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# THE LOYOLA REPORTER

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## NIGHT LITE

Bill Daniels

GOOD EVENING. Don't expect brilliance here. It's 10:03 p.m.. A Wednesday night. Deadline was noon, but the editors are working 'till midnight. So now that's MY witching hour.

Understand up front - I worked all day. I'm short on money. The wife is mad. The baby needs shoes. I'm looking at three years to life and I'm tired and hassled.

Law school at night is serious business. 10:09 p.m.

ATTENTION FIRST YEAR EVENING STUDENTS. PRACTICAL ADVICE ON HOW TO FINISH FIRST IN YOUR CLASS. Welcome all evening law puppies to Loyola at Night.

I've earned the right to talk like this. Survive first year and you too will feel a little bit cocky. You'll also understand why Desert Storm Marines still strut around in desert khakis, which ticks off to no end the guys who were left behind.

Be proud to be working hard in the best night law program this side of the Mississippi. Maybe even the world.

Work hard law puppies. That's the only answer to the law school riddle. 10:20 p.m.

NOBODY KNOWS THE TROUBLE I'VE SEEN. Want to hear some evening law war stories? So it's 1989. Drexel Burnham Lambert is still pumping junk into corporate America's carotid artery. I'm the senior business writer at the entertainment trade paper, Daily Variety. The independent film business is in full scale melt-down. The media giants are in reverse amoeba mode.

Time, Inc. wants Warner. Paramount wants Time, Inc. Sony and Coca-Cola are drinking tea over Columbia Pictures. I'm filing two, three front page stories a day. Grinding my teeth at night and reading the Los Angeles Times and the Wall Street Journal with terrified eyes because the action's moving so fast and frantic that EVERYONE is missing stories.

The terror is: being scooped. Or making THE BIG BOO-BOO in front of sixty thousand readers.

So I'm not thinking straight and I'm angry because my editor won't send me to New York. My wife asks, "What do you really want to do?" I say, "Go to law school and take charge of my life." (If you haven't noted the irony here, read on.) . . .

TAKE CHARGE? YEAH, RIGHT! Flash forward to 10:45 p.m., Sept. 4, 1991. Eleven units this semester. Three years to the bar exam. After I left Variety I spent one year at an entertainment insurance brokerage. In May my contract wasn't renewed. The fact I share being a failed insurance salesman with Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall doesn't provide any solace.

A friend of mine is West Coast editor of the National Law Journal. She refers me to another friend of hers, a senior partner in a law firm. I called him this morning. He says he is not hiring. Doesn't know of anyone who is. I ask if he has any advice. He says, "Medical school."

By now I'm fully-qualified to pen a primer on job hunting. I do the mailings. The cold calling. The nail-biting. Suffer the odd anxiety attack.

That's why the wife is mad, by the way. She wanted me to take this weekend off. It was supposed to be a surprise for my birthday. She planned for weeks. We were going to go to Raging Waters. Do the water slide thing. Leave the baby with grandma.

Today I tell her, "No, I can't lose the weekend. I have to look for work during business hours. Weekend's my study time." Now, she's really hurt. I'm torn between wanting to please her and knowing that in a few short months it's going to be serious bill juggling time. That and the usual grade worries.

Do you believe in God? I do. It's times like these I understand precisely the why behind prayer.

Anyway, know there is going to be a happy ending to all this. And if things are going smoothly for you, that's terrific. But if things are rough, know you are not alone. 11:01 p.m.

ODDS AND ENDS. Evening SBA honcho Gary Pfister tells me that the school believes there are 293 night students enrolled this semester at Loyola. The fact that no one knows for sure speaks reams, but we won't swim those waters tonight.

YUPPIE NIGHTMARE. Among the over-stressed night time throng is John Mak., (not his real name, but he wouldn't spell it for me and I have no desire to wing it). John recently bought a 1983 Volvo and in the process learnt that

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## COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY

Jay Framson

A lot of heat has been generated over the past year or so about multiculturalism and enforcing "politically correct" attitudes on college campuses. The clash has become acute in some places between students concerned about confronting racism, sexism, homophobia and other types of intolerance on campus, and those who contend that these students are engaging in a new type of McCarthyism.

I'll be up front: I believe that confronting hate speech and intolerance toward minorities and women is a moral imperative on campuses. A campus is a microcosm of society, in which people from many ethnic groups are artificially crammed into a compact environment. But this artificial environment provides a unique opportunity for people from diverse backgrounds to encounter and learn about each other. As an arena for learning, a campus seems like the perfect place to ask the hard questions about how people with differing beliefs, attitudes, and cultures can live together in harmony.

Is this too utopian? Perhaps. Yet it seems obvious to me that bigotry is at odds with the mission of the law school or university. As future lawyers, we should be especially careful about respecting everyone's right to participate in this environment free of harassment because of race, ethnicity, creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, etc.

At the same time, it is essential in an academic environment that people be allowed to speak freely. The

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# OPINION

## U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

### THE BIG PICTURE

William Perkowski

An important question about American foreign policy objectives should be answered by the Bush administration: Should the Soviet Union break into fully independent republics? The best interests of both the Soviet republics and the United States are served by a common goal: Not dismemberment, but the establishment of a confederation of states. A centralized confederation will promote the development of democracy and a free market. Our specific goals with respect to this Russian confederation should be as follows: Provide international stability, allow for economic growth in a free market, permit U.S. access to their markets, and provide stability within the union.

First, a confederation will provide international stability. Other countries in Europe and Asia - China, the Middle Eastern and Germany - will be kept from expanding their influence by a strong union of republics. Without that union, the world order could be destabilized. Germany could economically dominate Eastern Europe. China could help reignite communism in independent republics maintaining authoritarian control. Only through a strong central government can the confederation defend itself against its enemies and express a common foreign policy with effect.

Secondly, a Russian confederation would allow for maximum economic growth. The

individual republics are interdependent: Russia is the industrial power, the Ukraine has the most fertile land, and Azerbaijan provides oil. In order to regulate trade among these republics a common legal system, enforced by the military will be necessary to keep everyone honest. A common currency issued by a central bank makes more sense than twelve different currencies with various economic policies. Universal development of a free market system will require a common vision backed with authority from a central government.

Third, U.S. business should be allowed maximum access to the Russian confederation's market. The confederation will benefit by an influx of capital and technical assistance. We will benefit by expanding our markets, gaining access to new resources, and by the establishment of goodwill which can be used in the future to increase our market share relative to our major competitors - Japan and Germany.

Fourth, creating a strong confederation will provide for internal stability. The sixty million Russians living in the non-Russian republics would not be forced to relocate and Boris Yeltsin would not have to threaten to change the borders. Civil conflict between the people of Azerbaijan and the people of Armenia will be kept under control. The threat of nuclear weapons falling into unauthorized hands becomes

Such remarks derive from ignorance and thoughtlessness. In the Loyola Reporter last year, a columnist lamented an incident where a student complained about remarks made by a professor. The professor felt pressured to change his teaching methods. This author felt that an "oversensitive" minority was creating an oppressive environment.

With all due respect to that professor, let me paraphrase a commentator I read this summer: the problem at Loyola is not an overabundance of sensitivity. Of course there may be some students who are "oversensitive," taking offense at the slightest hint of a slur. Maybe some of us need to lighten up a little. But that doesn't mean that there is not also a need to discuss valid issues of concern

GORBY THE GREAT



tangible if there is fighting among the republics. Since the republics have no military power now, it makes no sense to give it to them because of the threat armed republics pose to each other.

In conclusion, both the United States and the former republics of the Soviet Union are served by a Russian Confederation. Internal stability and external stability, U.S. access to the confederation markets and economic growth through free market principles - each is a goal for American foreign policy toward the former Soviet Union.

AND THAT'S

THE BIG PICTURE

### COMMUNITY(Con't)

paradox is that there is a fine line between expressing a point of view and hurling an insult. Because that line is sometimes so fine, I do not believe that it is the school's role to enforce a hate-speech "code." Rather, I suggest it is up to those of us who believe in promoting understanding to try to encourage open discussion of these issues. The goal should be to try to encourage people to confront their prejudices without trying to enforce thought control.

At Loyola, the Committee on the Community was created two years ago in response to a series of complaints by students who overheard another student refer to Martin Luther King as a "n----r," to a name tag with the message "all [lesbians] must die" posted on the door of a student office.

to minority and female students.

In a perfect world, there would be no need to raise these issues or even to make an issue of toleration. Yet even here, in an academic enclave in the U.S.A. committed to the ideal of "liberty and justice for all," intolerance is far from eradicated.

That's why we have at Loyola the Committee on the Community, a group of faculty, students and staff dedicated to improving understanding and acceptance among the elements making up the Loyola community. Our goal is not to enforce a rigid code or to force people to pay lip service to the "right" way of thinking, but to try to foster interaction and understanding among the elements of our population. This is a worthwhile goal.

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# DEEP THOUGHTS

Stephen D. Bach

As I contemplate my future I cannot but feel a certain dread and a growing sense of helplessness. I like law school and I look forward to practicing law, but what will await me in three years?

Am I supposed to feel optimistic about my future when the earth's ecosphere that supports our very lives is gradually and perhaps irreparably being destroyed?

Am I supposed to feel comfortable knowing that millions of people continue to die every year because they cannot obtain enough food to eat?

Am I supposed to feel happy in my comfortable middle class suburban life knowing that many more people die due to drug related homicides every year in America than all of the allied casualties in the Gulf War?

Am I supposed to feel safe knowing that AIDS is a ticking time bomb ready to explode with consequences that may dwarf the havoc caused by the Black Plague?

I could go on, but what's the point? Lots of people pay lip service to the need to confront these problems, but in our daily lives we rarely show any evidence that these issues are at the top of our list of priorities. We feel as though if we simply ignore these problems, that they will somehow go away.

While we're drunk with pride that our military can kill more efficiently than ever before, and while we diverted tens of billions of dollars to prove that we're the most powerful bully.

And who are we kidding when the government tells us that the drug war is being won? Whoever believes that has never been to Watts, Compton, or right here in L.A. where the drug trade flourishes amidst the generations that continue to live in abject poverty because our racist society continues to subjugate them to a perpetual inferior status. Drugs will continue to be a problem as long as it is the only way to earn a decent living and to gain self-respect for many of these ghetto children.

Scientists have told us for a long time that technology can solve all of our problems, and yet anyone can see that technology has created as many detrimental side-effects as benefits, if not more. One result of our love affair with technology is the two huge gaping holes in our ozone layer that threaten the earth with potentially devastating solar radiation.

And every four years, a politician tells us that they

have the real solutions to our problems -- yeah right!

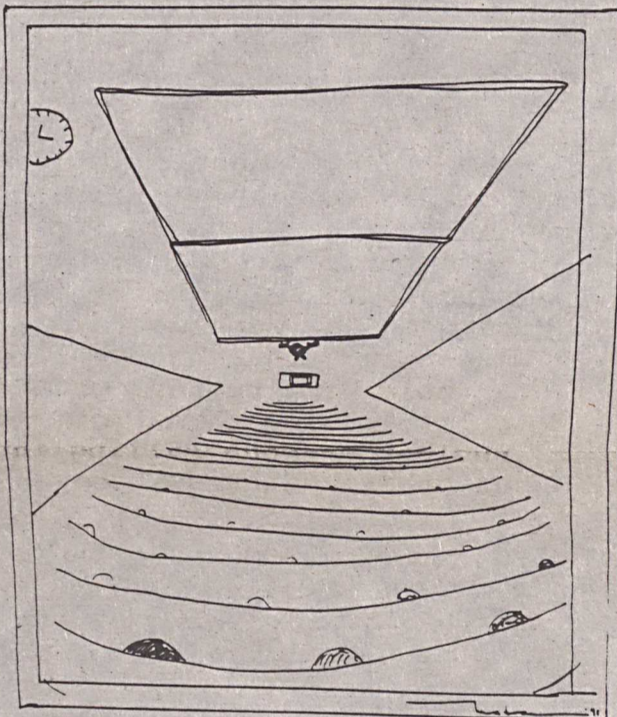
What's the solution? I don't know. If I had the answer I don't think I'd be wasting my time here in law school.

But I do know this. We, the students of Loyola Law School, are a gifted and potentially influential group of individuals. Instead of falling prey to the desires of yuppiedom, we can divert our vast and youthful energies to making a difference in this world.

Sure, that sounds like a badly-worn cliché, and our efforts may prove to be futile as we continue to race towards self-destruction, but as rational and caring human beings, we have the responsibility to at least try. In fact, we must if we care at all about our future and the future of our unborn children.

I only pray that we are not already too late.

View from the Hall of the 80's



M. Mostman

## NIGHT LITE(Con't)

law students don't necessarily make smart shoppers.

I'm not 100% positive why John's yuppie vehicle of choice is short of satisfactory. I did overhear him say something about the previous owner taking it four-wheeling in the desert.

Asked for comment, John would only say, "I'm doomed." John, our hearts are with you.

UPCOMING EVENTS. Evening law trooper Jeanne DeClue has figured out a way to escape law school gracefully. She's getting married this January to Bernd, a German national, and then moving to Deutschland where they both will obviously live happily ever after.

This is a source of sadness for those of us who call Jeanne "friend." But on the other hand, you have to admit it is one of the more elegant exits imaginable. I didn't ask, but let's all assume Bernd is royalty. It's easier that way.

NOW'S THE TIME TO START THE POOL. Second year SBA rep Gail Pearson and her husband are expecting their firstborn this January.

Gail thinks the baby will be a girl. The due date is Jan. 17, so there is plenty of time to make bets.

I asked Gail if she had any advice for her unborn daughter. She replied, "Make sure your priorities are straight in your life." That from a night student, no less. 11:30 p.m.

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK. "It's up in the air." Evening student Victor Ortiz talking about Northwest Airlines' merger discussions with Continental and US Air. Victor says he would prefer US Air be the partner because it boasts a more "amiable work force." Victor sounds like management material.

Time out: 11:55 p.m.

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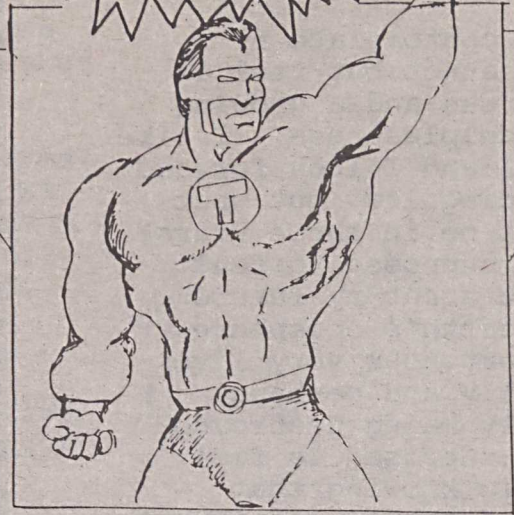
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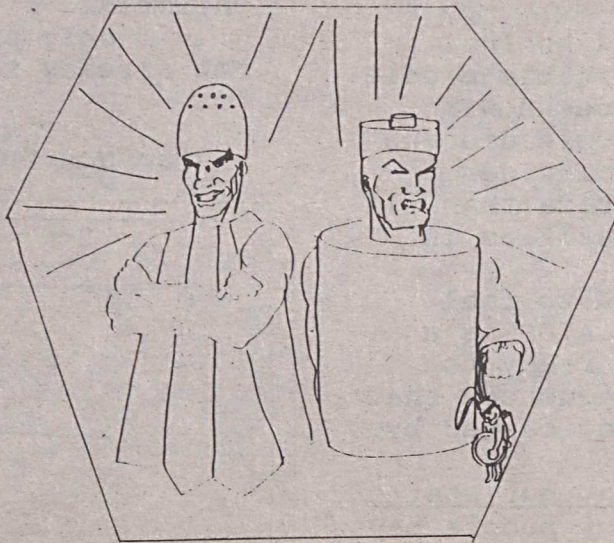


M. Mostman

THE ONLY CLUES AT THE SCENE ARE A PILE OF SALT AND A PUDDLE OF BATTERY ACID... THIS CAN ONLY BE THE WORK OF THAT DIABOLICAL DUO...



SALT AND BATTERY



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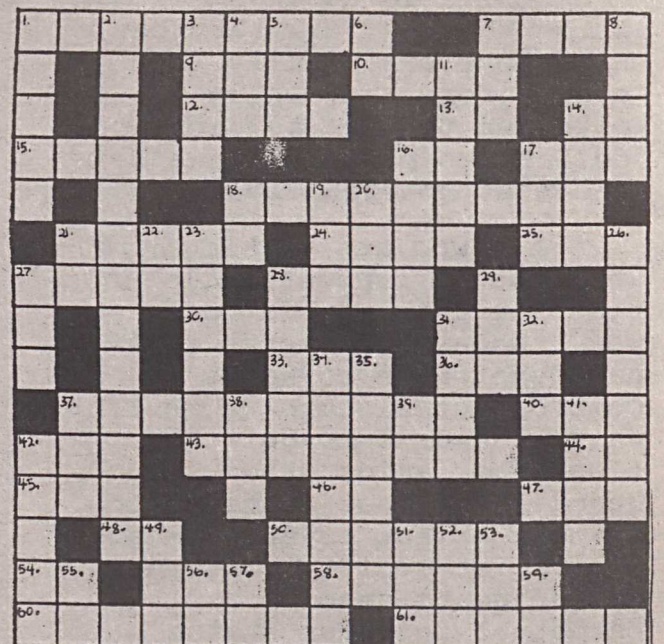
Crossword Puzzle - Anna Phillips & William Perkowski

## ACROSS

1. Voting rights, as amended
7. Posted as bond
9. Urge: Scot.
10. Peruvian Indian
12. The Big Island (If Hawaii isn't available)
13. Exclamation
14. Lightbulb Mfr.
15. For this turn only (Latin)
16. Fee, \_\_, fo, fum
17. Long period of time
18. Corrupting a juror
21. Double Jeopardy, as amended
24. \_\_\_ and Roll
25. Reign (India)
27. Place of trial
28. Lying in \_\_\_
30. Brady Bill foe
31. Of law (Lat.)
33. Gypsy horse
36. Japanese sash
37. Due Process, as amended
40. J.E. Hoover's org.
42. Procedural barrier
43. Property right
44. Household current
45. Radiation unit
46. Does not apply (abbr)
47. The loneliest number
48. Saint
50. Bear witness
54. Type measure
58. Rescind
60. As opposed to adversarial
61. Judicial proceeding

## DOWN

1. In transit between banks
2. Incite breach of peace
3. Nominee Thomas' org.
4. N.O.W.
5. Indefinite power
6. Greeting
7. Sheep's call
8. Encumbrance (property)
11. So. Cal. girl (coll)
16. Undisputed event
17. Goof
18. Exclamation
19. 2nd Base
21. Iron
22. Chinese Department
23. Right to Hold
26. Judge
27. Man: Latin
28. Pay
29. Baby lion
31. Toilet (coll.)
32. Layoffs (abbr)
34. Repossesses
35. Prisoner
37. U.S.D.O.T. air agency
38. Duty
39. \_\_\_ amo: I love you.
41. En \_\_\_: by the full court
42. Not lengthy
49. Cravat
51. Wm. Ruckelshaus' org.
52. Milliken foe (Govt. agncy)
53. Tit for \_\_\_
55. Mrs. partner
56. Dr.'s helper
57. Mr. Scissorhands, for short
59. Chinese coin



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