

THE COMMENTARY

BOR AND SBA BUDGET HEARING

Over \$10,000 allocated to the student organizations.

BY PATTI WILSON
BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES
CHAIRWOMAN

This trimester, the Student Bar Association (SBA) Board of Representatives (BOR) held two budget hearings. Budget Hearings were traditionally done only for the Student Organization SBA Budget. This trimester we conducted two: one for the SBA Board and the other for the Student Organization. Like student organizations, SBA board members were asked to submit budget proposals to the BOR and SBA Treasurer. With those proposals, the Chairman of the Board of Representatives and the SBA Treasurer came up with a preliminary SBA budget, that was then approved by the BOR.

For the past few semesters, student organizations have been allotted approximately \$8,000- \$9,000. This semester we decided to try something different. Thanks in large part to the efforts of the ladies of Race Judicata, we were able to save a little extra money. This trimester, we were able to allocate over \$10,000.00 to the student organizations.

Every trimester the SBA Board of Representatives holds a Budget Hearing to determine the amount of SBA funds that will be allotted to organizations that request SBA funding. SBA funding is money that is given from the SBA budget to each individual organization to help supplement the respective organization's dues account and help fund the various activities that the organization puts on.

The way it works, in a nutshell, is that any organization that requests funds submits a budget proposal request to the Board of Representatives (BOR). The BOR reviews each organizations budget proposal in anticipation of the Budget Hearing. On the evening of the Budget Hearing, representatives from the organizations present their budget proposals to the BOR. During the Budget Hearing, the BOR then takes notes on each club's presentation. After the budget hearing, each BOR member comes up with recommendations based on the following factors:

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UPCOMING MAYORAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 19th



The four major San Diego mayoral candidates (from left to right): Nathan Fletcher, David Alvarez, Kevin Faulconer, and Mike Aguirre.

SAN DIEGO MAYORAL RACE

For many 1Ls who just moved to San Diego and those who have been here a while and are thinking about staying in San Diego or in California, it's important to acclimate yourself to the political climate you're coming in to.

There is an upcoming special election on November 19 to replace former San Diego Mayor Bob Filner, a formerly long-term congressman with an affinity for chocolates and blondes.

Filner's resignation after his historic election, the first for a Democrat in 20 years, came after a series of accusations of sexual harassment and inappropriate comments made by the mayor to female members of his staff and community members.

For those of you new to America's Finest City, here are some of the most notable recent scandals to plague the city:

"Enron-by-the-Sea":

A nickname given to the City in the wake of political scandal when a trustee of the city's employee retirement system noted a prospectus on a proposed sewer bond did not mention that the city had underfunded its public pension fund for years, which led to an unfunded liability of more than \$1.15 billion.

Needless to say when this information broke, the sewer bond was postponed. Bond-rating agencies substantially downgraded the city's credit rating, which had the effect of raising borrowing costs for the city. The City in turn had to admit it misrepresented its financial standing for years. There was a wave of senior city staff resignations. And many retired city employees,

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And other San Diego Scandals.

BY ALLAN ACEVEDO
STAFF WRITER

concerned about the gaping hole in the retirement fund, sued the city demanding payments into the fund to ensure they would not lose their benefits because of gross mismanagement.

There was even speculation San Diego would need to declare bankruptcy. Securities and Exchange Commission investigations ensued into possible fraud and political corruption.

Duke Cunningham Bribery Scandal:

Duke Cunningham is a former Navy veteran and Republican member of the United States House of Representatives who was the center of a political scandal when it was discovered that defense contractors gave bribes to congress members as well as officials from the Defense Department in return for favors and political contracts.

A small-town defense contractor and lobbyist, Brent Wilkes, sought to game the system through the use of Congressional earmarks to win Defense contracts. One of Wilkes' companies was awarded more than \$80 million in Pentagon contracts over a 10-year period. Much of that money came from earmarks Cunningham tacked on to spending bills.

Cunningham pled guilty to \$2.4 million in bribes and was charged with conspiracy to commit bribery, mail fraud, wire fraud and tax evasion.

It should be noted that former Republican Assemblymember and mayoral candidate Nathan Fletcher once worked as the Duke's District Director.

TENURE

Tenure is the ultimate form of job security a professor can have.

BY SAMI HADDAD
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Professors at California Western School of Law are put through a series of reviews in order to be designated as tenured faculty. In order to acquire tenure, professors must first be hired as a tenure tract faculty member. This means that faculty hired as legal skills professors or institute faculty are not eligible for tenure. (They can however receive a long term contract for job security).

The process for a tenure track professor to acquire tenure takes about 6-7 years. There are two separate reviews during this time, one after second year and another at the conclusion of the fourth year. The final vote on tenure occurs at the end of the sixth year.

Tenure is determined by the tenure review committee, a group of California Western professors who have already acquired tenure. There are three or four professors assigned to review each professor on the tenure track. The review committee considers four categories when determining whether a professor qualifies for tenure: scholarship; teaching; service to community; and service to the law school.

The scholarship category of the review committee is both an internal and external review. The internal portion is a review of the scholarship by fellow professors at California Western. The external review takes place outside of California Western, as the material is sent across the country to the experts in that topic.

The teaching category of tenure is especially critical to students. This is where our evaluations are critical in determining whether teachers acquire tenure. Student evaluations are reviewed by the tenure review committee and any low remarks or negative comments by students work against the professor in question. In addition, the tenure review committee attends class sessions and lectures by the professor up for review.

Once the tenure review committee determines that a professor has earned tenure, the final decision is made by the the Board of Trustees.

I'd like to conclude by giving a special thank you to Dean William Aceves for taking the time to sit down for an interview with me and provide the student body with this information.

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LETTERS FROM THE EDITORS



I still like pizza, even though we get it for free at school nearly every week.

SAMI HADDAD
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dear Readers,

For most law students, November is not known as “No shave November,” but rather “No-Sleep November.” As exams near, students begin to panic and feel unprepared for the finals season, anticipating the inevitable impending doom. My message to my fellow students is simple; good luck, and even though things may seem tough, be sure to enjoy the ride.

Over the last few years, as the legal market has been reduced to shambles and post-graduate jobs are as scarce as a non-pizza lunch on campus, many law students have become pessimistic about their time in law school. This is understandable, but I encourage my fellow law students, whether first years or those of us graduating next month, to enjoy whatever is left in your law school journey. Although we will always be expanding on our legal educations, there are few experiences as stimulating as a law school classroom discussion. The gathering of such a diverse group of students, all with brilliant minds and unique backgrounds and experiences, provides an excellent forum to learn and grow was a person.

The harsh reality is, for most of us, law school will probably not be as fun as college was. But law school truly is an incredible experience, an opportunity to effect change on our communities and to impact the lives of other people. I hope that my fellow students continue to enjoy their journeys throughout law school as much as I do. The environment at California Western provides not only for excellent discussion within the classroom, but unforgettable experiences outside it. Get involved, network, and make friends. We are all in the same boat, and we are going down the same journey together.

On a different note, I would like to thank the Commentary’s Design Editor Leah Schaak. Without her, I would probably still be laying out the September issue. I hope that she has learned as much from me as I have from her. If you see her roaming the halls or hard at work in the Commentary office (located in the basement behind the student organizations room), please thank her for all of her hard work on this publication.

I want to conclude by wishing the best of luck to all those receiving bar results in the upcoming month. I can only imagine the anxiety that is starting to build after taking the exam nearly four months ago. Best wishes, and we will almost all be in your position soon enough.

Authentically yours,
Sami Haddad



This is my (and my boyfriend’s) dog Frida. She is a rescue. She is obviously terribly dangerous.

LEAH L. SCHAAK
DESIGN EDITOR

Dear Readers,

I moved to San Diego for law school, but I hope to stay here after I graduate in December. Like many law students, I may not end up residing in San Diego, but I will vote on November 19 in the mayoral election anyway. I want to encourage all CWSL student residents to vote this next week in the mayoral elections. Our Staff Writer, Allan Acevedo, has written a great piece about the upcoming elections and I believe that we should be engaged in local politics while members of this fantastic and funky city.

Other than the elections this month, we have published a few articles with great tips on what to do in San Diego in November. I would recommend reading “3 People, Places, Things” written by Joanne Heilbrun if you are looking for a way to take your mind off of exams. Also, if you find yourself in the mood for some sweet and sexy psychedelic surf rock to fill your ears, Supermodel Razorblades is playing at the Ken on November 15 with Pink Mexico (shameless plug for my band). Most importantly, do not forget to donate your old blankets and towels to SALDF for local animal shelters. SALDF has tables in the lobby.

Lastly, please give Sami Haddad, the Editor-in-Chief, a big high five when you see him. He volunteers an insane amount of time to bring you the news. As always, do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns, or would like to get involved with the paper.

Best regards,
Leah L. Schaak

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AROUND SD

FOOD CORNER

Can't decide where to eat?
Let us help you out.

BY OLIVE BLACKFOOT
ISSUE CONTRIBUTOR

For lunch between classes
PLAN A:
Pappalecco
1602 State St
(between Date St & Cedar St)
San Diego, CA 92101
Neighborhood: Little Italy
Chances are you've stopped by for a quick coffee before class, but have you tried any of their sandwiches? Well, if you haven't, get on it. Almost all dishes are garnished with a delicious balsamic sauce we can't get enough of. It's our PLAN A suggestion because of its close proximity to CWSL, the free wi-fi available, and the fact that it is simply delicious.
Price: \$
PLAN B:
Salad Style
807 F St
San Diego, CA 92101
Neighborhood: East Village
Salads have never tasted so good. Not only do they have an absurdly delicious menu, their diverse selection can make any law student happy. Plus, you can even order online on your cell and have ready for pick up by the time class gets out. If you choose to eat inside, you're greeted with great jazz or old school funk to comfort a restless mind. It's a great place for vegetarians and carnivores alike. A little bit of a walk from CWSL, but certainly worth checking out.
Price: \$\$
PLAN C:
Cafe de L'Opera
1354 5th Ave
(between A St & Ash St)
San Diego, CA 92101
Neighborhood: Downtown
Fast service and quality food. The management and staff are extremely kind, and tend to remember most faces that walk in. They have large tables and couches where you can spread your books around while waiting for your next class. Their panini and soup combos have yet to disappoint.
Price: \$

Great spot for friends on a budget
PLAN A:
Dood's Food (Inside The Tin Can)
1863 5th Ave
San Diego, CA 92101
Neighborhood: Banker's Hill
This place started out as a delivery only service by the "Dood", also known as Tommy Pockets, to the neighborhoods surrounding CWSL. Now located inside the Tin Can, it is hands down one of the greatest "hidden" spots in San Diego. They recently won "Best Burger in San Diego" by 101 KGB, outranking Crazee Burger and Hodads. Don't believe their burgers are that good? Prepare to be proven wrong. The Dood is usually there himself, and his burger making skills are magic. They also make vegetarian and vegan plates, so you and your vegetarian friends can all get together for some of San Diego's best grub. If you guys head there at night, you can also check out some live music.
Price: \$
PLAN B:
Pizzeria Luigi (Luigi's)
1137 25th St
(between C St & B St)
San Diego, CA 92102
Neighborhood: Golden Hill
This cash only establishment has been featured on "Diners drive ins and dives" for their original takes on traditional pizzas. There's usually a line, but it moves quickly. We have yet to meet a soul who doesn't love this great joint. Luigi's provides indoor and outdoor sitting, where you can feel free to check out the music posters of upcoming local music shows in San Diego...you know, for when you and your law school buddies have time.
Price: \$
PLAN C:
Lucha Libre Taco Shop
1810 W Washington St
San Diego, CA 92110
Neighborhood: Mission Hills
You and your chill law school bros are going to love this place. The wait time may deter you, but the second you step inside and see the mexican luchador decor you'll want to see what the hype is about. Mexican food in San Diego is always good....here, it is great. This popular spot has also been featured on the Food Network's "Diners drive ins and dives" for their unique take on San Diego's favorite food.
Price:\$

For when you're on a date
PLAN A:
Herringbone
7837 Herschel Ave
(between Wall St & Silverado St)
La Jolla, CA 92037
Neighborhood: La Jolla
If you're looking to swoon or be swooned, then Herringbone is it. Their whole fish ceviche is worth every penny, and your ladyfriend or manfriend will be impressed by their trendy wooden decor. They have an outstanding wine list, and the meals are made of some of the freshest ingredients San Diego has to offer. After dinner, a little walk in downtown La Jolla will likely seal the deal, and if not take your date to see the actual seals in the cove. Either way, just don't talk too much about law school and enjoy some truly superb food.
Price: \$\$\$
PLAN B:
Turf Supper Club
1116 25th St
(between C St & B St)
San Diego, CA 92102
Neighborhood: Golden Hill
This swanky steakhouse let's you cook your own food! While that may be a turnoff for some, the Turf Club manages to keep a super retro feel that will make you and your date feel entertained from the second you walk in, until it's time to head home. The dark, red lighting provides a fun yet romantic environment, and the food is great; unless your date burns it... if that's the case you may want to reconsider the relationship anyways. They have a jukebox full of diverse tunes and local bands that will give you two plenty to talk about. Who knows, maybe the date won't work out, but we guarantee you'll fall in love with this place.
Price: \$\$
PLAN C:
98 Bottles
What a great place! San Diego has great jazz spots, and 98 bottles is one of them. They carry a light and simple menu full of flatbreads, salads, rice plates, and the like. The environment is what makes this place so special. They have a back room where some of the world's greatest jazz musicians come and perform. They also occasionally host ArtUncorked, where you and your date can recreate famous art pieces while dining in their back room.
Price: \$\$

MAYORAL RACE

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Stipergate:
In 2003, Federal prosecutors indicted three councilmen — Charles Lewis, Michael Zucchet and Ralph Inzunza — accusing them of accepting campaign contributions in exchange for supporting proposed strip club regulations.
Lewis passed away before charges could be resolved, but Zucchet—then acting mayor—and Inzunza were both convicted on federal corruption charges in taking thousands of dollars from Michael Galardi, owner of the Cheetahs strip club, who wanted the councilmembers to repeal a local ordinance prohibiting patrons of strip joints from touching naked dancers.
Both councilmembers were convicted of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, wire fraud and extortion.

San Diego's next mayor:
The top four candidates are seen as those who have previously held office and are:
Democrat Mike Aguirre was formerly the City's attorney but lost his re-election bid in 2008 to current City Attorney Jan Goldsmith. He has previously worked as a U.S. attorney. Aguirre alienated many during the pension crisis through his combative and accusatory style.
Aguirre, seen by many as an underdog, speaks candidly about policy issues and is known to quote Robert Kennedy in his speeches. Those concerns with Filner's combative nature may think twice about supporting Aguirre. Still, others view Aguirre's time in the City's top legal position as giving him the most insight into how the city is managed.
City Councilmember David Alvarez represents the southernmost district of the City, which encompasses many traditionally Latino neighborhoods including Barrio Logan, Logan Heights and San Ysidro, which borders the U.S.-Mexico border. Alvarez is seen as the progressive in the race who would continue to champion the issues on which Filner was elected.

Alvarez has earned the endorsement of the local Democratic Party and the powerful San Diego Labor Council – both were instrumental in electing Filner in 2012. Alvarez is a San Diego native, educated at San Diego State and is the youngest sitting councilmember, at age 29. He was first elected to the council in 2010 and previously worked as a staffer for State Senator Denise Ducheny. If elected, Alvarez would be the first Latino to ever be elected mayor.
City Councilmember Kevin Faulconer is a moderate Republican member of the City Council. He was first elected to the council in 2006. He is another graduate of San Diego State University. Faulconer states he has consistently worked to bring the city around both in financially and in terms of the reputation we the City has developed over the years in light of a series of political scandals.

Faulconer has earned the endorsement of the local Republican Party, the Chamber of Commerce and former mayor Jerry Sanders. With so many high-profile Democrats already in the race, Faulconer is seen as highly likely to make a run off election and face one of the three Democrats in a runoff election early next year.
Former Republican Assemblymember Nathan Fletcher is now running as a Democrat. Fletcher previously ran as both a Republican and then Independent in a failed 2012 mayoral bid where he finished third. He currently works as Senior Director of Corporate Development for Qualcomm. Fletcher is backed by some of the Democratic Party's biggest donors and despite his poor voting record on labor issues, by former Labor Council leader Lorena Gonzalez now a member of the State Assembly.

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3 PEOPLE, PLACES, THINGS NOVEMBER EDITION

BY
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1. **Evita** – If you enjoy musical theatre or want a fun night out, Evita is coming to San Diego! This collaboration between Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice runs from November 12 through November 17 at the San Diego Civic Theatre. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster and range from \$38 to \$115. For more information, visit www.broadwaysd.com.
2. **Sycuan's Fantasy on Ice** – This open-air ice skating rink, located in the heart of Downtown San Diego, is the perfect way to get into the holiday spirit. Open from November 21 through January 5, tickets are \$12 for children and \$14 for adults. Season passes are also available for \$35. Ticket price includes ice skate rental. For more information, visit www.sdice.com.
3. **Father Joe's Village Thanksgiving Day 5k** – This is the perfect way to make your Thanksgiving feast guiltless, AND raise money for a great cause! The Balboa Park run starts at 7:45 a.m. on November 28, and pets are welcome. Ticket prices range from \$27 to \$45 depending on when you sign up. For more information, visit www.thanksgivingrun.org.

MESSAGES FROM YOUR SBA

INTRODUCING SBA’S 1L REPRESENTATIVES



Megan Marsh

SECTION 1
1L REP
ALLAN ACEVEDO

I’m excited for the opportunity to represent you as the 1L Representative for Section 1.

I was born in Tijuana, Mexico, but have lived in the States most of my life. Most of my schooling as done in South Bay San Diego and San Diego State for undergrad (Go Aztecs). My degree is in political science and the bulk of my professional experience centers on running political campaigns. I have also sat on statewide non-profit boards for organizations such as Equality California Candidate PAC and the Gay-Straight Alliance Network. My passion for social justice in a legal setting was solidified at a young age when in high school I helped coordinate a statewide march, rally and lobbying day

in Sacramento for LGBT students’ rights in public schools.

Law school has been a dream of mine for a long time and I’m elated to be here. I’m also excited for the opportunity to share this experience with all of you. I already met many of you in my section and look forward to getting to know as many of you as possible over the coming years.

This coming year, I want to ensure that 1Ls have a voice at the table when it comes to the SBA and the administration. Transparency is important to me. I want to make sure all of you know what is going on with the tuition you pay that funds the SBA. I also want to make sure 1Ls are all informed about resources and opportunities to get involved on campus and in the community. The same goes for resources for academic success. Please feel free to come up to me to talk about anything or ask any questions. I might know the answer right away, but we’re all new to this together. As I’m sure many of you have already figured out law school is a team sport. If I don’t know the answer, I’ll work to help us find the solution together. Stop me in the halls for anything or please feel free to e-mail me afacedo@law.cwsl.edu.



Megan Marsh

SECTION 2
1L REP
JAMAL KAMANDY

Hello fellow students at California Western School of Law. My name is Jamal Kamandy, and I am a 1L rep for section 3! I am from the Rocky Mountain state of Colorado, born and raised on the front range. I grew up in a small rural town, but did most of my schooling in a slightly larger town called Fort Collins. For college, I attended Colorado State University, and received a degree in Political Science and Religious Studies. I also received a Masters degree in Ethnic Studies, in which I wrote a thesis on the intersections of race, religion, and law. Specifically, I focused on how counter-terrorism laws have marginalized Muslim-American communities.

Prior to coming to law school, I taught at a local high school in Colorado for two years. I also taught a freshman level course at CSU for one year. My interests include anything outdoors, swing dancing, eating a lot of food, and all things related to the Denver Broncos. Sorry San Diego, but my team is better than yours. As your 1L rep, I hope to serve and represent all the pertinent interests of the student body. I hope that I can help solve any issues students may have, while also help foster an inclusive and inviting environment here at Cal Western. If there’s anything I can do to help our journey through law school, please let me know!



Megan Marsh

SECTION 3
1L REP MEGAN
MANGASSARIAN

Hi, My name is Megan Mangassarian and I am one of your 1L SBA representatives. I was born and raised in Los Angeles. My hobbies include photography, being a member of the Trespassory Taking team, and building study forts from seat cushions and law books with Erin Lamontagne. I studied Criminology at California State University Northridge before moving to San Diego for law school. I have always loved being involved in school. I have held leadership positions in both academic and social arenas, which have prepared me for this position. I am interested in Family Law and have experience drafting restraining orders for victims of domestic violence. I am extremely passionate about helping others. I want to be a resource to those who need it. Similarly, I want to be a resource for my class. I am very happy to be here. I look forward to making stronger connections with my classmates and increasing communication between SBA and students. Please feel free to stop me to ask any questions, or contact me at MMangassarian@law.cwsl.edu.

25TH HALLOWEEN AUCTION RAISES OVER \$3500 FOR CHARITY

BY SAMI HADDAD
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On October 31st, California Western School of Law raised over \$3500 in their 25th Annual Halloween Auction. The proceeds will go to benefit the Toussaint Academy’s Music Program. The Toussaint Academy is two blocks away and serves as a sanctuary for homeless teens in San Diego County.



Lauren Foley

The winner of the Halloween Costume Contest, Kathleen Milligan, dressed as “What did the fox say?”

On behalf of the SBA Executive Board I’d like to thank Professor Glenn Smith and 3L Mike Cosgrove for hosting the auction. I’d also like to thank all the professors who donated to make this auction possible, as well as all of the students who attended and placed bids on the items. Finally, I would like to give a special thank you to Carina Rojo, co-chair of the Community Outreach Committee. She organized most of the auction, and did an excellent job overseeing the publication of the event. It certainly would not have been possible without her hard work and dedication.

LETTER FROM THE SBA PRESIDENT

Happy November, everyone!



Megan Marsh

SBA PRESIDENT
LAUREN FOLEY

Your SBA has been very busy these past few weeks and I hope many, if not all, of you have had the chance to enjoy a few nights out during Welcome Week, flag football on Sundays, or 5K at Race Judicata!

I would like to first officially welcome four new members to your SBA! Our three 1L Representatives, chosen by popular vote, are: Megan Mangassarian, Allan Acevedo, and Jamal Kamandy. Moreover, SBA has voted on and approved the addition of an Ombudsman position to the Joint Board. Visiting 3L Michael Ward has been chosen to serve as your first ever SBA Ombudsman to ascertain student concerns and help improve our efficiency as a student organization. Please be sure to read his introductory article, included in this issue, and contact him directly

with any and all concerns, ideas, or suggestions for SBA.

While I have your attention, I would also like to share more about what SBA has to offer for the next month or so. First, Office Hours: SBA will be holding office hours in the Student Organization Room each Monday-Friday for the remainder of the semester. For those who don’t know, the Student Organization Room is located in the basement of the 350 building, the first door on the right once you’ve gone down the stairs. In addition to an office hours schedule, contact information for each SBA Officer will be posted in the SBA cubicle (the first on the right when you enter the SO Room). Please feel free to visit your SBA student leaders with any questions throughout the week!

Second, Intermurals: This semester, Cal Western joined Thomas Jefferson School of Law in an intermural flag football league. I was incredibly excited to finally play on a law school co-ed team and I must admit, it was as awesome as I hoped it would be. Along with three other CWSL teams, Team Professor Sacks held their own against a mostly TJSL-dominated YMCA league. Though we fell short in the semi-final round of playoffs, each Sunday on that field was time well spent with friends. Just imagine that perfect spiral soaring towards you as you sprint towards the end zone (probably harder than you have since high school track) to make a game-winning catch. Now imagine the elation you feel when you make that catch, much to the dismay of the TJ student who’s terribly disguised PI couldn’t even break up the play. That, my friends, is happiness. Aside from bragging about my own team, I want to encourage each of you to consider joining one of our many upcoming intermural teams this school year. Look to the article written by your SBA Director of Intramurals, Anthony Chance, to read more about the upcoming leagues being offered. Perhaps we can even acquire enough interest to continue flag football in the spring!

As always, thanks for reading, guys. I hope your courses are comprehensible, your outlines are started, and your weekends are still spent in the sun.

Cheers,

Lauren

SBA HAPPENINGS

SDCBA WELCOMES LAW STUDENTS

BY ALISON SCHLICK
SBA REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

California Western law students mixed with students from Thomas Jefferson and University of San Diego at the SDCBA's annual Law Student Welcome event which was held Thursday, September 26th. This fun, relaxed event featured a scavenger hunt to win an Apple iPad while showcasing over 25 sections and 20 committees as well as other speciality and diverse bar associations. Barbri sponsored the event. The big news this year is that law student membership in the San Diego County Bar Association is FREE for all three years of law school. As part of their complementary SDCBA membership a student may join up to three sections and also may join committees as well. To help them decide which to join, students at the event were able to meet section and committee members, many of whom are California Western alumni. For instance, former CWSL SBA President, Udoka Nwanna and current Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association President attended and assisted with the event. Lawyers in the area love meeting law students and

the event was well attended not only by students but also by attorneys from the area and key leadership from SDCBA including Larry Campitiello from the SDCBA Board of Directors. Finally, our very own Alex Lake-Laubach was the winner of the Apple iPad!

I would like to give a big thank you to Alison Phillips, Communications and Special Events Manager at the SDCBA and the Law Student Outreach Program Committee for organizing this event. This event was months in the planning, and as your SBA Representative to the SDCBA, I truly enjoyed assisted in the planning and promotion of the event by attending monthly planning meetings throughout the summer. SBA and Career Services helped to promote the event as well. If you have questions for your SDCBA Representative about how to get involved in the San Diego legal community, feel free to contact me at AKSchlick@law.cwsl.edu.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS



Lauren Foley

BY ANTHONY CHANCE
INTRAMURAL DIRECTOR

I'd like to begin by thanking everyone who participated in this semesters flag football league. Intramural sports took a new direction this semester and combined with Thomas Jefferson School of Law. This will be the plan moving forward for the rest of the year because we will be combining with Thomas Jefferson for basketball, softball, and a volleyball tournament in the spring. If enough students are interested, we can have another flag football league in the spring, but this will probably be only for California Western students. Thanks again for everyone who participated in flag football and good luck to all the students who are participating in soccer. There will be an information fair early in the Spring semester to reveal what sports we'll be having next semester.

NETWORKING WITH CWSL ALUMS

BY ZAG BASSIRIAN
SBA ALUMNI REP

There are hundreds of CWSL alumni practicing here in San Diego, and they provide a huge resource for current students to tap into for a variety of reasons. However, if we don't utilize that resource, it might as well not be there at all.

The CWSL Alumni Association is seeking your ideas on ways you would like to see alumni get involved with current students. This could be anything from an alumni/student sports league, alumni/student lunches, happy hours, beach cleanups, etc. etc.

The Alumni Association will be putting a significant amount of effort to increase alumni/student networking opportunities, and in order to make sure whatever ends up happening is a success, students are encouraged to please email cwslcommentary@gmail.com and send us what programs/events you would like to see offered. With your help, we hope to make future Alumni Association events a success with the student body.

SAN DIEGO'S POLITICS

From MAYORAL RACE on page 3

Fletcher presents himself as a political moderate who is able to work with both sides of the aisles, but many progressive Democrats question his abrupt change from life-long Republican, party-eschewing independent, to pro-Labor and pro-LGBT Democrat. Despite these trepidations, many in the Democratic political establishment view Fletcher as the best chance for Democrats to retain the mayorship.

Regardless of your political affiliation or voting preference, I encourage all readers to vote on November 19th. There is a lot at stake, and each resident should have their voice heard.



Megan Marsh

CALIFORNIA WESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW CREATES NEW OMBUDSMAN POSITION

INTRODUCING:
3L MICHAEL WARD

As the first ever SBA Ombudsman at Cal Western, I will serve the student body as a neutral party designated to address student ideas or complaints, and from there, develop fair solutions. I am here to aid any student who feels discriminated against or unfairly treated. I will report to the SBA Executive Board on major or recurring problems. In addition, I will suggest procedural changes to improve the efficiency of our student government.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: THE FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION!

BY MITCHELL MILLER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

CWSL students have a unique opportunity to participate with the Federal Bar Association.

Taiba Munir gained experience as a student member of the FBA while she was in Massachusetts. Munir has explained that as an FBA member, students will have the opportunity to network locally with federal practitioners and judges in Southern California. Furthermore, there are an abundance of events sponsored by the FBA. In October, the FBA held events in San Diego on topics such as Criminal Trial Advocacy, and the State of the Southern District. These events are regularly attended by local attorneys and judges discussing various federal legal issues and new changes to the federal law.

Networking galore! Student members will have the opportunity to network locally with the local state/chapter of the FBA. Furthermore, if students plan on practicing in another state or region, the FBA has a network of more than 16,000 federal lawyers. The network also includes more than 1,200 federal judges.

A committee of CWSL students has been formed to establish a lasting link between CWSL and the FBA. CWSL is currently the only law school to pioneer a student chapter within the Southern District of the FBA. This will allow our students a certain networking advantage at FBA events. Furthermore, CWSL student participation in the FBA will further extend the reach of our School's reputation and initiative. The FBA Committee is currently in discussion with local FBA representatives about future opportunities for a Southern District student chapter.

The FBA Committee will be hosting a speaker event in late November. The date/time is still to be arranged. This speaker is a representative of the FBA, and he or she plans to inform students about the opportunities available with the FBA.

If you would like to know the details about this speaker event, are interested in joining the FBA or have any ideas you would like to contribute, please contact the FBA Committee at cwslfba@gmail.com.



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SBA CONTINUED

SBA BUDGET FALL 2013	
EVENTS	BUDGET
Executive	\$300.00
Vice President- Barrister's Ball	\$7,249.00
Board of Representatives	\$1,000.00
Activities	\$3,000.00
Athletics	\$250.00
Race J	\$3,900.00
Community Outreach	\$500.00
Commentary	\$1,325.00
Admin	\$50.00
SDCBA	\$0.00
ABA	\$0.00
PR	\$250.00
TOTALS	\$17,824.00

Final Budget for the Fall 2013 SBA

- (1) The size of the Organization;
- (2) The Organization's finances including: dues account; fundraising; donations; national support; etc.;
- (3) The number of events the Organization is planning and how the Organization has ranked them;
- (4) The planned event's impact on the school;
- (5) Whether or not the Organization used previously allotted SBA funding.

Each BOR member will weigh each of the factors in their own way, with the exception of the last factor. The last factor is normally given the most weight. Once money is allotted to the student organizations, the SBA cannot take that money back. If an Organization (or SBA) does NOT spend the money allotted, that money goes into a reserve and is, for all intents and purposes, lost to us. That is money that could have been allotted to another organiza-

BUDGET HEARING: THE NUMBERS

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tion that could have used it, but was not and as a result, was lost.

The BOR writes their recommendations based on those factors and also based on what they learned from the budget hearing. The BOR members then send those recommendations to the Chairman of the Board. The Chairman then comes up with a preliminary budget, and sends it back to the BOR for approval. Once approved, it goes to the business office and to each of the student Organizations.

I would like to conclude by saying that Budget Hearings are not the most exciting things, but in many ways they are necessary evils. Despite that, Budget Hearings are important—and not just because of the funding aspect. They are important events because they give the BOR and representatives from student organizations a chance to meet and talk about their respective organization, what is important to them and their organization and the events that they are planning. The BOR can review numbers and event summaries, but they will never be able to replace the human interaction. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of the organizations that participated in the budget hearing. Thank you to the representatives who came out and for some, who waited, to be heard.

Whether it's during the budget hearing, or outside of

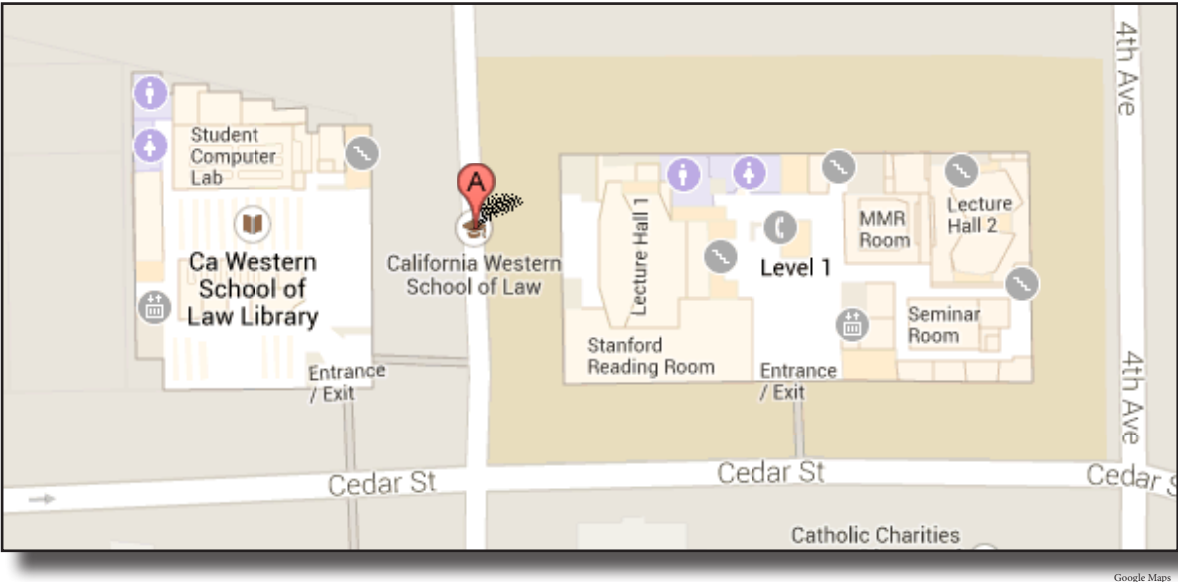
ORGANIZATION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	SBA FUNDING
ACS	\$775.00	\$ 550.00
Amnesty	\$375.00	\$ 275.00
APALSA	\$425.00	\$ 330.00
BLS	\$537.00	\$ 400.00
BLSA	\$376.50	\$ 260.00
CEL	\$215.00	\$ 190.00
CLA	\$255.00	\$ 230.00
CLS	\$197.00	\$ 160.00
ELS	\$350.00	\$ 300.00
ESLS	\$600.00	\$ 450.00
Est. Plan.	\$305.00	\$ 250.00
Fed.	\$400.00	\$ 300.00
HLS	\$950.00	\$ 450.00
HLSA	\$355.00	\$ 300.00
Int'l	\$240.00	\$ 200.00
JSU	\$645.00	\$ 450.00
LaRaza	\$620.00	\$ 560.00
LSDR	\$630.00	\$ 460.00
Maritime	\$500.00	\$ 400.00
MELSA	\$410.00	\$ 340.00
NALSA	\$195.00	\$ 150.00
OWLS	\$225.00	\$ 200.00
PAD	\$1,833.50	\$ 1,300.00
PILF	\$400.00	\$ 375.00
PRIDE	\$370.00	\$ 325.00
SADLF	\$411.60	\$ 350.00
SALSA	\$475.00	\$ 400.00
SIPLA	\$470.00	\$ 400.00
SMATT	\$100.00	\$ 50.00
WLC	\$342.50	\$ 300.00
	\$13,983.10	\$ 10,705.00

Final Budget for the Fall 2013 Student Organizations

it, I encourage you to please come to your representatives if you have any questions or concerns. We will do our best to give you answers and to address your concerns or find someone who can.

MAPPED OUT: CWSL IS ON THE MAP

BY MITCHELL MILLER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR



If you get on Google Maps and look at California Western, you can now see the inside of our buildings. Jolie Cartier, Executive officer of Facilities Management, and whom some would call the heart of California Western, has been working with Google to create a detailed map of the interior of California Western buildings. Over the summer, Google personnel toured California Western buildings and took measurements. While Google and Cartier still have work to do on some small details, the results are astonishing.

California Western's innards are labeled floor by floor. Lecture halls, bathrooms, telephones, and even defibrillators are clearly demarcated. Cartier says that this ap-

plication will be very useful, especially for new students who may not know their way around. You may also note that secure locations are excluded on Google Maps, such as any rooms that may include any personally identifiable information, the deans' offices, or even the California Innocence Project.

Google has also mapped the interior of other buildings, like the Smithsonian, and even the separate departments at your local Home Depot.

So if you need to find Donna's Coffee Cart, and you are somehow lost on the Fourth Floor of the 350 building, just pull up Google Maps and you will be on your way.

Interested in contributing to an issue?
The Commentary meets weekly on Mondays at 12:15 PM on the third floor couches. You can reach us via email at:
cwslcommentary@gmail.com

THANK YOU! FROM THE COC

BY CO-CHAIRS:
CARINA ROJO AND ROMAN HOSSAIN
COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE (COC)



Carina Rojo

Thank you to all those who planned, donated or contributed to the Annual Halloween Auction on Thursday, October 31st. All of the funds gathered from the event went to the Toussaint Academy

We need student participation to help our neighbors in need. The Student Bar Association, Community Outreach Committee at Cal Western has set big goals to give back to the community surrounding Cal Western. The Toussaint Academy is 2 blocks away and serves as a sanctuary for homeless teens in San Diego County.

The COC wants to support the Academy so they can continue to thrive as a haven where kids can learn the skills they need to lead healthy, safe, and fulfilling lives. Money raised from the Auction will go to specifically benefit the Toussaint Academy's Music Program. Donations can be dropped off at Lori Boyles office on the 2nd floor (behind Donna's coffee cart). If you would like more information about the auction or how to become a member of the Community Outreach Committee, please email Carina Rojo at carina.rojo@gmail.com.

CLUB HAPPENINGS

JOIN PRIDE LAW: TASTE THE RAINBOW

As I was sitting in the library listening to a compilation of Katy Perry, Lady Gaga, and the QUEEN Britney, I got inspired...obviously.

I joined the executive board of California Western's Pride Law last year on a mission. I wanted to spread the word about our inclusive, light-hearted, life-loving organization. Forget what you have heard, Pride Law is not just for those of us who can appreciate the anatomy of the same sex.

Pride Law exists to create an environment where gays and allies can come together and discuss issues that plague the LGBT community. We advocate for the rights of LGBT individuals through community service and involvement. Members of Pride Law encourage one another in the study of law generally and specifically as it relates to civil rights. Activities include a mentoring program with local attorneys

BY MERRICK WADSWORTH
PRIDE LAW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER



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and alumni, socials with other LGBT law groups, and sponsoring speakers and debates on campus.

SO COME ONE, COME ALL. Many of our members have struck the almighty balance between being successful students and still having a great time in school. Pride Law is one of the many wonderful organizations on campus, but probably the only one that hits up the occasional drag show at Lips or Urban Mo's. Don't knock it until you've tried it!

For upcoming Pride Law events, please like our Facebook page titled "California Western PRIDElaw" or speak with one of our fabulous executive board members Abel Abrego, Alvaro Salazar, or yours truly. We look forward to seeing your smiling face at our next event!

CHILD, FAMILY, ELDER LAW SOCIETY

BY JENNA HOEFLER
CFELS PRESIDENT

On Thursday November 21st at 12:15pm, The Child, Family, and Elder Law Society (CFELS) is presenting a speaker panel with three attorneys. A practicing child, family, and elder law attorney will each be in attendance to discuss their respective field and address questions from the student body. It will be held in LH1 and lunch will be provided.



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The purpose and mission of CFELS is:

(a) To create a publicly visible atmosphere of education in order to increase, among law students as well as within the broader legal community, interest in and understanding of the law as it relates to children, families, and the elderly.

(b) To contribute to making the lives of children, families, and the elderly more enjoyable through community service.

(c) To connect and create networks with each other and with attorneys and other professionals in the fields of child, family, and elder law in order to assist our own professional development.

(d) To foster a sense of pride in being law students who pursue child, family, and elder law as an interest or career.

(e) To continually update our knowledge about internships, volunteer positions, and career opportunities in the fields of child, family, and elder law, both locally and nationally.

(f) To give law students interested in child, family, and elder law a sense of personal ownership, commitment, and structure and a level of consistency from year to year that will support positive mental and professional growth.

Child, Family and Elder law is also a concentration available at CWSL. It is directed by Professor Janet Weinstein. If you are interested in getting involved, or just want to learn more, please attend our event on November 21st or feel free to reach us via email at jahoefer@law.cwsl.edu

MOOT COURT HONORS BOARD

BY KATIE NAGLER
MCNB PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR



From left: Olesya Adams, Noura Bariche, Amanda Khiterman, Ghazal Sharif

CONGRATS:

BIG CONGRATS to one of CWSL's appellate teams, Rachel Ferguson and Angela Porter, coached by Franciesca Balerio! These ladies placed in the top 4 teams at the Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition.

CONGRATS to the winners of the mediation completion and great job to all of the competitors!!

1st Place: Olesya Adams & Ghazal Sharif

2nd Place: Sara Khosroabadi & Amanda Khiterman

DA award: Noura Bariche

GOOD LUCK:

GOOD LUCK to our Appellate Team going to the Entertainment Law Moot Court Competition at Pepperdine University School of Law on November 9th and 10th.

GOOD LUCK to our Negotiation Teams going to ABA Regionals at U.C. Berkley School of Law on November 9th and 10th.



From left: Rachel Ferguson and Andrea Porter



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ACS UPCOMING EVENT!

BY CINDY PEREZ
ACS VICE PRESIDENT

The American Constitution Society (ACS) is hosting its annual Student Convention from February 28 - March 1, 2014 at UCLA School of Law. Reflecting upon the 60th anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*, meet student leaders from across the country to discuss the impact of the ground-breaking decision, learn about current efforts to achieve educational equity, and explore innovative ways you can help secure Brown's future.

The two-day program is meant to be highly interactive- students will be encouraged to engage with speakers, share their ideas, and contribute to developing ACS's student voice. You will leave equipped with useful tools, new strategies and theories to tackle one of the most important policy issues of the day and make a difference in expanding opportunity within your communities.

Most importantly, ACS provides travel and hotel funding for students to attend the event. The California Western Student Chapter is planning on sending as many students as possible. Our chapter will also coordinate all funding for the trip. If you are interested in attending, please e-mail us at JMCowles@law.cwsl.edu.

EDITOR’S PICKS

INTERVIEWING TIPS: HOW TO ROCK THE INTERVIEW.



BY MATTHEW A. LAB, ESQ.
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR,
CAREER SERVICES OFFICE

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 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.

“Keep in mind that an interview is nothing more than a focused conversation”

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 does get 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 answer flows 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, 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 is it very important to distinguish yourself, it is not advisable to express your individuality with your wardrobe, hair or adornments. This is a professional interview. You are not going clubbing! 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!

LAW SCHOOL FASHION

BY FARIHA SIDDIQUI
STAFF WRITER

Having trouble figuring out what to wear to your next law school event? The following guidelines can help you decide what to wear to receptions and networking events. These guidelines can play a supporting role in allowing you to market yourself in a professional manner. While many other professions have become less conservative with dress codes, the legal profession still demands the polished, conservative look. Networking events adhere to a strict a professional dress code that should not be confused as social events. These events will have a range of age groups and employers of different seniority therefore, it is best to attend with a conservative dress code. You only get one chance to make a first impression.

At receptions and networking events you should focus on making a good impression and establish connections that could lead to a job. Therefore, think of these events as a laid-back interview process. For women, conduct the “sit down test” to spot problems that go undetected when standing. Sit in a chair in front of a mirror and if your skirt rides up, buttons gape or undergarments peek out, it is best to opt for an alternate outfit. You want to move comfortably when sitting and standing up.

Your appearance can determine whether you are perceived in a positive way. Keep in mind it is always better to be overdressed than to make the mistake of being underdressed.

While dressing traditional can be boring there is still opportunity to display your originality. Add accessories to your outfit to stand out in the sea of blue and grey. Use caution that accessories are not overly flashy. Well-chosen accessories or a pop of color can show your creativity but should be limited to one piece. Avoid revealing clothing! That’s means no cleavage unless your job aspiration is to be a Hooters waitress. Have your clothes tailored and cover up tattoos. Both men and women should make sure clothes fit appropriately.

Finally, when in doubt of the dress code, just ask! Find out the culture of the job and observe the interviewer and current employees for hints on what is acceptable at the workplace. Prepare your outfit in advance in order to make the necessary adjustments like alterations, dry cleaning before the event. Your impeccable style will let you feel your best and shows potential employers your attention to detail. See STUDENT FASHION on page 10...

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Friday and Sunday:
4pm-12am
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10am – 2pm



Meze is truly a gem amongst the sea of restaurants in the Gaslamp District. Few, if any places downtown can combine the comforting ambiance, Greek / Mediterranean food, trendy patio outside where patrons can smoke hookah, various cocktails and weekend belly dancers.

The word, “Meze” is a regional word meaning taste or snack. Meze serves brunch on Saturday and Sunday between 10am-2pm. They have happy hour drink specials from Monday-Friday between 4-6pm. They also serve hookah daily, serving over 25 different flavors and fusions.

If you’re going there for dinner, I recommend starting with the Saganaki. The presentation of the dish is fantastic, and the cheese is very flavorful. Their burgers and wraps are delicious and reasonably priced. The combo kabob large plate is the best way to indulge in both the chicken kabob and the filet mignon. Depending on what you order, a full dinner for two will run you about \$60 plus tax and tip. You’re paying for more than the food though, as the ambiance, downtown nightlife passing by, and live entertainment on the weekends make dining at Meze a truly memorable experience.

It is the service, however, that really sets Meze apart from the competition. Each server, regardless of whether they are serving your table, is helpful, friendly and knowledgeable about the menu. They offer suggestions to those of us that are often overwhelmed by the vast selection.

Whether you’re stopping by for dinner, drinks before a night out in San Diego, or late night hookah after an evening at the clubs, Meze will not disappoint.

STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

JUST GO

BY SEAN ELO
STAFF WRITER

I've heard it over and over again since returning from my summer abroad. "You are so lucky. I'm so jealous. I wish I could do something like that." I could not agree more with the first sentence. I am incredibly lucky. I spent the summer seeing beautiful and historic places, meeting great people, and learning about history, people, and myself. In short, it was the best summer of my life.

Where I disagree with my friends is with what seems to be a common belief of many in law school; that traveling abroad is an option for only a select few. I may be lucky for having actually gone abroad, but as American graduate students we are all extremely fortunate in that traveling abroad is completely feasible and much easier and less risky than you might think. I am going to share a few options that are available, but think it is important to first say that my main point is to say "just go." Regardless of whether it be through one of the methods I list, if you are one of those people who find yourself gazing enviously at your friend's travel photos or simply are not ready to jump right into the daily grind of legal work, just go.

In-school Options

One way we at CWSL are fortunate is the multitude of study abroad options available to us. My friend, Joanne Heilbrun, detailed the Prague program in the most recent edition of The Com-

mentary and there are also options available through our Consortium for Innovative Legal Education in Chile, Galway, London, and Malta. I've heard great things about each of these programs and they offer classes for people with a variety of interests and career goals.

Another in-school option is through our clinical internship program. Did you know clinical internships can be done anywhere in the world? This allows for anyone with the desire to go abroad an opportunity to build the trip of a lifetime and at the same time earn academic credit and gain valuable legal experience. This option almost completely negates the excuse of students not wanting to stunt their career development.

On the topic of common excuses, there is also the issue of not being able to pay rent while abroad. This is obviously completely understandable as we are all students and are working on limited budgets. Fortunately, there is always the option of subletting. This is what I did over the summer and it could not have worked out better. A little planning and effort on your part can ensure that you not only are not paying for a place you are not using, but may even be able to make a money. For those interested, Air BnB and Craigslist make it very easy to list your place.



Sean Elo in Rome

Post-Bar Options

For those either unwilling or who don't have the time left to go abroad as a student, there is always the post-Bar option. I'm sure many of you have friends who are suffering through the purgatory that is post-Bar life in San Diego. Paid positions are few and far between and life without student loans seems to get real in a hurry. With this in mind, why not turn this into an opportunity to do something different that you probably will not be able to do once you start that inevitable high-paying and illustrious legal career?

Obviously, for a select few, there is the option of the classic long-term travel experience where you travel to various places and see and experience as much as your budget will allow. There are other options as well. As a law school grad, there are literally dozens of countries where you can earn a living as an English teacher. Help Exchange (HelpX.net) and World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (Wwoof.net) offer opportunities to exchange work for room and board. Seeing as how making a living during post-Bar is as tough as it is, doesn't going abroad sound like a good use of that time?

My point is that when it comes to traveling, when there is a will, there is a way. So rather than find yourself telling your friends how lucky they are, take the initiative and make yourself one of the lucky ones and just go.

LAW SCHOOL IS GREAT

BY JUSTIN BEHRAVESH
STAFF WRITER



Justin Behraves

Let me start off by saying that I love being in law school. Yes, I said it. I absolutely love it here. I love digesting long, confusing Supreme Court cases. I love the constant, imminent fear of the Socratic dialogue in class. I love the process of going from confusion about an unfamiliar area of the law, to becoming an expert in that area. I love taking exams. Yes, you read that right. I thoroughly enjoy the process of preparing for and taking final exams. Going to law school was a dream of mine for years before coming here, and the fact that I actually made it happen is nothing short of a dream come true. I go to sleep every night feeling intellectually fulfilled and thankful for the wonderful opportunities I have here.

Not all of my colleagues share this sentiment. I am constantly amazed by the number of my classmates who seem less than thrilled to be in law school. Worse, I am astounded at the number of complaints that I hear on a

daily basis. Everything from "I can't believe how much reading we have to do," to "it's bulls--- that Westlaw no longer has free printing" to "I can't stand X class," or during one shocking moment last year when I overheard someone very loudly exclaim that they "f---ing hate Professor X!"

Whoa. Hang on. Slow your roll. I agree that law school is a grind. I kissed my social life goodbye when I came here last fall. I also agree that it's kind of a bummer that Westlaw no longer offers free printing. And yes, there are times when the Socratic method gives us more confusion than clarification. But the last time I checked, we are all lucky to be here. Going to law school is a privilege, not a right. And it's a privilege that not many people have.

Just before coming to law school, I spent a year as a volunteer elementary school English teacher on a remote outer island in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, a developing Pacific Island nation that 98% of the people reading this article have never heard of. I witnessed immense poverty like I had never seen before. I also saw a public education system that was struggling beyond anything that I could have ever imagined. It broke my heart. I had so many bright students, but because of the fact that they happened to be born into a country with a broken education system, they will never have a fraction of the educational opportunities we have here in the United States. Specifically, I had one 7th grade student whose life ambition was to become a lawyer. She was an excellent student who did very well in my class. However, due to the lack of resources available to her, the chances of her actu-

ally going to law school are slim to none. Even if she aces her way through high school, there is pretty much no chance that she will ever make it to law school.

The point is that we are the lucky few in this world who have had the opportunity not only to go to college, but also to engage in higher education. Going to law school is a huge blessing that we should never take for granted. So be thankful. Make the most of what you have here. I'm not saying every day is perfect. Yes, the grading curve isn't ideal. Yes, we have way more class work than our counterparts in MSW or MBA programs. Yes, Cal Western is not a top tier law school (according to NewsWeek). And yes, the legal job market is far from ideal right now. But for me, I feel content and thankful every day. And you should too. We have an opportunity here that only a fraction of the world's population has. So smile! You're in law school!



Justin Behraves

Justin Behraves in playing the ukulele in the Republic of Marshall Islands

AROUND CAMPUS

HOW TO LEAVE A MISTRESS

BY PROFESSOR CAMPBELL
ISSUE CONTRIBUTOR

Over the years many students have accepted Prof. Campbell's invitation to visit him at Lakeside on Saturday mornings. There we'd watch him relate skillfully and lovingly to his Arabian and Thoroughbred horses as he exercised them in a turn-out ring, then got them tacked-and-banded for a polo game. Next we saw a near-70-year-old man transform to a young, spirited, intensely competitive, and talented jock as he raced his horses up and down the field, forcing opponents away from the ball, helping teammates drive the ball towards their goal, and occasionally scoring himself. We're sorry these opportunities are over for Cal Western students to watch genuine passion-in-action. We also know how much polo meant to Prof. Campbell and wish him the best with his two remaining "mistresses." I confess. Fortune's let me live with three bewitching mistresses all at once. The first, that famously jealous one, is law— with whom I've toiled most of my life in courtrooms, boardrooms, classrooms, etc. The second and the sexiest is my wife Drusilla— with whom I've shared 44 volatile years. Third is polo— full-bodied passion of my later life. I've romped with this mistress nearly every weekend for the last fourteen years. Indeed her manifold enticements have captured me like an addictive drug.

No other sport— not five years of boxing, 10 years of rugby, or 40 years of running— has pulsed so much adrenalin and ecstasy through my veins. When my ego brags that polo is the planet's fastest (and 2nd-most lethal) contact sport, Dru downsizes me with truth: "Art, compared to chasing women at your age, polo is much safer, cheaper— and you have a better chance to score."

Aye, scoring: there's the rub. When I first swung a polo mallet my learning curve shot up so fast I snagged three MVP awards in low-goal tournaments riding on three different mounts. Now my learning curve has not just flattened out; it's been stomped into the ground.

The turning point occurred two years ago in a tournament on my best polo pony (Chloe, R.I.P.), who once had played professionally. Chloe dumped me when she turned sharply towards the ball while I turned my body sharply the other way to play defense. I lay para-

"It's so hard... to say goodbye... to yesterday."
-R&B song by G. C. Cameron

lyzed for half a minute and wondered, "Have I crushed one broken collar-bone that healed with an overlap? Have I mashed the other, held together by a steel plate and screws? Have I'd ripped my sawed patella, or concussed my noggin for the final, seventh time?" Suddenly I regained feeling in my spine and jumped up feeling fine.

Only later did I learn the fall had severed nerves that stabilized the muscles in my shoulder blade so it could anchor all the dozen muscles used to swing a polo mallet.

Since then I've not been able to fine-tune my stroke with even moderate consistency. Sometimes I hit straight shots but usually smack the ball too far left or right or miss the bloody thing entirely! I've been x-rayed and examined by a top-flight sports doctor; prodded, bent, and yelled at by physical therapists, and

modified my half-century regimen of pumping iron. All the while I've been waiting, hoping that the severed nerves would (against the doctor's odds) somehow regenerate. After two years it's fairly clear they won't.

The upshot? Words I never thought I'd hear myself

say: "Polo is no longer fun." Those miss-hits are so frustrating! I'm no longer helping teammates drive the ball to goals; instead I'm dragging down the team. Lately at game's end I've been riding off the field, feeling frustrated and miserable. Although I'd hoped to play the game a few more years, I now know it's time for me to hang my mallets up.

But how to leave? Perhaps, like parting with a human mistress, I should just say sweet goodbyes and walk away. But I won't abandon my three loyal steeds. Moreover every time I visit Hering ranch to ride them I'll also see the polo field and pass my teammates' nodding horses, each with its own personality. I'll flashback to some of my most thrilling times in life and ponder com-

rades from the field of combat— and, of course, our post-game, beer-laced camaraderies.

Bottom line? Since I can't avoid seductive memories and fierce cravings for my mistress, I'll have to treat withdrawal from my lifetime's favorite sport like recovery from addiction. I'll simply face it one day at a time.



Professor Campbell reading poetry



Professor Campbell charging on his Arabian stallion Zarahas

STUDENT EVALUATIONS

What is really being done with your evaluations?

BY SAMI HADDAD
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

We all know the drill, students receive emails near the end of the trimester asking them to complete evaluations of teachers whom they've spend the last few months with. Some of us are too busy to complete them, others don't care enough, and most only do it because professors allocate time during class.

At the end of the evaluation accumulation period, the results are tabulated. After grades are tabulated by professors, the results of each professor's evaluations are released to the corresponding professor, along with Dean Scheininger and Dean Aceves. A mean score of the twenty-five questions is tabulated and compared with the other professors mean scores for each question. Teachers can also see the 25th and 75th percentile. Dean Aceves speaks with professors that receive sub-par scores, and they work on editing their course and reviewing the hand-written answers to the evaluation questions.

The faculty at California Western School of Law face a major challenge with student participation in filing out evaluations. About three years ago, the school switched from a paper version of the evaluations to an online version. This was done to increase convenience and allow more time to respond. The current response rate is less than 50%. In an interview with Dean Aceves, the Vice Dean of Academic Affairs, he expressed frustration because he, like many faculty members, cares about student feedback.

Dean Aceves is a former professor himself, having taught Human Rights for a number of years. As a result of the evaluations he received, he changed the book for the course (because it was too expensive), and made the course two units instead of one because of the amount of work the course entailed.

As a fellow student I urge you to spend the time with future evaluations, starting with those that you will complete later this trimester. Evaluations are the main avenue of expression that students have to communicate their thoughts about professors and course materials. I encourage students to spend time on them, articulate their thoughts, and be honest with the confidence knowing that they are all anonymous.

STUDENT FASHION

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Here are a few things to keep in mind:

Women's Interview Attire

- Suit: Invest in a fitted, high quality suit. Pantsuits are ideal but a skirt with hosiery is perfectly acceptable. You can create a versatile look by changing shirts, accessories and scarfs. Make sure clothing is not too tight and skirts should be close to knee length.
- Dress shirt: avoid low cut tops or clingy material
- Shoes: closed-toe flats or short heel pumps are preferred
- Limited accessories: Choose subtle pieces and avoid non-traditional jewelry such as nose and lip piercings
- Professional hairstyle should be maintained
- Makeup: Opt for a classic look. Match your foundation to your skin tone and avoid the Snooki bronze look.
- Short, manicured nail with a traditional polish color are best
- Carry a portfolio or briefcase and have your business cards on hand

Men's Interview Attire

- Suit: Two- piece solid, classic colored suit is the best choice.
- Pick a quality wool suit that will last couple years. You can vary your shirt/tie.
- White, collared dress shirt works best but other light colored shirts also look professional
- Tie: keep a pattern basic or a traditional solid color
- Dark sock to match the suit
- Very limited jewelry is best; a watch is the most preferred accessory for men
- Shoes: black or brown leather shoes
- Neat, professional hairstyle
- Well groomed facial hair/clean shave and light cologne are best perceived
- Portfolio or briefcase

LAW SCHOOL INTERESTS

BY NOURA BARICHE
ISSUE CONTRIBUTOR

NOW PLAYING: “THE CONSERVATIVES” PERFORMED BY THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

As some of you may be aware the Supreme Court began its annual term on October 7, 2013. Though last term was deemed a nation-altering year within the bench and their decisions on issues from same-sex marriage to health-care, this term looks to be surpassing the last. As the Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court return to the bench, they will need to prepare themselves for a term that will revisit old monumental cases, and perhaps influence them to overrule precedents that have been established in prior decades. This term the docket covers cases that will impact the future of abortion, legislative prayer, and fourth amendment issues concerning roommates. Before you get too excited, the bench currently seats five conservative judges. Though Justice Anthony Kennedy is considered a swing vote, and proved that by coming to his senses and voting for same-sex, he still is a conservative. The determination of the majority on the bench to bring America back to the 1865 era where serious social problems were simply disguised by thin gold gilding doesn't seem to be apparent enough for most Americans. What most do not realize is that the presence of obvious judicial activism seems to be making Supreme Court decisions and will be detrimental to the future of this nation. With issues like abortion, and constitutional rights on the table, a conservative majority on the bench is concerning, just as concerning as a majority of liberals on the bench would be. Lets take a quick glimpse at 3 of the cases on docket for the following term.

Schuetz v. Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action

This case concerns a Michigan ballot initiative that banned the promotion of racial diversity in public em-

ployment, education, and contracting. Frequently known as Proposal 2, what the ballot does is prohibit universities and colleges from adopting a type of race-conscious admissions process. So essentially Michigan is barring state officials from giving equal access politically for advocates who believe that race should be a factor when trying to create diversity within universities. The parties involved are ACLU and NAACP who are suing for violations of the fourteenth amendment (Equal Protection Clause), on behalf of students, faculty, and prospective students. So down with diversity? The Supreme Court will begin hearing oral arguments on October 15, 2013.

Fernandez v. California

Once again we have a narrow yet surprisingly common fourth amendment issue approach the Supreme Court bench. It is somewhat startling that this issue is just now reaching the highest court in the nation. As law students, the fourth amendment issue is studied in Constitutional law, Criminal Procedure, and even in the first year of legal skills. But here we veer away from the simple question of a warrantless entry, and instead focus on co-occupant consent. Walter Fernandez before being arrested refused the search of his home. Once he was taken away, police waited around for his roommate to come home where they again inquired and were granted access through verbal and written consent. I could be wrong, but that sounds a little bit like manipulation by police enforcement. So in laymen terms, the justices will be asked to determine if it is acceptable for the police to lawfully arrest a suspect who refuses to give consent to search his home, wait for the roommate

to get home, and ask again. Will the dissent given by Fernandez bar his roommates consent? CWSL Professor Daniel Yeager's comments on this particular case sum up this glimpse perfectly. "I might say the case is meant to reconcile principles of joint tenancies with principles of good manners". The Supreme Court will begin hearing oral arguments on November 13, 2013

McCullen v. Coakley

And of course it wouldn't be an interesting term if the anti-abortion protesters weren't trying to burn down clinics. Now that a state has taken initiative to protect woman who enter abortion clinics like Planned Parenthood, somehow these protesters are claiming their first amendment rights are being violated. And by first amendment rights, they are referring to their right to stand outside clinics chanting, "Abortion is murder" and hand out pamphlets with explicit images of aborted fetuses to women who are seeking their constitutional right to have an abortion. To protect these woman Massachusetts has enacted a law that creates a 35-foot "buffer zone" outside abortion clinics. This law allows these women to come in and out of the clinics free from harassment, intimidation, and violence. This case might end up being the perfect case to illustrate judicial activism. Which constitutional right will the Supreme Court protect? The one that benefits the Liberal party? I'll leave that up for you to decide. The Supreme Court has not currently set a date for oral argument of this case.

TOP 10 LAW SCHOOL MOVIE QUOTES

BY SAMI HADDAD
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

There are several iconic law school movies that every law student should know, Paperchase, My Cousin Vinny, and To Kill a Mockingbird just to name a few. But here are the top ten law related movie quotes and references that any student of the law should know.

1

"You don't run me, and they don't run me. You want to know something weird? I discovered the law again. You actually made me think about it. I managed to get through three years of law school without doing that."

- The Firm

2

"You can't handle the truth"

- A Few Good Men



4

"There is no client as scary as an innocent man."

- The Lincoln Lawyer

6

"Two yutes"

- My Cousin Vinny

7

"Don't stomp your little last season Prada shoes at me, honey."

- Legally Blonde

9

"You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view, until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it."

- To Kill A Mockingbird

10

"What do you call a thousand lawyers chained together at the bottom of the ocean?... A good start."



3

"Mr. Hart, here is a dime, call your mother and tell her there is serious doubt about you becoming a lawyer"

- The Paper Chase

5

"No I'm not a lawyer, I hate lawyers. I just work for them."

- Erin Brockovich

8

"The odds of a plaintiff's lawyer winning in civil court are two to one against. Think about that for a second. Your odds of surviving a game of Russian roulette are better than winning a case at trial. 12 times better."

- A Civil Action

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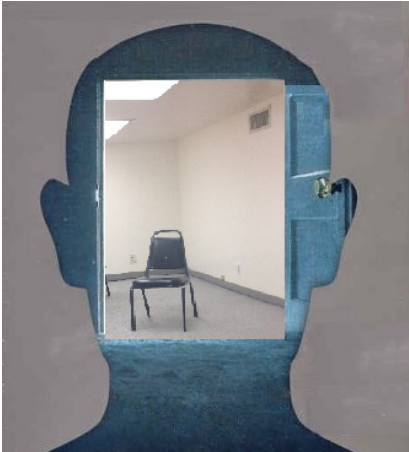
BY MITCHIE THE KID

There are some eerie things that happen in the 350 building in the twilight hours. The following phenomenon occurred while the building was open 24 hours, during the exam reading days.

The story begins on mezzanine level in the 350 building. It is a strange place, a floor between the first floor and the second floor: "Floor 1.5." The half floor was added as an afterthought, and was not laid out in the original architecture schematics. Craig Schwartz, a former student at CWSL, told me an incredible story about an occurrence that took place in Room M5, the smallest and very much shortest room on Floor 1.5.

Craig said that he got bored one night, during the middle of an all-nighter. He was studying Criminal Law in M5. He heard something that sounded like snoring coming from behind one of the ventilation shafts. He curiously removed the cover and looked inside.

I could barely believe what Craig said next. As he peered down the ventilation shaft, he could see what appeared to be eyelids opening, from the inside peering out. From his view, he witnessed someone standing up out of bed and walking into a kitchen. He saw a hand open the refrigerator, reach for milk, and gulp it down. He was certain that he was observing someone else's life, as if he was in their mind.



To continue my disbelief, he said that he was kicked out of the vision after about fifteen minutes, and he woke up in a ditch alongside the railroad tracks in Little Italy. The following few nights he continued to peer down the ventilation shaft. He told me about one night when he peered down the shaft, at about 1:00am, he was playing billiards in a bar and drinking fine whiskey. Over the course of the week, he found that he could control the mind that he inhabited more and more, and he could stay longer. After each time, Craig said that he always woke up in the same ditch along the tracks in Little Italy.

The last time I spoke with Craig was the day before our final. He did not show up to the final however. After not seeing him for a couple of weeks, I asked other students if they had seen him around. Nobody knew where Craig had taken off to. One student claimed that they saw Craig leaving the administration building, and assumed that he had dropped out.

Curiously, immediately after Craig disappeared, Professor Campbell became much less witty, and he developed an affinity for puppeteering. Professor Campbell actually became quite renowned for his skills with his Marionettes. One day, about a year after Craig's disappearance, Professor Campbell abruptly lost his interest in puppeteering. He just snapped back to his normal, zany self. I could not help but think that Campbell's strange behavior may be attributed to the disappearance of Craig.

HOW TO SNAG A JOB AT NETWORKING EVENTS

BY FARIHA SIDDIQUI
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Want to make a memorable impression? Then put on your best outfit, or as Matthew Lab says, your "power suit" for the next networking event. Employers, attorneys and recruiters in the legal field host events to check out the latest law students. Employers seek potential employees that will be replacing their aging employees who no longer have "the look."

With the fierce competition, you need to make sure you stand out in the crowd. Play up your best assets and show off the killer gams. Low cut tops, short skirts and minimum five inch heels are dress code requirements at networking events. Just remember the more skin, the better!

It's 2013!

Closed-toe shoes and longer skirts are signs of retirement age and unless you want a sabbatical, I would advise you never get caught in them. Closed-toe shoes tell the employer you are unable to endure eight-hour days in your 6-inch stiletto heels. Women also enjoy eye-candy and



therefore young male law students should also play up their best assets--unbutton your shirt to show off your summer tan and pectorals. Feel free to unbutton 2, 3 even 4 buttons. A gold chain can be a nice compliment to any outfit and focuses the eye to the right place.

In a profession that is dominated by men, women should not wear anything that could be considered a "man repellent." Career Services is helpful in giving advice on what to wear at interviews. Noelle Dorman has even helped hem skirts in her office and provide push-up bras. She takes great pride in producing the hottest employees. Noelle has won an award from the San Diego Bar Association three years in a row for funneling the hottest interns to employers. So the next time you think about going to a networking event, Cal West would like to remind you....go short and sexy or go home.



DONNA'S COFFEE CART'S ABSENCE SENDS SHOCKWAVES THROUGHOUT CWSL

BY SAMI HADDAD
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Government Shutdown

Many students and professors thought that Donna's coffee cart closer was related to the government shutdown. It is important to note that many students were more alarmed by the shutdown of Donna's coffee cart than the government shutdown. Many students were flustered, having been thrown out of their normal routine. Soon after the government reached a deal, Donna returned, thus causing students to speculate on the link between the two.

Students Sleeping in Class



Students Stephen Hoover and

Kathleen Milligan sleeping due to Donna's absence

Professors have been reporting an increased number of students dozing off in class. Usually about 1-2 students doze off for a few minutes each lecture, however, students have been sleeping in record numbers a result of Donna's. The latest tally in one lecture had 8 students dozing off, 3 of which were actually snoring. There have also been an increase in the number of students claiming, "pass" when called upon.

2013 CLASS GIFT- A BIG BLOWOUT

BY MITCHIE THE KID

The 2013 class gift was a weathervane in the shape of the scales of justice, accompanied with a gavel wind chime. This ornament will adorn the top of the administration building. The exiting class has included an engraving, "May this gift always show, just how much the legal industry blows."

Staff thought students were not in class

Most of the staff on the second floor of the 350 building, most notably Career Services, thought that classes had been canceled. This is because the second floor has been a ghost town without Donna's coffee cart. Students have begun to notice cobwebs and dust forming on the floor as a result of a lack of activity on the second floor. Even the staff and maintenance crew has stopped working as a result of Donna Coffee Cart's closing.

Students Begin Sleepwalking

Professors, faculty and staff have noticed many students sleepwalking, especially in early hours of the morning. The security guards, who begin work 24/7, have commented that students look like "The Walking Dead" in the early morning hours. In the evening hours, more security staff have been hired to remove sharp edges from the law school, in fear that students would fall when sleepwalking.

Students Enter into Cardiac Shock

Many students have suffered cardiac stress when they first notice that Donna's Coffee Cart was closed. Most of the shock was a result of students lack of notice that Donna would be closed. Paramedics were called to campus on the first morning of her closure, as several students fainted and others began compulsively perspiring and panicking. Additional defibrillators have been installed as a result of Donna's Coffee Cart Closure.

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