in his right eye trying its damndest to spill over his lower lashes and onto his stubbled cheek, where it planned to rest at the corner of his mouth and then decide where to go from there. "We played all the time together. I remember once I got him real good in the back of his head with a cow pie. Boy, that sure was funny! But then Johnny got this highfalutin attitude. I am shocked and amazed that Johnny gets to sit down on the job everyday behind a big desk. He's gonna get fat if he doesn't watch out."

Professor Roberts comes to Cooley straight from a stint in the JAG Corps where he was distinguished as one of the stupidest attorneys ever to have served as a JAG.

"It's great to excel at something," said Roberts, puffing out his concave chest with pride. "They were all jealous because I spoke my mind when everybody else was afraid to. What a bunch of JAGs!"

"I think someone else said it best when he said, 'I have opinions of my own—strong opinions—but I don't always agree with them,'" said Roberts, with a smug nod and a leering grin.

Cooley has not yet decided what subject Roberts will teach once he comes on board. There are so many choices. Roberts does profess a fondness for philosophy. He has studied the works of Aristotle, Nietzsche, Kafka, and other greats.

"Yeah, I read the philosophers of the ages. My favorite is Play-Doh," Roberts said, rather wistfully with his eyes searching the ceiling for the meaning of life. "Play-Doh once said—oh, I sure hope I get this right cuz it's hard to remember. Here. I'll read it from my notes. Okay, Play-Doh said, 'I know not how I may seem to others, but to myself I am but a small child wandering upon the vast shores of knowledge, every now and then finding a small bright pebble to content myself with.'

"Hah!" exclaimed Roberts, wrestling his eyes from the ceiling with monumental effort. "I'm even smarter than Play-Doh! I have a pet rock and he's a million times bigger than a pebble! His name is Henry.

"Ow! Hey, quit pinching me, Mom!" Roberts's stream-of-consciousness thinking will challenge Cooley students to think on their feet, preparing them for the time in the future when a mean federal judge peppers them with questions in a courtroom full of heckling spectators.

One Cooley student who, due to prevailing unusual circumstances declined to be interviewed, said, "I don't know if I'll sign up for his classes, but if it gets me an easy 'A', I'm in!"

Cooley administrative officials are still ironing out some loose ends with

respect to the classes Roberts will teach.

"Gosh darn, I sure hope I get to eat some torts!!!!!" yelled Roberts, his eyes rolling wildly and his mouth beginning to salivate. "And Wills. Because where there's a will, there's a way. Plus I sure would like to make out a will that leaves everything to me when I die."

DEAR VERUSHKA

Dear Verushka:

I realize that you are a figment of my imagination, but I simply must confide in someone before I go stark raving mad.

I am a professor here at Cooley. I could be male, I could be female. I'm not telling. I could be tenured, or I could be adjunct. I'm not telling. I could teach Tax, or Wills, or Con Law, or Crim Pro, or any other subject you can think of.

I'm not telling.

Here's the deal: There is a student in one of my classes who insists on sitting in the first row. Fine. But this person keeps winking at me. Now, I know I'm a darn, good-looking human being, and the wink thing was pretty exciting at first, but now I fear this student really has the hots for me, and this makes me uncomfortable. I know for a fact that my spouse would not be amused.

I don't want to report this person to Dean Timmer because I'm not sure it's an Honor Code violation to wink at somebody. Is it? Do you happen to know?

From, Troubled

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(You're going to need it)

invisible). In other words, maybe you are imagining things.

Of course, it could be that this person really does have the "hots" for you. Is that so bad? There are more troubling things in this world to worry about. So relax, will you?

So what if I wink at you in class?

Love,
Verushka

Happy April Fools Day!

Absolutely everything in the first two pages of this newspaper is fabricated. According to "Fabricated for Dummies," this means that all news-worthy events were made up and all quotes were made up. In fact, no interviews were conducted if the person even exists. Again, the quotes were made up without anyone's permission. The quotes do not in any way reflect the opinions of these people.

So, no, there is no tuition decrease for fall, no new name for the library in the works, no new professor by the name of James Roberts, etc. Or at least not that we know of! Oh, we also made up the winking student. There is no contest to guess the professor because there is no professor.

We hope you can all take a little joke in good humor. The articles in no way express the views or opinions of "The Pillar." They are simply a friendly joke aimed to put a smile on your face at such a stressful time in the term.

We assure you that everything in the following pages (1-18) is true, accurate, and well-researched.

Good luck with your finals, have a wonderful vacation, and have a laughter-filled April Fools Day!
— The Pillar Staff