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Notre Dame Law School
MARRIED ALUM TO BECOME CATHOLIC PRIEST

Rev. Scott A. Medlock, NDLS '83, a married, family man and a former United Methodist minister, has been granted permission by Pope John Paul II to be ordained a Catholic priest. The permission of the Holy Father came from Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, in a letter authorizing Archbishop Francis T. Hurley to ordain Scott. Bishop Hurley said, "It is now left to my discretion to set the time for ordination, a decision based on when Scott's preparation will be completed. There is every reason to forecast that the ordination will be in 1996."

Rev. Medlock did both his undergraduate work and his law work at Notre Dame. At Notre Dame, he met and married a Catholic student, Maria Elena Raaf. Father Hesburgh witnessed their wedding eighteen years ago. After receiving a Master's in Divinity from Duke in 1986, he became a Methodist minister and served as a pastor for ten years in Maryland. The Medlocks have three children.

NDLS ALUM LISTED AMONG WORLD'S LEADING LAWYERS

Euromoney Publications' GUIDE TO THE WORLD'S LEADING PROJECT FINANCE LAWYERS has listed among its honorees Harold F. Moore, NDLS '80. Hal, a partner at New York's Skadden, Arps, Meagher & Flom, concentrates on banking, corporate and project-finance transactions. He is involved in high-profile project financings worldwide, including Colombia, Indonesia, China, Russia and India. He represents banks, underwriters, developers, borrowers and issuers in many different phases of these financings.

Hal, who did his undergraduate work at Fordham, also earned a Master's and a Doctor's degree there. He taught philosophy at Notre Dame before embarking on his legal career. He frequently writes and lectures on project-finance matters.
MOOT COURT
FINAL ARGUMENT HELD

On February 9, the Forty Sixth Annual Moot Court Final Argument took place in the NDLS Courtroom. Presiding over the proceedings were Judge Michael S. Kanne of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit; Justice Elizabeth Lacy of the Supreme Court of Virginia; and Justice Frank Sullivan, Jr., of the Indiana Supreme Court.

Before the court was a case captioned $52,000 U.S. Currency v. United States, which raised, in the context of a forfeiture proceeding, issues relating to double jeopardy and excessive punishment. Arguing for the Petitioner were John Morrow and Michael Starzan, and, for the Respondent, Stephen McClain and Regan Wynn.

Mark Reuter and Gregory Shaffer serve as Executive Directors of the Moot Court Program this year. The Faculty Advisor is Associate Dean Walter F. Pratt.

WOMEN'S LEGAL FORUM HOSTS TALK ON BEIJING CONFERENCE

On February 7, in the NDLS Courtroom, Sister Tarianne DeYonker gave a talk concerning the International Women's Conference in Beijing, held during the summer of 1996. Sister Tarianne attended the Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Forum on Women, which was held in conjunction with the United Nations event. Sister Tarianne discussed the issues raised at the Conference. A reception capped the event, which was sponsored by the Women's Legal Forum.

NEWS FROM THE LAW LIBRARY

In late February installation and testing began on a new online catalog and automated circulation system. For several years the library has used the Innovative Interfaces Inc. (III) system for acquisitions, fund accounting and serials control while its online catalog has been operating on the NOTIS system, shared with the Hesburgh Library. Installation of the III catalog and circulation system will provide faculty and students with greater information on law-library collections and will make library operations more efficient.

The III system was originally designed for law-library use and is preferred by academic law libraries across the country. The law library will continue to enter cataloging records in the shared NOTIS system so that a complete record of university library holdings can be maintained, but it is anticipated that most law patrons will prefer to use the Innovative catalog. Automated circulation and the new online catalog will be available to patrons early this summer.

Roger Jacobs traveled to Hawaii in early February to serve as the librarian on the ABA inspection team at the University of Hawaii Law School.

Roger chaired the meeting of the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar Library Committee held in San Antonio in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools, January 4-8. He also led three roundtable discussions on the subject of library-director management of
law-school computing. Roger was also called upon to speak extemporaneously to a group of 100-150 library directors and deans on the subject of relations between central university computing offices and law schools when Larry Rapagnani (the Assistant Provost for Information Technologies at ND and the scheduled speaker) did not appear because of major national disruptions in air service.

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The library welcomed Janis Johnston back from her fall semester abroad. Janis has resumed her duties as associate director after teaching in the first term of our London Programme.

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Congratulations to Dwight King and Mary Hendrickson on the birth of a new baby girl, Madeline Clare. Everyone at the King/Hendrickson household is doing well.

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Laura Kinslow, mother of Ken Kinslow, died on January 30 in Philadelphia after a long illness. The funeral was held on February 3 at St. George's church in Philadelphia. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Kinslow family.

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On February 22, following a skiing accident, Lucy Payne had surgery to repair a broken nose, cheek and jaw. The surgery took place at Mercy Memorial Hospital in St. Joseph, Michigan.

Lucy was recently awarded a Jumpstart Grant from the Office of Information Technologies on campus as she attempts to convert many of the materials used in her Advanced Legal Resource Course to digital format using (probably) either the LEXIS "Folio" or the West "Premis" software. The $1000 grant will largely be used to engage a student research assistant to help her with this effort.

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Joe Rosenfeld published "Linux in the Law Office: An Efficient File Survey," in the ABA/UNIX/GROUP/NEWSLETTER.

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Congratulations to Priscilla Stultz of the access services department on completion of the Master of Library Science degree at Indiana University at South Bend in December.

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NEWS FROM THE LEGAL AID CLINIC

The Notre Dame Mediation Center, funded by grants from campus ministry and from the DuPont Foundation, began work in the Clinic's Howard Street building in January. It handled twelve cases in its first month of operation. Ten students are enrolled in a mediation clinic, working with the Center. The students observe and assist in mediation as well as conduct simulated A.D.R. situations and receive classroom instruction under Steve Morse, who both teaches the mediation seminar and directs the Center. Bruce Wells, NDLS '96, is
assistant director of the Center. Both Bruce and Steve have been certified as mediators under the Indiana Supreme Court Rules. Mediation hearings are conducted in the Center's office on Howard Street and on site in the St. Joseph County Superior Court.

Bill Hoye published "High cost of doing good: More law grads would enter public service with loan-forgiveness plan," in the January edition of the ABA JOURNAL.

Christine and Anre Venter welcomed a new baby boy, Elijah Jude, on February 5. Everyone is doing well. Congratulations!

NEWS FROM THE FACULTY

Gerry and Pam Bradley are the proud parents of Anna Catherine, born on February 17. Anna weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz., and was welcomed home by her two sisters and four brothers. Congratulations to the Bradley family on the new arrival.

The ARIZONA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW will publish Tex Dutile's article, "Law, Governance, and Academic and Disciplinary Decisions in Australian Universities: an American Perspective."

On February 16, Brigid Dutile was interviewed on BBC Television concerning her reactions to the IRA bombings in London.
On January 19, Jack Pratt conducted a Faculty Colloquium in which he discussed his research on the U.S. Supreme Court under the stewardship of Chief Justice Edward Douglass White.

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On February 16, at Regent University, Charlie Rice participated in a panel discussion of morality. The debate brought together several well-known liberals and conservatives. William Bennett, former Secretary of Education, gave the keynote speech for the conference.

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He also presided over the Final Round of the John W. Davis Moot Court Competition at the School of Law, Washington & Lee University, on November 9.

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NEWS FROM THE STAFF

Marlou Hall has been elected as the Law School’s representative to the newly formed Staff Advisory Council. The Council will provide a communications link between University administration and staff by bringing ideas and concerns of the staff to Council meetings, receiving information from the administration, and relaying that information to staff.

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Andrew Toth, father of former staff member Rosemary Reiter, died on February 8. The funeral was held at St. Matthew’s Cathedral on February 12.

NEWS FROM THE ALUMNI

Tom Clements, NDLS ’86, is leaving his football-coaching position at Notre Dame for a legal position in business. In 1973, Tom led the Fighting Irish to an 11-0 season, a Sugar Bowl victory over Alabama and a national championship. After earning a degree in economics, he played thirteen years in the Canadian Football League. While playing in the CFL, he completed his legal studies, graduating from NDLS magna cum laude. Good luck, Tom.

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N. Patrick Crooks, NDLS ’63 and a Circuit Judge in Wisconsin, is a candidate for the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Patrick did his undergraduate work at St. Norbert College. A judge since 1977, Patrick was a Finalist in 1993 for a Wisconsin Supreme Court vacancy. He has twice been a finalist for a federal judgeship. Patrick is married, has six children, and lives in Green Bay.

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On February 15, Kevin Michael Cummings, NDLS ’89, died of cancer.

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E. Lawrence Miller, NDLS '68, died in early February of a heart attack. He was President of Bradley Real Estate Trust in Boston. Born in Rockford, Illinois, he earned his bachelor's degree at Seton Hall University and an LL.M. at New York University. He was Chairman of the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts. He is survived by a son, Jamie, and a daughter, Erin. The funeral service took place on February 12 at Trinity Church in Boston.

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Martha Vazquez, NDLS '78 and a federal judge in New Mexico, was the subject of an article in the London Times on January 15. Entitled "Judge Reprieves Tame Buffaloes," the piece noted that Judge Vazquez delayed a buffalo hunt in New Mexico after legal action by Indian groups and animal-rights protestors. The planned hunt called for eight bulls to be hunted by local "sportmen" chosen by draw. Judge Vazquez required the state to conduct an environmental-impact study before any shooting of the tame animals.

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MISCELLANY

Sean Elliott, Jennifer Girard, Karie Holder, Phil Mohr, Paul Noonan, Catherine Singer, Lindsay Wilson, and Sheila Wynn represented the Law School in a trial competition in Chicago on February 1 and 2.