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## Students enjoy lighter side of the law

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CHARLOTTE — With midterms behind them and finals a month away, students got a chance to unwind, have fun and connect with other students and legal professionals last week as the Charlotte School of Law wrapped up its second annual "Law Week."

The week had many events from a chili cook-off, to a community fair, a round-table discussion on diversity with judges from the area, a legal ethics symposium, a movie and other activities.

Stephanie Barfield, the Vice President of Marketing for the Student Bar Association, explained that the week is based on "Law Day," an event run through the American Bar Association that was commissioned by President Eisenhower almost 50 years ago. It is meant to create awareness about the legal community.

CharlotteLaw expanded this idea into Law Week last year and continued the tradition this year.

"This year we have a bigger student body, more faculty and more students have participated," Barfield said, "Next year, on the new campus, we hope to open it up to the community and get more involved and educate some more."

Thursday was the community fair. It offered an opportunity for various organizations, including Kindermourn, the Mecklenburg County Bar's Volunteer Lawyers Program, the Latin American Coalition, United Family Services, to distribute information about their activities to students.

The fair also featured a caricature artist doing portraits of students and faculty, a pie booth where students threw pies at their professors and other activities.

For the pie booth, students donated five canned goods to the Second Harvest



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**SCOFFLAW:** Second-year law student Sarah Elliston puts a pie in the face of Professor D. Scott Broyles, who teaches constitutional law at Charlotte School of Law, on Thursday as part of Law Week festivities.

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Food Bank in order to throw a pie.

The professors serenaded the students with a rendition of, "I Studied Law and the Law Won" to the tune of "I Fought the Law (and The Law Won)." Students ate popcorn, learned about ways to help the community and enjoyed the afternoon.

Seth Chapman is a second-year CharlotteLaw student, who also attended last year's Law Week festivities.

"I think it's trying to be more creative and bringing in more opportunities to show who we are," he said. He enjoyed the chili cook-off and remarked that it was "probably some other people's favorite."

Like many others, he looks forward to next year when they host the event on their new campus, which the school is scheduled to move into later this year. 📺



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**CLASH WITH THE LAW:** Joining the ranks of artists from The Bobby Fuller Four and The Clash to John Mellencamp and the Dead Milkmen who have covered or parodied The Crickets' 1959 recording "I Fought the Law (and the Law Won)," CharlotteLaw professors, fronted by decoratively buttoned vocalist John Kunich, sing "I studied law and the law won" during Law Week activities on Thursday.