

THE COMMENTARY

Turns Out Law School Is Good For Friendships

The Non-Monetary Value of Law School, Continued

BY MARISA MANDOS
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In the September edition, we covered - albeit at a high-level - some intangible assets law students acquire from a legal education (namely: creative problem solving, communication skills, and persuasive ability). We thought we'd keep the positivity flowing because, let's face it 1Ls, you're going to need it pretty soon.

When I began brainstorming about what to write, I asked myself why I care about this topic in the first place. *I'm* happy with my legal education; *I* don't need convincing. Further, I have never been the first to hop onto a soapbox in hopes of forcing my views on others. (I don't know where to purchase a soapbox.) Yet still, I write. I write for a law school newspaper with a tiny audience. Why? Then, the "A-ha!" moment. I write because I am positive, happy, and hopeful. And I want my peers to be too. "How do you maintain such a demeanor while in law school," you ask? The answer might surprise you. Law school is partially responsible for my nauseating optimism.

In law school, we learn what matters, and why. Many people think we come to law school to learn what is "right," but in courses like Constitutional Law and Criminal Procedure, we quickly realize that task is not always possible. The important takeaway is that we learn the process of ascertaining *why* a policy, law, or everyday action can be justified as right. We learn about limitations, exceptions, and balancing competing interests. We acquire substantive information; but more importantly, we understand tests, processes, and rationales.

This skill has helped me to make complicated life decisions, refine my political views, and most importantly, to become a better friend. Many people believe that being a good friend entails always giving good advice, going to great lengths to show your pals how much they mean to you, and setting aside a substantial amount of time for friendship-related

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Because it's impossible to know 100% of the news...



Since the UC San Diego merger talks have been indefinitely placed on hold, the faculty have been focusing on internal change. Perhaps one of the most contentious issues on their docket has been California Western's grading system. Implemented back in the fall of 1983, the grading system evaluates students on a scale which tops out at 95. Twenty-nine years later, the scale is still in force, but its support is quickly eroding. **Story, page 3.**

The Defense of Marriage Act: Should it Stay or Should it Go?

What Does the Future Hold for Same-Sex Marriage in the United States

BY LEAH REEVES
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Passed in 1996, The Defense of Marriage Act, or DOMA, as it is commonly referred to, is one of the final barriers in the fight for marriage equality in the United States. Sections two and three of DOMA are currently being challenged as being unconstitutional because they deny over 1,100 federal benefits and protections to gay couples who were legally married in their respective states. This may seem trivial to some, but the benefits that these couples are denied are significant and include over 1,000 benefits and protections, including, but not limited to: spousal benefits, spousal disability benefits, lump-sum death benefits, and even survivor benefits. Same-sex couples are not allowed to file their taxes jointly, they cannot take unpaid leave when they need to care for an injured or sick spouse, and they are not entitled to family health and pension benefits as federal civilian employees.

What this equates to is this: say that Mary and Jennifer were legally married in New York, and both are retired. Later, Mary comes down with a debilitating illness and later succumbs to this

illness and dies. A heterosexual surviving spouse would be able to collect Social Security survivor benefits, but due to DOMA, Jennifer would not be able to collect these same benefits. Jennifer would only be entitled to her own Social Security income and would not be allowed access to any of Mary's income or benefits. It should be reiterated that equality goes well beyond the right to "get married" to someone of the same sex.

Gay marriage is currently only legal in the following states: Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont, and the District of Columbia. In addition, Maryland and Rhode Island will recognize same-sex marriages from other states, though they do not allow same-sex couples to legally marry in their state. Some states offer state-level benefits to same-sex couples in the form of civil unions, domestic partnerships, and other similar measures, though those same couples still

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ABA Rules to Improve Accuracy of Job Stats

ABA Updates Employment Reporting Requirements

BY GRACE GARNER
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On August 6, 2012, the American Bar Association's House of Delegates approved changes regarding law school reporting of consumer information. The ABA's Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar governs the way that law schools report employment statistics, attrition rates, and scholarship information. And to make sure schools know they mean business, the new rules allow the ABA to hand down sanctions for noncompliance – even if that noncompliance is quickly remedied.

The new rules, introduced as amendments to Standard 509, have been modified to hold schools to a higher standard. Standard 509 now mandates law schools to report consumer information accurately. The information must not mislead a reasonable law student or applicant. Standard 509 now requires schools to report accurate statistics regarding conditional scholarships, attrition rates, number of full-time and part-time faculty and administrators, academic requirements, and employment outcomes.

The most expansive addition to Standard 509 is the public disclosure of employment outcomes – no doubt fueled by the recent national litigation regarding law schools' misleading employment statistics. The addition requires law schools to timely report employment statistics on their websites. These statistics must be accurate and must include the prior three years of graduating classes.

The Law Student Division overwhelmingly supported the amendments to Standard 509.

In an economy and employment climate that requires much thought and deliberation regarding decisions as large as education and loan debt, law students of today and tomorrow have much more information to work with than they did one year ago. This is a win not only for us, but also for those who follow in our footsteps.

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LETTERS FROM THE EDITOR



BEN PEZZNER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

You may have noticed the gigantic 95 on the front page. If you haven't, then you're one of those peculiar people who likes to read things from the middle. That's so odd.

Last spring, *The Commentary* published a series of articles on California Western's unique 95-point grading system. The response has been incredible. It started with positive feedback from faculty members who agreed that an update in the system has been long overdue. The conversation continued with discussion among the student body, various faculty committees, and new dean candidates. The momentum continued this fall when a group of students formed an organization and started a movement (page 3). As this paper goes to print, petitions are being signed, meetings are being held, and for the first time in many years, it seems as though there is change on the horizon.

Change is afoot for *The Commentary* as well. For years, this paper served as a newsletter for SBA. Its content consisted of mandatory submissions from SBA members and advertisements for SBA events. While we are still an SBA committee, the paper has morphed into something more. I mentioned last month how our goal for this year is to open up *The Commentary* to

the student body as a whole. This month, I am pleased to report that we are more than a quarter of the way to our goal of having 100 contributors, and this is only our second issue!

Greater diversity in authorship brings a more interesting mix of articles and a larger audience. But most importantly, it bolsters the legitimacy and effectiveness of the paper to make real differences in the lives of students. The grading system may be the issue of the day. But what will tomorrow bring? I leave that up to you, oh faithful *Commentary* reader.

On a final note, some special thanks are once again in order. First, Managing Editor Grace Garner has taken the reigns this month while I have been preparing for the Patent Bar. If you haven't given Grace a high five, a burrito, or \$5 yet, you should think about doing one, or all, of those things. Somehow, in the middle of all those hours Grace spent laying out this issue, she managed to find time to blow up 432 balloons and fill the office with them upon my passing of the Patent Bar. When can I take that thing again! And lastly, our team of Associate Editors has really stepped it up this month. A special thank you to Dennis Bayramoglu, Sarena Kustic, Marisa Mandos, Brenna Miller, Mitch Miller, Leah Reeves, and Daniel Wade.

Enjoy the issue, mokay.

Benjamin Pezzner



GRACE GARNER
MANAGING EDITOR

Creating a newspaper layout is hard. Creating a newspaper layout without the help of your sidekick is even harder. The initial layout for this issue of *The Commentary* was largely created by me. With Ben studying for the Patent Bar, I was left to go at it alone. The good thing is, I love working on the layout. With a latte in hand and Sigur Ros playing on Spotify, the long hours were fun.

Trying to determine what design looks best is a lot like picking out the perfect outfit. Photos are moved from left to right just as bangles are replaced with a chunky bracelet – everything in flux, until finally, voila! The perfect layout. While I am capable of doing it on my own, I find the paper can become more creative and beautiful when another person is present. Thankfully, after months of studying, Ben passed the Patent Bar (wooooo!!) and arrived to help

me out with the final edits. And voila! The October issue!

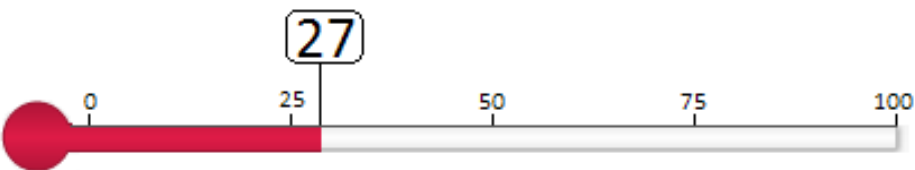
We had a record number of submissions this month. There were many great articles to choose from, and sadly, not all of them made the cut. Not for lack of interest, simply for lack of space. Don't worry though, the articles will show up in a future issue.

Some favorite articles of mine are the History of the 350 Building (page 6) and Life After the Bar (page 9). I love the way Mitch writes about the intricacies of our school's rich history, and Rebecca tells a beautiful story about rediscovering herself after the bar. You'll also see some new content on the entertainment page; draw your best funny face! Plus, *The Artichoke* features the most hilarious and subtly erotic article about law school fetishes (page 10). It will make you cry with laughter and leave you wondering if the lobby is the most appropriate place to be reading such smut.

I hope you enjoy this issue. I am grateful every day that I am able to share *The Commentary* with each of you.

Grace Garner

Help *The Commentary* reach its goal of 100 contributors!
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The *Commentary* holds open meetings every Wednesday at 5:15 on the 4th floor of the 350 building.
Join us for an hour of fun. Seriously. We are super cool.

POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT

“Your latest issue was sick!
Totally awesome: informative, provocative, and as professional a layout as any Olympian gymnast. Kudos especially to Ben, Grace, and Marisa. Cheers!”

-- Prof. Campbell

“Congratulations on the new issue of *The Commentary*! Still haven't been able to find my name in the word search, but I'm frequently lost so it seems appropriate.”

--Prof. Austin

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

August 30, 2012

Like many students in the first week of the trimester at California Western, I decided to grab the newest issue of *The Commentary*. As I flipped through the pages of the September 2012 issue, one particular article caught my eye, and not for a good reason. “Floppy Hats and Fried Butter” outlined summer events hosted by California Western's SBA. Among the events was horse racing at the track in Del Mar.

Let's take a look back to last year at the track. At least 10 horses died last year at Del Mar, either from training or race related injuries. As of the date of this letter, eight horses have died at Del Mar during the 2012 season. Is this the type of industry that deserves SBA support and dollars?

I find it disturbing that SBA would sponsor events around horse racing, an industry (it is not a sport) that routinely profits off the throw away culture regarding horses. While some may find it fun to don a floppy hat and watch those amazing creatures run for their lives (literally), there is a much darker side of the horse racing world that supporters seem to either ignore or brush off.

As a California Western student, I am deeply concerned and disgusted that our school would support an industry like horse racing. San Diego is an amazing area, offering up almost anything you want. I hope in the future SBA looks elsewhere for its events.

- Danny Horen, 3L

The Annual **Halloween Auction** is drawing near!
Beware of things to come:

Silent and Live Auction Hosted by Prof. Glenn Smith

***Commentary* Costume Contest**

The winners will be featured in *The Commentary*
And SO much more!!! Be there... if you dare!

CAMPUS NEWS

Marriage Act

From DOMA on page 1

will not be able to receive federal benefits as a consequence of DOMA. Not to mention that their relationship will not be recognized as valid by the majority of other states if they chose to move. So unfortunately, they will not enjoy state-level benefits in most states, nor benefits from the federal government.

One organization that has been working on challenging the constitutionality of DOMA is the Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, also known as GLAD. You can find out more about what their organization does at glad.org. GLAD estimates that there are 3.1 million people living in the United States as part of a same-sex couple. Another organization that is on the forefront of the fight for equality is the Human Rights Campaign, or HRC (see hrc.org for more info). Their organization works in conjunction with the Americans for Marriage Equality campaign, where the groups lobby for the Respect for Marriage Act, or RMA, which acts to repeal DOMA, thus giving all of the same rights to same-sex couples as are enjoyed by heterosexual couples. HRC's website states that currently, "51 percent of voters oppose DOMA while 34 percent favor it. Independent voters, who were instrumental in the Republican House takeover, oppose the law by a 52 percent to 34 percent margin. Additionally, when read statements for and against defending DOMA in court, 54 percent of voters oppose the House Republicans' intervention, while only 32 percent support it."

HRC's website also clarifies some of the many issues that people have been concerned with pertaining to the overturning of DOMA, and states: "The bill does not require states that have not yet enacted legal protections for same-sex couples to recognize a marriage. Nor does it obligate any person, state, locality, or religious organization to celebrate or license a marriage between two persons of the same sex. This legislation only requires the federal government to equally apply its policy of looking to the states in determining what legal relationships are eligible for federal benefits."

Currently, the Supreme Court has been petitioned to hear the following cases against DOMA: Gill v. Office of Personnel Management, consolidated with Massachusetts v. United States Department of Health and Human Services, Golinski v. Office of Personnel Management, and Windsor v. United States.

According to marriageequality.org, "Significantly, the United States Justice Department has decided not to defend DOMA in court because it believes DOMA is unconstitutional." Also, that website adds, "On 8 July 2011, the Federal District Court in Massachusetts ruled Section 3 of DOMA unconstitutional in a summary judgment opinion. 699 F. Supp. 2d 374 (D. Mass., 2010). On 31 May 2012, the First Circuit Federal Court of Appeals affirmed the district court decision, holding that DOMA's exclusion of legally married same-sex couples from the federal rights and responsibilities that come with marriage violated the United States Constitution."

For further information, visit marriageequality.org, which gives a nice summary of the status of these current cases as they are navigating through the court system, and includes plenty of links to related information. There are also additional cases listed on that website that are going through the court system, but which have not yet been appealed to the Supreme Court.

Grading Scale Debate Continues

A Student Perspective on the California Western Grading Scale

BY ADAM GRANT
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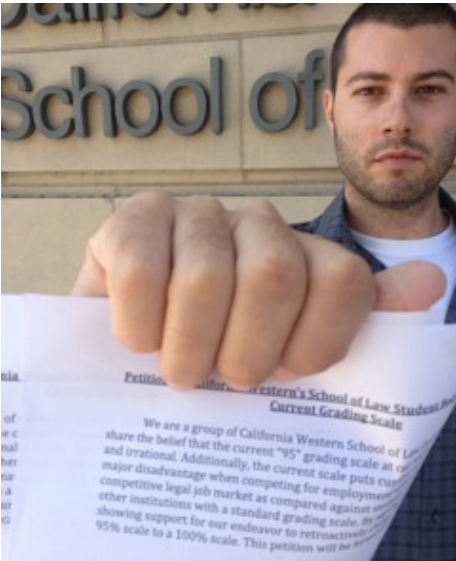
When I first came to law school, I must admit I was not too familiar nor did I give much thought as to how a grading scale worked. I just assumed that at a recognized institution, common sense ideals would already be in place. It wasn't until I got my grades that the existing grading scale really hit me. I started to wonder why I was not being held to the same standards as people I would one day compete against in the job market. This frustration led me, Pat Meehan, and the student org SMATT to create the action committee "What Law School Grades Ought to Be." The title naturally developed after seeing our school's motto etched in glass above the second floor stairway. It just seemed so off base.

Shouldn't a school want to give its students the most competitive edge possible? By holding us to a 95 scale, every interview outside our school's recognition requires a grades explanation and a discussion of what our grades really mean in comparison to other schools around the country. Upon creating the committee, things started out slow. As we attempted to further our base, it was apparent that most people agreed but simply did not care to act. We created a facebook page, which seemed the obvious first step of the process, but it wasn't

until meeting with the Dean and eventually hearing promising stories of change from within, that our page took off. There was a two-day period, in fact, where we received about 35 joining members.

In seeing our goals come to fruition, it was important to make it equally known that we were also advocating for the change to be done retroactively. Not only had other schools made similar curve changes (sometimes for other reasons, sometimes for the same), but they had also done so retroactively and seen success. Numerous articles from the New York Times and NPR have described how many big name schools have approached grade changes in the same way: retroactively. Loyola, after all, had just substantially changed their grading system and schools like Tulane, Georgetown, and New York University were also making grading scale changes. What is the point of advocating such a change if I will still need to go into a meeting and explain the small print on the back of my transcript, providing it's not filtered over in the first place? It seems only obvious that the goal of having the system changed will be pointless if it does not affect current and past students.

All in all, the experience has been great. The defining moment came when my research first began and an article published in this very paper actually spelled out how the 95 curve had come into effect in the first place - an antiquated notion that no student could know 100% of the law. It was more comedic than anything else. In my



Members of SMATT are circulating a petition in support of changing the current grading scale.

meeting with the new Dean, we both kind of chuckled at this fact, and I asked, "Really? Even if something like that could have made sense, how could it still reasonably be maintained for this amount of time? Isn't there common sense anymore?"

The disadvantage that we face still exists, but luckily our facebook page and the work of other concerned students have begun a process that hopefully yields a common sense outcome: level the playing field so that we can compete equally amongst our peers. For more information, please see our page and join in our efforts for a retroactively applied 100 point scale.

<http://www.facebook.com/whatlawschoolgradesoughttobe>



Introducing: New Media Rights!

New Media Rights (NMR) is a nationally recognized digital rights clinic that provides one-to-one legal services, regulatory comments, and educational resources in the areas of internet, media, intellectual property, and public interest law. Just this past July, we were thrilled to officially become an independently funded program of California Western School of Law. California Western students assist clients including independent filmmakers, website operators, software developers, and journalists.

Invite us to come speak to your organization or class

We regularly give presentations on internet, media, communications, and intellectual property in the San Diego region as well as around the country. We'd love to come share our work with your organization or class, and/or talk about how you or your students can get involved with New Media Rights as a member of the California Western community.

What kinds of experiences do students receive with New Media Rights?

CWSL students receive hands-on experience in "new media-related" practice areas that they might not otherwise get in San Diego. Regardless of whether students plan to become internet or media attorneys, they will certainly encounter some of the issues they are exposed to at NMR in modern legal practice. Students help clients with an array of issues, including:

- Copyright & online publishing
- Use and reuse of copyright protected works and trademarks
- Responding to and drafting DMCA takedowns, DMCA counter notices, cease and desist letters, account terminations
- Pre-publication review of online video and documentaries
- Ownership and authorship between creative and business partners
- Intermediary liability - Advise websites and mobile apps regarding limiting liability from the actions of third party users. (Particular focus on federal DMCA & CDA 230)
- Creative Commons licenses & Open Source software licensing questions
- Drafting / Analyzing agreements including Terms of Use, Privacy Policies, Assignment Agreements, and Independent Contractor Agreements

How you can get involved

We're thrilled to be part of the California Western community! Contact Art Neill or Shaun Spalding at 619-591-8870 or support@newmediarights.org to find out how we can collaborate! We're looking for students for next trimester for both Federal Work Study and Clinical Internship opportunities. Visit our website at <http://newmediarights.org> to learn more.

KEEP ON READING

Adventures at the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office

Part II: A Tour of the USPTO with General Counsel Bernie Knight

BY BEN PEZZNER
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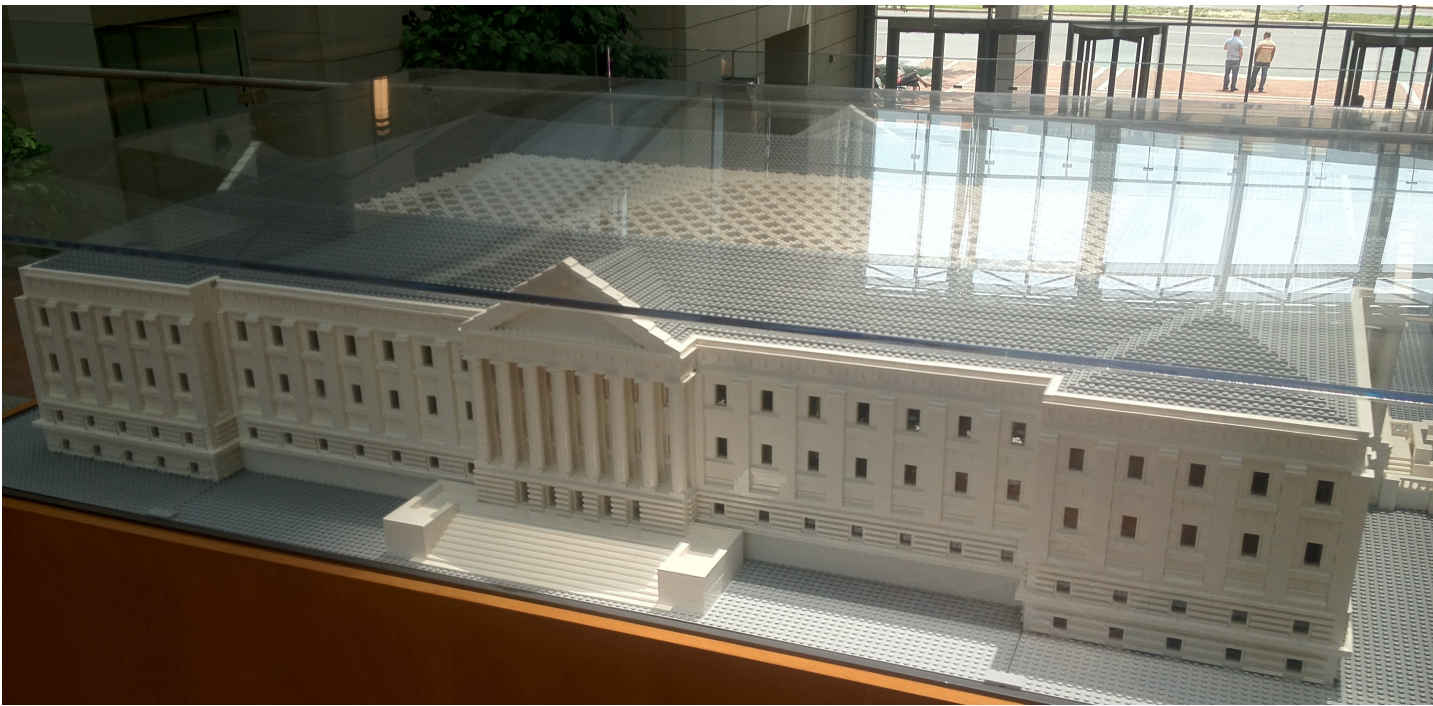
It's my first time setting foot in the Patent Office and I have a mission. Get my fingerprints taken, then explore. Have an adventure. See what I can see.

As I place my fingers on the electronic fingerprint reader, I resist the urge to make a patent joke. Somehow, I'm sure they've all heard, "I wonder if this thing is patented?" many times before.

Onto the next task. Check out the museum. I meet Helena, the almost-retired museum curator who moved from Santa Barbara when her husband got a prestigious job in DC. Helena is very nice. She plays the welcome video for me. But this being the Patent Office, the welcome video is actually a bunch of portraits on a wall that start talking to each other, and then to me. ("I think we've been framed!") David Kappos, the Director of the Office (the head honcho, appointed by President Obama to run the agency) is accompanied by Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, Thomas Edison, Helen Free, and Steve Wozniak. It's a good thing the Woz is there to keep Thomas Edison in check, or else Edison would never stop talking about his 1300 patents. Also, I find it interesting how the Thomas Jefferson portrait has such a hard time accepting the fact that women can invent things too. Hopefully Helen Free, who developed home testing for diabetes and has been inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame, has been able to bring Jefferson (and his present-day counterparts) up to date.

After the portraits are finished, I have another quick chat with Helena. She tells me to go to Whole Foods on Thursdays to pick up the weekly edition of *The City*, where I can find things to do that only locals know about. Locals and, now, readers of *The Commentary*. I say goodbye to Helena and find a couch to sit on.

The Patent Office has free wifi for its



A Lego replica of the Old Patent Office Building inside the atrium of the current Patent and Trademark Office. There must be millions of tiny lego patents inside.

guests, so I decide to open up my laptop and send a few emails. The first email is to Bernie Knight, General Counsel of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office (the attorney that represents the entire agency). Bernie came to California Western to speak at a symposium that I did some research for, so I got to meet him afterwards. He told me to let him know when I was in town so he could take me out to lunch. So I decide to take him up on that offer. Maybe he could even give me a tour...

As I open up my laptop, I hear his voice. What are the odds? 10,000 employees and Bernie just happens to be walking by my couch in the atrium? I look over and it is him. He has just finished a conversation and his group has parted ways. "Bernie!" I shout, as he is walking away. He turns around, looking slightly puzzled. "Ben Pezzner, California Western School of Law – you spoke at our IP ADR Symposium and asked me to email you to set up a lunch..."

"Oh yes, Ben! Glad to see you've made it out!" Potential awkward situation averted. "What are you doing right now? Can I take you up to the tenth floor?" It's a good thing I dressed up today.

I don't have my badge yet, but Bernie

gets me past security and whisks me up to the tenth floor. Going up to the tenth floor at the Patent Office is like seeing the Principal. Or better yet, it's like going backstage after a concert to meet the musicians. The musicians and orchestrators of the Patent & Trademark Office include the Director (David Kappos from the portrait gallery), his Deputy Director, the Commissioners, the Associate Commissioners, and the attorneys that work for Bernie Knight.

We walk into Bernie's office first. It is a corner office overlooking the Potomac, with big windows, nice furniture, and an abundance of open floor space. "Not bad, huh?" I nod my head in agreement.

He then walks me down the halls, shows me the various conference rooms, and takes me into several other offices. It's the lunch hour, so most of the Commissioners are out. But we look around their offices anyway. The Commissioner for Trademarks with some hand-selected trademarks adorning her walls. The Commissioner for Patents with patents decorating her walls.

We visit Mr. Kappos' office. Unfortunately he is out too, but I notice he has a guitar-related patent on his wall. My first patent just issued a couple months ago, and

it was for a guitar that uses touch sensors instead of strings. I make a note to ask him about his patent the next chance I get to meet him in person.

Bernie introduces me to some of the attorneys he works with and proceeds to set up lunches with them. Each person I meet is incredibly nice and very welcoming. How can this be? I'm just one of 80 or so interns that will be working there this summer. I'm not even out of law school yet. I feel like I am just very lucky to have met Bernie. And that wouldn't have happened if I didn't get involved in a research project with Professors Barton and Cooper, who ended up introducing me to Bernie. It's funny how things work out.

As we walk back to Bernie's office so I can collect my backpack, he tells me to let him know when I'm back and the internship has started so that we can have lunch.

"Oh yeah, and I need to bring you up here again while everyone is here so you can meet the rest of us."

And thus ends my first day at the Patent Office. I proceed to the courtyard, thinking about how I am going to tell everyone about what just happened. Perhaps a *Commentary* article?

Non-Monetary Value of Law School: How I Became a Better Friend

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ed activities. These qualities are not always practical and - I believe - not necessarily consistent with flawless companionship.

If you're like me, your friends frequently ask, "What should I do?!" Unless the question is dire ("My apartment is on fire, should I go in?") and the answer is clear cut ("Absolutely not."), do not be so quick to suggest a plan of action. Instead, ask them about the situation and the alternative courses of action. Press them on what's important and why. Encourage them to evaluate the short and long term consequences of each option. Actively listen to their answers; you'll probably learn something. I'm not telling you to get totally Socratic; give your opinion when it is valuable and necessary. But chances are, your pals won't find themselves in so many quagmires if they are making educated, thoughtful decisions of their own.

You might be wondering how law students even have time for personal relationships. If you are wondering this, may I take a moment to point out that you are reading a newspaper instead of studying?

(Just kidding, keep reading!) Ironically, although law school seems to have gobbled up all your time, it has also taught you how to manage said time. At this point, most students have set aside time to read, outline, apply for jobs, draft oral arguments, etc. These priorities are just that: priorities. If you want to succeed, you have to get the work done.

Likewise, in order for a friendship to

succeed, it must be nurtured. Don't blow off your Scholarly Writing seminar because your friend had a bad day and wants to meet for a drink. But it is not unreasonable to pencil in 15 minutes to give him a buzz to check up on him. The sentiment is just as meaningful (yet less time-consuming). Further, be honest about your time constraints. If you really don't have 15 minutes, just say so. It's better to be honest than half-

present. The point is: do *something*. Not everything, just something kind. Make time to make small gestures. Often, the effort and investment is minimal, yet the reward is significant.

These suggestions sound simple and, really, they are. Before I came to law school, I was very interested in this whole "kindness" thing; I tried hard to be a good friend. I stayed up late giving advice. I partook in one too many obligatory "GiRLs NiGhTs." Embarrassingly, I exclaimed, "You should *totally* break up with him!" quite a few times. But is that the behavior of a Reasonably Prudent Friend? Probably not.

Spending over two years in law school has taught me how to make my friendships more efficient, more effective, and more meaningful. So in the unlikely event that you get nothing else out of your legal education, try to practically apply the processes you've learned. Use balancing tests. Don't judge until you have all the facts. Be objective. Be honest. Be courteous. Keep calm, and think like an RPP. Your friends will thank you, and you'll likely end up happier.



Only true friendship smiles like this. Pictured (left to right, bottom row): Conor Flahive, Marisa Mandos, Adam McCall, Kyle Pederson. (left to right, top row): Alex Price, Jake Gibbs, Jonathan Fuller, Ryan Hulsey.

CAREERS AND SUCH

Shake, Rattle, & Roll Your Way to an Excellent Interview

Use These Tips to Bring Your Interviewing Skills to a New Level

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Let's face it: law job interviews can be stressful, especially for the uninitiated. Now that the fall recruiting season is upon us, many of you have already or will soon interview for legal internships or post graduate positions. So, why do employers interview? Isn't your brilliant cover letter and resume enough to convince them that you are the perfect candidate? Not likely.

Employers interview simply because the information presented in your application materials only presents a "snapshot" of the candidate, which by its nature cannot accurately reflect the entire person. Meeting a candidate allows the interviewer to confirm his or her initial impressions as to your qualifications and to evaluate how you will perform tasks, respond to clients, and how well you will fit in and work with the rest of the team. Keep in mind that an interview is nothing more than a focused "conversation." As such, students need to express their value and indicate what sets them apart from other candidates. The following tips should increase your chances of a successful conversation:

1. Have a plan before you apply.

The last thing an employer wants to hear from a candidate is "I am exploring my options." This sends a message that you don't know what you want, which they will interpret to mean that you may or may not like the work you will be assigned, and thus, might be a less than productive intern. Even if you have not yet identified your ultimate career path, for the purpose of the interview, demonstrate that you have an



The talented Career Services staff. From left to right: Matt Lab, Karla Barnfield, Jocelyn Salvatori, Courtney Miklusak, Robin Lake, Noelle Dorman, Asha Wilbun, and Wanda Harvey-Amoke.

identified career plan in mind, preferably, a specific type of work environment and intended areas of practice. This will convey a message of confidence and purpose, which translates to "productive intern."

2. Sell yourself.

At its core, the practice of law is about selling something, although we call it advocacy. Litigators sell arguments to judges and juries while transactional attorneys sell their client's (advantageous) posture to opposing counsel. Now is your opportunity to sell yourself and show the interviewer that you have the ability to advocate. You've worked hard in school and in life; share your accomplishments! Pick a few skills, attributes, or accomplishments you want the employer to know about you before you leave the interview. Find examples from your resume or other life experiences that support each of your attributes and make sure you speak about them.

3. Research the employer.

In short, conduct your due diligence. Know the employer (and interviewer(s)) and what they do. With all the information available on the Internet today, there is simply no excuse for a candidate who lacks

this knowledge. One of the most important and common questions an interviewer will ask is, "Why do you want to work with our organization?" If you do your research, you will be able provide a rock star response to this question.

4. Tell stories.

Back up general statements with a short anecdote. Stories are effective sales tools because they are memorable and demonstrate a skill that lawyers need in practice. Think about compliments your previous supervisors gave you or about the work you did that was special or interesting. When you tell the story you are engaging the interviewer and you feel more confident and relaxed. The best interview is one that flows like a conversation!

5. Practice.

Interviewing gets easier with practice. While thinking about what you will say is a good first step, to be best prepared, you must practice responding to questions out loud in a setting that simulates some of the nervousness you will feel at the real interview. A mock interview should accomplish this, and we can help you through it. We will prepare practice questions for you that

are tailored for each particular employer. You can have a career advisor, friend, or family member ask you the questions. For those questions that you don't answer smoothly, keep practicing them until your answers flow easily.

6. Focus on transferable skills.

Many students fear if they pick one type of law or specific opportunity for an internship, they will be stuck in that field or have closed off other options down the road. This is untrue. You will build transferable skills no matter where you work. The key is to find an opportunity that genuinely interests you, but even if you pick an internship in criminal law this trimester and decide later that you want to practice civil law, at that interview you will tell the prospective employer about the transferable skills you gained (court room experience, advocacy, research, and writing) instead of the substantive criminal law you learned.

7. Be prepared.

Bring a resume, list of references, writing sample, grade sheet – anything the employer could ask for. Be prepared to discuss your resume and writing sample. Be sure to have questions to ask the employer. Asking questions demonstrates that you are interested in the position. Be flexible in setting interview times. Be early, bright, proactive, and appreciative.

8. Appearance.

While it is very important to distinguish yourself, it is not advisable to express your individuality with your wardrobe, hair or adornments. The legal community is conservative and you do not want your wardrobe to be a topic of later discussion for an employer. Although employers may have different dress codes, err on the conservative side when interviewing. Think black, navy blue, or dark grey for suits. And remember, "hold" the onions (as in "none") on that sandwich before the interview!

How My Italy Internship Led to a Six Pack and a Career

BY BRENNA MILLER
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As a weary 2L applying to internships, I dreadily scrolled through Simplicity's hundreds of jobs and came across an internship opportunity with the U.S. military branches. The internship was an eight week program with Judge Advocate Generals (think of the show JAG or the movie "A Few Good Men") in the Navy, Army, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard. Now when I think military, of course I think of honor and courage... but there is also the dreaded word 'commitment.' At 24 years old I have no idea where I will be in five years. I might be married with a child on the way, or single living it up. So how could I possibly commit myself to something long term at this stage in my life? But to my delight, these internships do not require any sort of commitment to the military whatsoever; all they ask is eight weeks.

So I thought... what the hell. I'll fill out the applications that take a very long two hours to complete and list my "preferred duty stations." Given there are stations all over the world, and that I have never studied abroad, I listed Italy first, then San Diego (thinking I should save money), and lastly Pearl Harbor (Hawaiian summer, hell yes). Applications are usually due around October, so I submitted my papers and after a couple weeks resumed living my life.

Fast forward 6 months later to mid-

March when I received an email from a Navy Lieutenant saying, "Congratulations! You have 24 hours to decide if you would like to go to Naples, Italy for the Summer JAG program." Five minutes later I had an acceptance email in my Sent box and two months later I landed in Naples, Italy.

Now, upon applying I didn't know anything about military law or the JAG regimen. So just in case you don't either, let me share with you.

Think of each military branch as its own community. Military law is extremely different from what we civilians know (ex: adultery is a crime), but JAG attorneys also have to be familiar with civilian law (ex: executing a soldier's will from his or her home state). So JAG attorneys deal with more types of law than your heart can desire. Some types of operational law include law of the sea, environmental law, cyber law, humanitarian assistance/disaster relief, and counter-piracy. However, God put me on this earth to prosecute criminals, so I was interested in the area of military justice, i.e. prosecuting those who violated the Uniform Code of Military Justice. There's your quick look into military law.

So how was the internship, you ask? Oh, just the best professional (and surprisingly social) experience of my life. The Navy JAG schedule consisted of working from 7:30am-4:30pm Monday through Friday with physical training at 7:30am on MWF. At first I wasn't the most excited about do-

ing 100 push-ups at 7am, but after seeing myself in a bikini 8 weeks later, you bet your ass (or mine) that I was in the best shape of my life.

As for the actual work, it was unlike anything I've ever done. Every other day there were teleconference case meetings with other JAG attorneys all over the world. Every couple weeks there were symposiums aimed at making all attorneys and personnel better at what they do. But by far the most incredible thing about the internship was the people. It was the first time I could see defense counsel and prosecutors be more than civil to one another. There was so much respect for everyone in the office. Whether you were an Italian civilian worker pushing papers or the Captain, everyone appreciated what role each person played in his or her legal community. This was my fourth legal internship, and it was the first time I was treated like a co-worker instead of a mere intern. People asked my opinions on legal matters and appreciated and trusted my work product. Can you believe I, a 24 year old civilian intern, was given the task to draft that base's first open container policy? That's a lot of trust!

Outside of the workplace, it only got better. Co-workers, both officers and enlisted, joined me in traveling all over Italy on the weekends. Naples happens to be a great location to visit the Amalfi Coast, the islands of Capri and Ischia, and of course mere train rides away from Rome, Florence, Pisa,

Venice, and Milan. And those locations don't even do justice to how much of Italy I was able to experience in eight weeks. This internship was amazing in more ways than I could imagine.

And guess what? That word I was so afraid of when first applying... well, let's just say my applications to become a JAG attorney have been submitted. So to you 1Ls and 2Ls, apply for these internships. Whether you want to go military or not, you could be missing out on one of the best experiences of your life.



Brenna Miller enjoying a trip to Rome between workouts and court visits.

CAMPUS STORIES

The History of the 350 Building

From Elks Lodge to Law School,
A Journey Through the Ages

BY MITCH MILLER
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Those who are just glancing through this issue, keep glancing. This article is about the history of the 350 building, and it would be best enjoyed with leisure and a coffee (or tea).

Law schools across America and throughout the world have historical buildings as integral landmarks on their campus. Indeed, law is a traditional study that is resistant to change, just as old buildings are distinguished among their modern neighbors. Our historical building roots California Western in the center of San Diego. It defines our campus culture and presence with its traditional character and charm. However, the life story of the 350 building is familiar to only a few people at California Western.

Erected by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in 1929, the well-known architects, the Quayle Brothers, designed the ornate Italian Renaissance building in style. Two boarding houses were torn down to make way for the new building. The Elks spared no expense and poured their hearts and aspirations into the edifice.

The basement has undergone serious renovation over the years. Originally, the Elks constructed a bowling alley and handball courts downstairs. The small study rooms were once used as music practice rooms for a school of performing arts. Stories tell that these small rooms had thick asbestos doors and sound absorbing tiles at one time. California Western ripped out the wooden floors and turned the basement into a library (before the existence of the relatively new library building).

The ground floor was designed to be rentable space open to the public. The old wrought iron front doorway opened to a large reception hall. Adjacent to the hall was room for stores and a barber shop. A large marble stairway led upstairs where the Elks congregated.

The second floor offered the main social attractions. The Great Lounge in the center of the second floor had a large fireplace and comfortable furnishings. The board room and the office of the secretary were located where the alumni offices are today. Members of the Elks could enjoy cigars, billiards, and cards on the career services side of the building. The ladies had their own space in the ladies' dining room, which could be partitioned from the main dining room (where classroom 2B is today). Other features of the second floor were the kitchen, terrace, and telephone booths.

Further up the marble stairway was a

smaller lounge on the third floor. If you are ever near the Roy Bell Reading Room, take notice of the original door handle which faces the elevator. The door handle mount is the shape of an elk, and there is a clock face on the knob. Across the reading room is an oddly placed small door next to a fireplace. It provides back access to a space intended for a pipe organ.

The Moot Court Room was formerly the Elks' Lodge Room. Old descriptions of the room boast that it was equipped with mechanical ventilation. That may not seem noteworthy today, but in the 1930s it was paramount. There was no such thing as air-conditioning, and smoke from cigars and cigarettes would hang heavy in the air. Opposite the Lodge Room was a large multi-purpose area (now the auditorium), which could be a gymnasium, ballroom, theater, and regulation size basketball court.

The Elks completed their grandiose hall the same year as Black Tuesday and the beginning of the Great Depression. Despite the building's attractions, the Elks faced declining membership, and shops did not rent space as the Elks had hoped. Not even a decade after the building's completion, the Elks were led to insolvency.

Pacific Life Mutual Life Insurance Company became the owners in 1938 by grant deed. The Department of Motor Vehicles and the Better Business Bureau rented space in the building. Staff members who have been around long enough talk about encountering elderly people in the lobby who claimed to have received their driver's license here.

The Masons took possession of the building in 1941. You can imagine how the Elks felt about this. The Masons did a good job of renting out the space to a half dozen different groups, including the Knights Templar, the Daughters of the Nile, and the San Diego Council.

In 1967, California Western University of San Diego used the building for the performing arts. The San Diego Symphony also shared the space for recitals. Before California Western School of Law separated from California Western University of San Diego, it was located where Point Loma Nazarene University is today. In August 1975, California Western School of Law became the owner of the 350 building by corporation grant deed.

Possession of the building changed hands many times in the nearly 50 years between its birth and California Western's ownership. Throughout the building's lifetime, it has produced future leaders and provided service to the community. California Western continues this tradition today through its commitment to public service. On your way between classes, make sure to look around and enjoy the many unique features of the 350 building.

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Supreme Court Justice Kennedy speaking at the library inauguration in January 2000.



The Auditorium used to quite literally be an auditorium with regular theater performances.



The lobby when the 350 building still housed the campus library.



Room 2C has undergone a huge transformation. It used to host dance classes. Notice the ballet bars!



Students enjoying the 2nd floor balcony and the much better view!

POLITICS. RUN!

Cast Aside: Why You Won't Hear My Libertarian Viewpoints

BY MIKE FEDERICI
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"Kill your mother, rape your dog."

--Dying Fetus, Kill Your Mother, Rape Your Dog (Album: Killing on Adrenaline)

I'm listening to this death metal anthem in the car on the way home from school one day. It suddenly strikes me that the gist of the song applies pretty plainly to libertarians as well as it does to those of us who make it our righteous cause to spread the good name of death metal.

It's odd. The song is not about killing your mother or raping your dog. It's about how people hear death metal, or hear that someone listens to death metal, and make a whole host of oftentimes backwards as-

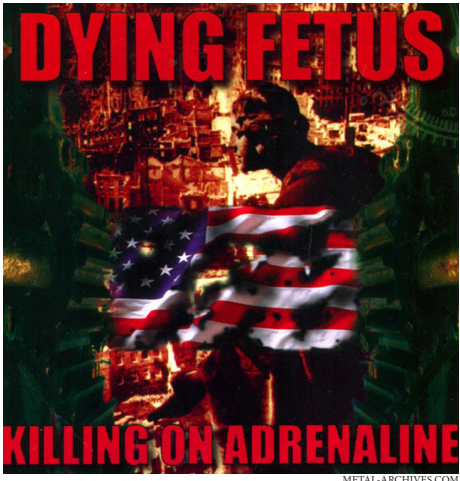
sumptions. Hey, you listen to death metal? I can't do that. It's too angry for me. Well, my gentle lambs: that's the point. You listen to some indie group or another drone on about whatever feelings get you motivated. Or you listen to the ten songs that play at every club (subject to monthly turnover). Death metal is one of those few choice genres that gets judged without a second glance. Without anything more than a gut, emotional reaction: "It's too angry." Judge not lest you be judged! That's in the bible somewhere. I think the front.

So how does this tie into libertarianism? I spent a good six minutes thinking about this and here's what I came up with.

Libertarians are almost universally cast aside by both the left and the right as kooks who want to go back to the good old days when nice white men could own their own stable of savages. A time when railroads

routinely displaced people and paid the Chinese and Irish next to nothing in order to create empires. People believe that libertarians are largely in favor of huge corporations without considering why each individual libertarian might or might not support a particular huge corporation. Feelings trump reason. Back to the television sets with you, this all sounds difficult to suss out.

The problem with the basic left/right paradigm is that it relies on your making gut reactions to simple ideas. Simple ideas for simple folk. Death metal? Too angry. Libertarianism? Too crazy. And too angry. So while I encourage my colleagues who represent the newest party to American politics, the Television Party, to participate in debates with one another, I've resigned myself to the dull-eyed, stare-into-the-middle-distance expectation that the read-



This album will give you something to talk about.

ers of such a debate will react with their guts. All I can do is speak from the heart and maybe someone will listen.

In other words: kill your mother and rape your dog.

Obama is the American Dream

BY DAN WADE
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President Obama should win re-election in November. The President has earned a second term and this article will elaborate on why. To begin, the President took office amid a firestorm of economic challenges, including the most significant financial meltdown since the Great Depression. The President's policies and leadership have slowed the pace of recession, helped to add more than 4.5 million private sector jobs, and encouraged banks to lend so that consumers may spend again. There is a good case to me made that the President should be re-elected on purely economic grounds. The overall economic climate is improving, and his policies need more time. The pace of recovery is slow, and admittedly, the jobs reports leave something to be desired, but the unemployment rate continues to move downward and companies are growing and hiring.

As President Clinton remarked in his address to the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, the argument against the President's economic policies amount to "We [Republicans and their economic policies] left you a huge mess [deficits, debt, burdens on the middle class and benefits for the wealthiest]. You haven't cleaned it up fast enough [three years is not enough time to clean up problems that arguably started with their beloved and infallible President Reagan and were continued to some extent under President Clinton], so fire President Obama and put us back in charge!" In terms of macroeconomic policy, electing Governor Romney reminds me of something Einstein once said, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." Let us not return to the age of supply-side economics.

Macroeconomics aside, I believe that the President should be re-elected because of his vision for the country. Pundits and politicians will tell you this election is about the economy, but really it is a choice about the direction of the country and the values that we choose to express through the political process. Re-electing the President will signal to the country, and to the world, that the United States of America remains a land of opportunity and inclusion. Presi-



Dan Wade has seen change and wants more.

dent Obama began his political career as a young lawyer and community organizer, advocating for the least among us and those forgotten by the political process. This experience speaks volumes about the President's character and his values. There is nothing wrong with wealth and success; many people fairly earn it and it should be valued. We should not forget, however, that equal opportunity and access to public services is as important of an American value. President Obama has devoted his life and presidency to ensuring that all Americans receive the same advantages.

The Obama presidency represents the best of America and the American dream. Those who have not been blessed with privilege can rest easy knowing the man in the White House is on their side. Whether you are an immigrant from a war-torn or poverty stricken land who will benefit from access to public education through amnesty, a woman whose life was saved by a cancer screening performed at Planned Parenthood, a gay soldier who can now live the values of freedom and liberty he so nobly protects after the repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell, a child, who through no fault of his own was born with a life-threatening disease and will no longer be denied health insurance coverage for a "pre-existing" condition, or an auto-worker whose job was saved by the rescue package and the stimulus, you should support and vote for President Obama. If you are not any of these people, please think about them when voting this November.

Romney Wins Best Resume

BY GREG ASHCRAFT
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I actually hesitated to write this article. Not because I don't believe in Mitt Romney as a candidate, but because I am a Mormon and I am a registered Republican. I thought that this article would seem rather biased. I am actually quite politically moderate. I am married to a Democrat and we have good discussions about politics, and one of us will usually convince the other to vote for the other party's candidate.

In 2008, I voted for Barack Obama because I believed that he was much better equipped to bridge the partisan gap and bring about change than was John McCain. I knew that he was inexperienced, but I thought that he would make up for it with sheer will power. I was wrong. The last four years have taught me that, while well-meaning, Obama just does not have the know-how to effectuate change. Our unemployment rate is still relatively the same as when the President took office.

Obama's supporters claim that the reason he has not been able to get things done is because of the Republicans in the legislature. Having a Democratic legislature never stopped Mitt from making huge strides to rectify the deficit and improve the lives of the citizens of Massachusetts. Even though "Bubba" told us that "No President - not me or any of my predecessors could have repaired all the damage in just four years," Mitt has a record of doing just that: taking failing economies and business ventures and turning them into successes.

There are two major reasons that Mitt's detractors would tell you not to vote for him. First, they claim he flip-flops. All candidates who have any political experience have changed their political views over time. Further, our political system is not equipped to run moderate candidates for president; they are forced to adopt certain campaign platforms to win their parties' nominations. To be fair, Obama (even with his very short political record) has changed his position on issues. He did not state his true position on same-sex marriage in the 2008 election and has only recently felt it popular enough to voice.

Second, Mitt detractors say that he is unable to understand average Americans' problems because he is rich. He has come



Greg Ashcraft is ready for a new president.

from a family of wealth, as did Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Kennedy, Franklin Roosevelt and Teddy Roosevelt, just to name a few. The fact that he was raised by a wealthy family does not discount the experiences that he has had since his childhood.

Mitt went to Harvard to get his MBA and his JD. Before entering politics, he was a very successful businessman. Later, he took over as CEO of the Olympic planning committee and rescued the 2002 Games, converting a failing business venture into an economic success. As Governor of Massachusetts, he was able to turn a huge state budget deficit into a surplus, while never increasing taxes and providing universal healthcare to its citizens. Obama, on the other hand, does not have a record of great success. Not to say he has a record of failure, but before entering politics he worked mostly as a professor of law.

We often let social issues get in the way of electing a truly good candidate for president. The president, however, has little to no real effect on social issues. The legislature and the Supreme Court of the United States have much more effect on this type of legislation. Honestly, for me the most pressing issue that faces our country right now is joblessness and the economy. What better candidate is there than a man who is known for turning around failing budgets?

When the election comes around in November, think of yourself as a boss of a big company, the United States, and ask yourself who has the better resume.

CAMPUS LIFE

Point: Dating Law Students Leaves Room for Studies and Fun

BY KILEY SCHAUMLEFFEL
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Moving to San Diego for law school has been the best dating decision of my life – I’ve been lucky to date people that are non-law students as well as law students throughout my two years of law school. Not to brag, but I’m somewhat of an expert on this topic. In my expert opinion, dating law school students is better than dating outsiders for the following reasons:

Convenience. Since I practically live at school, I’m more likely to see the person I’m dating at school than if I were to live with an outsider boyfriend. Often, I’m not even willing to make the drive to my house to go to sleep. The additional effort of visiting someone else is just not going to happen unless they live in the library, CIP office, law review office, etc. The outsiders I dated got annoyed when I would forget to return calls or take five hours to reply to a text message. Law students, though, are just around. Plus, even if they’re not around, they’re always on gchat, where I’m at least five times more likely to respond to messages.

Multitasking. I’m not likely to be able to sit for a full dinner on a date without getting stressed about how many things I could be knocking off my to-do list. Inexplicably, the outsiders I dated who weren’t law students would get annoyed when we’d be out to dinner and I’d pull out my iPhone flashcard app and start reviewing the week’s material. The law students I dated, though, all have agreed on how romantic eating Taco Rey in the student lounge while outlining can be. Similarly, the emotional DTR (determining the relationship) talks can easily be done with other law students over gchat while in

class. When it’d get to be that time with the outsiders, they were offended if I didn’t see the problem in combining the DTR conversation with class, reading, or outlining.

Humor. Law students tend to be pretty witty, and it’s tragic for promissory estoppel, adverse possession, personal jurisdiction, and Learned Hand jokes to fall on deaf ears.

M u t u a l u n d e r s t a n d i n g . Outsiders just don’t understand law school, and can often be insensitive. When I was stressed out about my first year finals, my outsider boyfriend at the time would always say, “You work hard, it will be fine.” Law students, though, understand that FINE is not the least bit reassuring. One outsider even told me, “There are things in life more important than law school.” A law student, though, would never have the nerve to say something as offensive as this to me.

Of course, there are positives and negatives to everything. But, as law students, our time is very limited. Because of this, my dating advice is just to focus on efficiency and stay within the school walls.

Counterpoint: Don’t Date Law Students, It Leads to Trouble

BY CASSIE ABBOTT
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In the romantic caste system, it seems as if law students are the untouchables – shielded from the outside world but relegated to only dating each other.

The math works out like this: Law school is hard. Dating is hard. So naturally, mixing the two will likely equate to a recipe for disaster. While I understand that as law

students, 99% of our lives are spent in one of three ways – in law school classes, studying for law school, or at a legal internship – I still think it’s a bad idea to date your peers while in law school.

First and foremost, there is the gossip and drama problem. Law students thrive on other people’s drama (I am guilty of this myself), because our own lives are usually too boring to dwell on. Law school dating is risky, especially if you are hesitant to become the focus of the Monday morning gossip.

Then there is the looming question that will hang over you like a dark cloud for the entire dating period. Dating a law student means you will have to ask yourself: “what if it doesn’t work out?” Whether it’s a single date, a one-night stand, or the end of a law school relationship, you need to remember that you will be forced to see this person everyday for the duration of your law school career. Likely, if you are dating a fellow law school student, you are in the same circle of friends, because let’s be honest. As law students it’s hard to maintain any sort of relationship outside of law school. This poses obvious problems as well. If the relationship goes awry, you will either need to bite your tongue and be an adult about the situation (easier said than done, is my point) or find new friends.

Don’t worry. This article is about to get less cynical. There is hope! I would like to offer my own advice in the hopes that someday, somehow, the personal life of the single law student will not have to be such an abyss of dating hell.

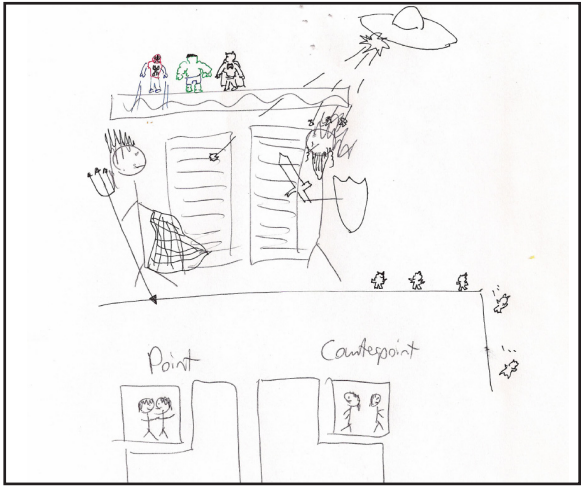
1. Date Outside of law school. Obviously easier said than done, but I truly believe that success in law school depends partially on students’ ability to balance their professional life with their personal life.

2. If you do choose to date non-law students, don’t talk about law school (too much).

I too am guilty of living under the rock we call law school, but try to fight the urge to talk about law school on a date. While I realize it will come up, you already eat, breathe, and live law. Don’t be afraid to take a break and talk about something else. A mutual interest? Hobbies (or hobbies you used to have for that matter)? Anything other than law school.

3. Speaking of hobbies Get one! Since moving to San Diego, I have become a bit of a yogi. It is a great workout, and it also gives you the opportunity to meet new people. And no, yoga on Wednesdays in Roy Bell does not count. Another idea is the San Diego events calendar <http://www.sandiego.org/nav/Visitors/EventCalendar>. It lists every event going on in the San Diego area for the entire year.

So my advice is simple: keep your professional life professional and your personal life personal. And if instead you decide to dive into the law school dating pond, then my advice is also simple: good luck (you will probably need it).



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Civil Procedure and Diaper Duty: The Life of a Law School Dad

Life as a Parent is Tough. Now Imagine You Are in Law School

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Our notes have been used as coloring books, our books as step stools, and our computers as drum sets. We haven’t slept through the night since our kids were born and we have come to school countless times without showering. We’ve been vomited on and have each changed thousands of diapers, still wondering where it all can possibly come from. You call us by our names and know us as your fellow law students. But to the most important people in the world to us, we are simply Daddy and Mommy. This is a glimpse into our lives.

My daughter was born two weeks before my first set of finals at California Western and is now 18 months old. My son is 3.5 years old. I’d like to consider myself an expert on being a father, but I’m far from it. I fail more than I succeed. All parents do.

A professor once told me that if you are taking an exam, and you don’t know the

rule, make one up and analyze the heck out of it. That’s exactly what parenting is. You make up the rules on the spot and often pretend that you know more than you do. There is no Parenting in a Nutshell. But if there were, it would be longer than our Con Law textbooks.

Imagine sitting in Civil Procedure knowing that there is a good chance you’re going to get called on that day. You read all the cases, did the practice problems and spent three hours in the library going through the supplements. When the Professor finally calls on you, you have no idea what the answer is so you stumble and start to talk about minimum contacts and personal jurisdiction hoping that you come across as semi-knowledgeable at least. With parenting, we try to do the same thing but often end the conversation with, “because I said so,” regardless of how many times we vowed never to say that to our own kids. We say it because we don’t have all the answers.

Our lives are a giant balancing act, and we’re often over-extended. Caffeine is a necessity, and there is nothing better than a big glass of wine when we finally sit down

on the couch at 9:00 at night. But, we never have more than one glass because if we do, we’ll regret it at 5:00 the next morning when we hear the little pitter patter of feet come into our rooms wanting to watch Toy Story for the 125th time.

We love our spouses and recognize the sacrifices they are making for us. We forget to thank them even though we couldn’t do this without them. Yet, inevitably, we still take our stress out on them even when we don’t mean to. We plan date nights and work hard to have some time off on the weekend to simply hang out as a family. We laugh together. We cry together. And sometimes it’s enough just to make it through the day still standing together.

If you asked any of us what we would do with a day off, there would be a pause. Our minds initially think about somewhere quiet like the beach with a non-law school book in our hands. But then our minds shift and all we can think about is what would make our kids happy. Legoland. The beach. The pool. The Padres game. Given the choice, there is nowhere we’d rather be than with our families.

At the end of the day, we are going to law school for our families. We want to provide our children and spouses with a better life. And we would give anything to make sure they are happy. Why? Because I said so.



Shawn Peddycord with his wife, Andrea Peddycord and their two children Harper and Griffin.

SPORTS AND LEISURE



Alumna Rebecca Lohman and her dog Elka.

Life After the Bar

A Tale of Enjoying Life Again After Three Years of Law School

BY REBECCA LOHMAN
ALUMNI STAFF WRITER

I never fully understood the magnitude of how much stress and headache law school caused until it was over. After being in law school for over two years then studying for the bar, the stress just seemed normal. Once I finished taking the California Bar in July, my goal was not necessarily to pursue a fabulous post-bar internship or to take extravagant vacations, but to just return to being the person I was before law school, a normal person, the girl that could drive down the freeway without contemplating negligence, the person who could listen to a friend's so-called "legal" gripe without telling her she had no cause of action. I realize now that even though law school changes you, you don't really lose the person you once were – you are just put on a temporary hold.

I feel a sort of happy feeling that I have not felt in years. I feel free and finally have the time to do the things I love, but with that comes the lack of excuses to get me out of the things I don't love. However, there is nothing quite like friends or family members needing help and actually having the time to take them out or do something for them. Additionally, I have picked up old hobbies, like crocheting, and have started new ones, like upcycling trash into something with a new purpose. I have been able to work with local rescue shelters to help find forever homes for abandoned furbabies (dogs!) and have filled out an application to start fostering dogs. Lastly and most importantly, my husband actually has a wife again. I think he forgot that I really was a lot of fun before law school. We have actually been able to enjoy a few weekend get-aways to Palm Springs and Las Vegas.

The point of this article is to leave you with hope, that though it feels like law school will drag on forever, there truly is a light at the end of the tunnel. Whether you are just starting this journey or about to graduate, I have two pieces of advice.

First, start a list (written, typed, or heck, even on Pinterest), title it "For Life After the Bar," and write down things you want to do once law school/bar is over. You can list projects you want to do, places you want to go, anything and everything. Add to it whenever you feel frustrated that you were not able to do something because you have to brief a case or study for exams.

The second piece of advice is a common one, but I feel that it's too important to not repeat: remember why you wanted to be a lawyer. It is easy to get lost in the stress and work of law school, but you will get through it. So keep as much of yourself intact as possible. There is a whole other side to this journey; this portion is only temporary.

Top 10 Sporting Events for the Remainder of 2012

Sporting Events Worth Skipping Tutoring to Watch

BY SAMI HADDAD
STAFF WRITER

Law School is a time-consuming venture, with the struggle to remain social constantly competing against time for studying and sleep. For sports fans, this can be quite a dilemma. Since all law students are short on time, I have assembled the ten best remaining regular season games of 2012. Happy viewing, sports fans!

10. Manny Pacquiao vs. Juan Manuel Marquez, December 8

Any time the "Pac-man" and pride of the Philippines steps into the ring, he commands attention, especially after the disgrace that was his June 9, 2012 loss to Timothy Bradley. I know we've seen this rodeo three times before, but this time, Pacquiao seeks to prove that his win over Marquez in November 2011 wasn't a fluke.

9. New York Knicks vs. Brooklyn Nets, October 31

The first game in the new Barclays Center, plenty of new talent in New Jersey, and a battle of supremacy for New York are all storylines here.

8. San Diego Chargers vs. New York Jets, December 23

Anything that involves Tim Tebow and our hometown Chargers is going to get hype. As an added bonus, the Chargers are notoriously great in December, winning an NFL record 18 straight games from 2006-2010.



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7. Dallas Mavericks vs. Los Angeles Lakers, October 30

The first game of the Lakers season and the "Big 4" of Kobe, Howard, Nash and Gasol face off against Dirk Nowitzki and the Mavericks. The Staples Center should be electric and the world will get their first look at the NBA's newest super-team.

6. FIFA World Cup Qualifier Guatemala vs. USA, October 16

Soccer, yes soccer, is slowly but surely becoming relevant in the United States. This game is the last of the group stages and is crucial towards USA's hope to qualify for the World Cup in Brazil.

5. USC vs. Oregon, November 3

The Pac-12's finest square off in what will likely be a preview of the Pac-12 title game. The Heisman Trophy could also be won or lost tonight, with USC's Matt Barkley and Oregon's DeAnthony Thomas among the early season hopefuls.

4. Alabama vs. LSU, November 3

The SEC is the best conference in college football, and these two teams are the best in the business. This game could eliminate one of these two teams from National Title Contention.

3. San Diego State vs. UCLA at the Wooden Classic, December 1st

Our hometown San Diego State Aztecs square off against one of the best basketball dynasties of all time, the UCLA Bruins. This game will cause divisions and family divides amongst the hearts of many Southern Californians. This is their first meeting since 1991.

2. Oakland Raiders vs. San Diego Chargers, December 30

It doesn't get any bigger in San Diego than when the Raiders come to town. If you're going to the game in Qualcomm stadium, I suggest you brush up on your tort law, because there are always plenty of hooligans any time these two teams square off.

1. Chicago Bulls vs. Los Angeles Lakers, December 25

Christmas Day in the NBA is always special, and Laker fans get a large helping of big men Dwight Howard and Pau Gasol along with the backcourt of "Kobe Beef and Nash Potatoes" on the Christmas Day dinner menu. The lights are on, the stage is set, and in a tradition that's almost rivaling football on Thanksgiving, the NBA has done a great job preparing the schedule. Now if only they could do something about all the traveling and flopping.



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Noodles, Beer, Sports, & Friends in Ocean Beach

BY ALEXANDER NEWMAN
STAFF WRITER

Disclaimer: Along with Prep Kitchen and Alexanders in North Park, OB Noodle House is one of my top three San Diego restaurants. Thus, when you're reading this review, please know that I have embraced OB Noodle House, appreciate its nuances, and most importantly... look forward to my next visit.

We (I and three California Western alums, all of whom passed the bar and are practicing lawyers) arrived Wednesday night at 8:15. A 45 minute wait for our party of four attests to the restaurant's popularity, but no sweat if you know what deliciousness awaits. To maximize smiles, with the available time our party walked three blocks through the not hip, but hippie oasis that is Ocean Beach. We made our way to Mothers, a live music reveling dive bar that accepted credit cards. Two drinks later, we received the convenient cell call from the hostess... our table was ready.

TVs are not overwhelming, but conve-

niently placed for Chargers or other sporting event enjoyment. This Wednesday night, as most nights, was comfortably crowded with a relaxed younger crowd. Two tables away we could see two beer towers clearly surrounded by an overstocked table of SDSU students who will NOT be attending Thursday morning class. Three of four members of our party didn't hesitate on the \$5 beer and sake special, the lone standout being our sober driver (a necessity, of course, if you plan to take advantage of the outstanding variety of craft beers and flavored sake). Beverage service was rapid, and the questions regarding the menu began. The menu has the potential to overwhelm first time OB Noodle House customers, as the noodle options run on like a first year Friday afternoon class (see their online menu). However, little dialogue is needed with the upbeat service staff before they guide you to a dish destination sure to please.

The system of service and its components deserve their own paragraph. Your servers will look like total surfers. They will be wearing what they would wear skateboarding. They have their favorite dishes, least favorite dishes, and are more than happy to knowledgeably discuss the extensive



ALEXANDER NEWMAN

Left to Right: Alex Newman, Rocki Lam, and Nicole Barvie at OB Noodle House.

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TOP 10 LAW SCHOOL FETISHES

BY BRENNA MILLER
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fet•ish
noun

1. an object regarded with awe as being the embodiment or habitation of a potent spirit or as having magical potency.

2. any object, idea, etc., eliciting unquestioning reverence, respect, or devotion: to make a fetish of high grades.

3. Psychology . any object or non-genital part of the body that causes a habitual erotic response or fixation.

10. Highlighters. Don't think we don't notice how you have every color highlighter known to man. How you squeal in delight when a mini version of your obsession finds its way to your hand. As you glide your highlighter over every line of every page, you subconsciously give off an aura of discrete satisfaction. You love the feel. Your Microsoft Word now allows for highlighting on the computer, but do you use it? NO. You NEED to watch the neon ink dry. May we borrow one of your 700 highlighters? Only if we promise to give it back.

9. Free shit. You CRAVE Westlaw sticky notes. You NEED the Lexis highlighter-pen. And when those booths are set up, your body starts to tremble just looking at the paraphernalia in front of you. Free coffee and doughnuts? Why yes, you'll have two despite the fact you had breakfast this morning and are completely full. Free Italian lunch? Why of course I want to go to your club meeting. At any point in time during the day you will have an endless supply of free post-its on hand, but that will not stop you from grabbing more. You are the kleptomaniac of free shit.

8. Coffee. You tell us you are giving up coffee for tea... we know you're lying. You have ten different types of coffee mugs and tumblers, for both

hot and cold coffee. You know the exact date of when pumpkin spice latte season starts. You can tell me in a blind taste test which of Donna's coffees you are tasting. And you hold your coffee tumbler so close to your body, that people mistake it for your child. And it's because of you, if a person should ever lose her coffee tumbler on campus, it's never to be found again. You, my friend, take enjoying a cup of joe to an entirely intimate level.

7. The wood study chairs with arm rests. You sit there cursing whoever ordered the wooden chairs because why on earth would half of them not have arm rests? And who decided to sprinkle the library with those ugly maroon swivel chairs? They'd be fun and comfortable only if you could lay your elbows down on the chair for just a moment. But nay, you search out every cubicle and rearrange the whole library in an effort to find a wooden chair with an arm rest. Although your elbows rarely touch the wood, you quiver with joy at the fact that they are there, waiting, just in case your arms need rest.

6. Earplugs. Yes, we know how you sigh with pleasure at the feeling of molding the earplugs to fit your ears. The soft gushy feel of rolling these things between your fingers gives you a few seconds of uninterrupted bliss. Come exam time these are the first things to run out... and you know why. Look around the library. You people love that they come in all shapes and sizes and hoard them in your bags... but just in case, right?

5. Post-its and tabs. You take the tiny slab and peeeeeeel it from the rest, noting the delicacy of the skill it takes to remove such a tiny piece of paper. You know which type of pen works for each different type of sticky. And sometimes you MUST touch the sticky part just to be sure this particular one is just as sticky as the other 500 you have in front of you. When you 'accidentally' pull a sticky tab only

to realize you don't need one-we know it was not premature. You just couldn't help yourself; it had been two hours since you had pulled a tab. It's cool though... sacrificing a tab for no reason is merely just one way to control your obsession - that is, until you need one more tab of that color and there are none left. Then your entire universe explodes.

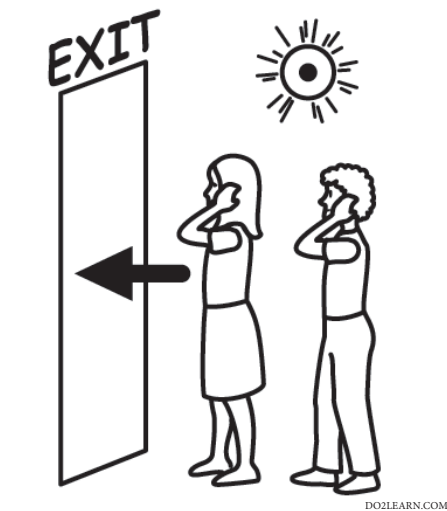
4. Eating in the library. Your 007 status ignites and you smirk to yourself as you walk past the security desk with your food hidden from view. As you ride the elevator to the fourth floor, you begin to tremble in anticipation of eating your food in such a forbidden land. While you wait for your computer to warm up, you do the unthinkable - you open your energy drink loud enough for the entire floor to ear the 'pop' of the can opening. Oh yes, that was me guys. You also purposely brought the loudest possible chewing food on earth because you have clearly not only accepted the challenge, but you also get an unmatched satisfaction from it. Kick me out before I've finished my meal? I'd like to see you try.

3. Gchat. Congratulations. You have managed to make a fetish out of an intangible thing. Don't think we don't know that despite you displaying the little red ball that stands for 'don't interrupt me,' that you'd respond to whatever it is we sent you in .25 seconds or less. As you try to pay attention in class, we know you are flipping back and forth between looking at your notes and whether anyone has gchatted you. The desire is overwhelming. And when the moment finally happens, when someone finally gchats you, your adrenaline spikes. Endorphins rush through your body. Whatever this electronic friend has to say to you is much more important than the \$22,000 you are spending per semester for this class. "Hey. How's it going?" So glad you asked.

2. Alcohol. Like we need to explain.

1. The sound of your own voice. Who knew that you were your own aphrodisiac? You know there is a difference between needing to say something versus having something to say... whatever. You NEED to hear yourself speak. Even if you're not sure your answer is right, you'll still raise your hand in class. Sometimes you won't even raise your hand. You will brag about everything you have accomplished since the time you were a fetus. Why? Because you love the way hearing yourself tantalizes your eardrums. It's an unmatched yearning you never knew you had prior to law school. You tell yourself you're a 'social butterfly' to justify your inner desire to hear your voice. But we know that's not true. Oh, you want to make a comment? Wait until I'm finished.

FUTURE FIRE DRILLS TO BE UPDATED



BY BEN PEZZNER
FIRST OUT OF THE BUILDING

Last month, California Western ran a very successful fire drill. No one got harmed, no property was lost, and, most importantly, nobody got left behind in the assembly area. But Facilities Manager Jan Carton was not impressed.

"Fire drills are supposed to test how well we do in a fire," she explained at a recent presentation on fire drill mechanics. "As long as there are no actual fires to freak everyone out, the drills are just a formality."

Plans are in the works to implement more realistic fire drills. According to a recently obtained report from California Western's Fire Drill Committee, the changes will be substantial. In the past, there has been plenty of advance notice and no actual fires. In the future, there will be no notice, coupled with actual fires.

"The best way to prepare for fire drills is to get trapped inside an actual law school fire," said Carton. "Only then will students and faculty take the drills more seriously."



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BANKERS BOXES: THE NEW CRAZE!

BY MANFRED WARBUCKS
MASTER FILER

In the age of computers, the internet, cloud storage, customizable bookmarks, and WestlawNext, organizing your research has never been more efficient. You see a case you like, you mark it up online, save it to a folder, and upload it to your Dropbox for safekeeping. Sometimes, you even bookmark it in your Chrome browser, knowing you can login to the Chrome browser on another computer and everything will be just as you left it. But sometimes, all of those neatly classified cases and statutes can clutter up your online space.

“Sometimes, when I go to check my email, I trip over a list of links,” explained 2L Kelly Briscoe. “It gets really problematic when there are so many files I can’t see the bottom of my Dropbox anymore.”

Luckily, there is another way to handle your files. Just print them all out, staple them, place them in manila folders, and place the folders into a bankers box.

Just like your smartphone, you can take your bankers box wherever you go. Bankers box it up in the bathroom. Flip through your manila folders in the hot tub. You can even bust out your box on an airplane. Just make sure it’s small enough to fit under the seat in front of you.

The folders can be arranged in the same order as your research paper. What? You have a case that your paper uses in seven different locations? Easy. Print out seven copies of the case, staple each one, and place each copy into its respective manila folder.

The beauty of the bankers box method is in its portability. The boxes attach to special carriers with wheels, so no matter how many sources you have, you’ll always be able to drag them all behind you. Elevator rides have never been so scholarly.

And don’t worry about running out of space. For those extra long scholarly writing papers, you can use multiple bankers boxes and put each box into a separate box holder within a superbankers box. Then, when you have time to continue your research, just thumb through the bankers boxes in your superbankers box until you find the bankers box that has the manila folders you need. Boom. Easy access to your files.

Bankers boxes come in all shapes and sizes. If you’re lucky, you can find one that matches the design of your typewriter. You’ve never looked so cool typing up your research paper. Just make sure you resshelf those legal encyclopedias and hardcopy reporters when you’re done.

The internet is helpful for many purposes. You can post messages to your favorite newsgroup, join a fun AOL chat room, or even visit a Web page. But when it comes to researching sources for scholarly writing papers, nothing beats the reliability, permanence, and portability of a trusty bankers box.



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GRADING SYSTEM: NUMBERS OUT, MOOD FACES IN

BY BEN PEZZNER
MOOD FACE ACTIVIST

Editor’s Note: This article originally appeared in the February 2012 issue of The Commentary. We thought it was especially relevant this month.

Students and professors alike have been calling for the antiquated grading system at California Western to be revamped. “The system, in its current state, is not very intuitive,” said Professor Jeff Houston, who chairs the grades committee. “Not only are employers unaware that it’s impossible for a CWSL transcript to have anything higher than a 95, but students are also discouraged because the numbers don’t translate to their abilities.”

The numbering system is unique to Cal Western, and the grades committee wanted to maintain that uniqueness while discussing alternatives. Many options were discussed, according to others on the grades committee. Among the alternatives were a color system, where each grade would be a different color on a grading rainbow. Sadly, the committee ultimately decided against it, due to the possibility of colorblind employers. The committee also considered scratch-n-sniff transcripts, with pleasant smells like lavender and grilled cheese equating to As, and disagreeable smells like jockstrap and sweaty underboob representing lower grades.

Ultimately, the grades committee decided on a mood face system. Each face would represent a different grading disposition, and there would be a grading key on each transcript (see below). Initial reactions have been mixed, but employers, for the most part, are celebrating the change. Steve Wiley of Hutz Pinkerton Wiley & Borstein LLP welcomes the new system. “I tend to make those faces when my interns submit their motions,” said Wiley, “so the new transcripts will better communicate a student’s capabilities to me than some random number based on a haphazard scale.”



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Bad Blue Booker



Negative Push Points



Bad Issue Spotter



Worse Than Expected



Must Repeat 1L



Honor Code Violator



Lacks Legal Passion

350 BUILDING RESTORED TO ITS FORMER GLORY

BY BEN PEZZNER
ARCHITECTURAL CORRESPONDENT

Last month, contractors arrived on campus to begin a several-months long project to restore the 350 building façade to its originally intended look. The original plan was to paint, repair, and upgrade the walls and replace 16 windows on the 2nd floor with energy-saving and noise-reducing double paned glass. Unfortunately, once members of the San Diego Historical Society got their hands on this proposition, the plans were immediately cancelled.

The problem can be traced back to an old city ordinance which prohibits exterior building work on historically designated structures like the 350 building. There is an exception to this rule, however, but it only applies when the building looks exactly like it was originally supposed to. And that is

where things get difficult. Because the building was originally designed to be something completely different than anyone was expecting.

“When we first looked in the records, we found what we thought to be the original plans for an Elks Lodge,” said Milton Hendsley, head of the records division of the San Diego Historical Society. “But upon further research, we found that the building was originally commissioned to be a trash bag factory.”

In fact, according to Hendsley, the original plans called for the building to be constructed out of a giant black trash bag. This revolutionary design would have put San Diego on the map, but was apparently too radical for architectural neophytes of the 1920s. So a more traditional façade was used instead. This temporary façade consisted of windows, doors, and white stucco walls, giving the building its

signature “California Western” look.

But this façade was not meant to last forever. The windows on the fourth floor are a testament to this fact, as they have been rapidly deteriorating. Thus, the school has begun its ambitious restoration project in an effort to prevent future deterioration. The project began with the building’s north and east sides, which are coming along quite nicely.

Students have mixed reviews. “From the freeway, it looks like the fumiga-

tion tents in Breaking Bad and someone is probably cooking meth inside,” said 3L Victoria Chinsee. “I thought the black tarps were supposed to be temporary, but now that I know this is permanent, it’s going to take some time to get used to.”

Other students like the new look. “It feels medieval torture chamberesque,” said 3L Chante Coleman. “Who wouldn’t want to go to school in a giant black multistory trash bag?”



BEN PEZZNER

ENTERTAINMENT

Sudoku Challenge! Oh Yeah!

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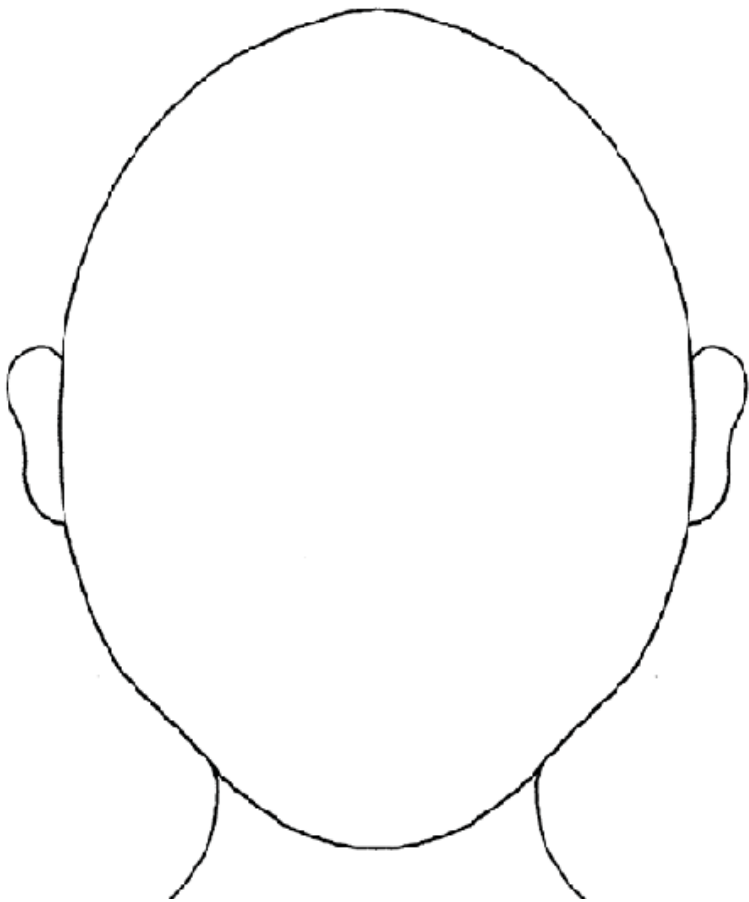
Answer to last month's riddle: The person was buying house numbers.
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Word Search: Trimester Break

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ASSOCIATE EDITOR

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