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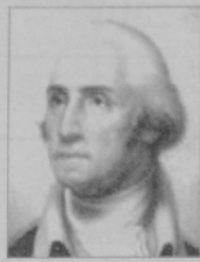
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Students Serve as Ambassadors for Inaugural India Project Spring Break Trip

By KATIE EARNEST
Editor-in-Chief

Over spring break, several students and law school administrators traveled to India for The India Project, a project established and maintained in conjunction with the Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law in Kharagpur, India. Students Ben Gupta, Aditya Luthra, Samhitha Muralidhar, Heather Harms, and Sean Williamson served as ambassadors for the program, which uses legal education to build bridges between the United States and India.

3L Lisa Swartzfager described the activities on the trip, saying, "Among other things, we sat in on classes, each gave a lecture on an area of Ameri-



can law that we thought would be interesting to the students and faculty, received an overview of the Indian legal system through a lecture by the Dean of the school, and heard a lecture by Justice Banerjee, a former Indian Supreme Court Justice. We also had lots of informal interaction with the students – we celebrated the festival of Holi together, participated in a culture program with the students, went shopping at a local market, and shared many meals together."

Swartzfager was excited for her first trip to India and she was impressed with both the faculty and students at the IP school. "This was my first trip to India. It was so different than anywhere I had ever been! It was a great opportunity

to meet and see what life is like in another country for people at the same stage of life as me. I was amazed at how much we all had in common!"

She also noted, "Something I will never forget is having dinner with Chief Justice Banerjee, former Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court and former Justice on the Indian Supreme Court. After meeting him at his lecture at the law school, he invited us to dinner at his home in Calcutta with his son and son's wife. It was an amazing experience to get to know such a distinguished legal scholar and hear his fascinating stories."

2L Sean Williamson agreed that it was an unforgettable experience. "I lived in India for six months after completing my undergraduate degree. I spent two years between undergrad and law school working as a Software Engineer for an Indian company, Infosys Technologies LTD. I absolutely love India. Each region has its own unique language and culture, so



every place I visited presented a different experience. No matter where I traveled, though, I found that Indians are extremely hospitable. My experience visiting the law school in Kharagpur was no different."

The students had many opportunities to interact with members of the IP school as they were welcomed to join in community activities. Williamson said, "I will definitely remember participating in Holi on campus. I have participated in the festival before, but only here in the United States. It was amazing to see the whole campus join together to celebrate, including faculty."

This trip marked a first for 2L Sam

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It's the Grad Life: Planning Your Bar Trip

By ELIZABETH WESTBROOK
Staff Writer

It's the end of March. Finals loom large. 3L's scramble to collect high school speeding ticket records and pay off those highway robbers known as Barbri. But faithful readers, the two little words that really consume us while we pretend to be invested in our last few days of class: Bar Trip. In a few months we will have taken (and aced!) the biggest test of our lives and between unemployment, deferments and lax start dates most of us will be ready to skip town for the last time while we're young enough to possibly still look good in skimpy bathing suit.

Trying to travel after three years of constant debt accrual and a summer of

paying exorbitant amounts for the privilege of taking a really unpleasant test can be difficult. Trying to pick the right destination when our chosen career threatens to deprive us of another vacation for years to come is even harder. So I have picked the brains of our intrepid predecessors, the class of 2009, for where to go, what to skip, and how to do it without incurring the wrath of Citibank.

The alumnae I spoke to traveled to a variety of places on their bar trips. GW Law graduates ventured to southeast Asia, Africa and the Middle East, Europe, South America and some even wandered here within the U.S. One bit of advice

that rang true throughout almost all of the feedback I got—specifically the feedback from international travelers—is to utilize STA. Despite our new fancy diplomas, we still qualify for student rates the summer after graduation. STA can help you set up cheap flights, get rail passes, find affordable accommodations and offers packages all over the world. You can find them online at STATravel.com, or you can just mosey over to their office on the ground floor of the Marvin Center the next time your mind wanders from international law to international partying.

In keeping with our status as lowly students, graduate Adrien Fontecilla says "Bring your student ID if [you] intend on visiting museums, castles, etc. Relatedly, find out about certain specials. For example, all the major museums in Paris are free the first Sunday of each month." He also recommends all iPhone users take advantage of the new Lonely Planet app that can take the place of heavy travel books—books that can mark us as obvious tourists and potential crime targets. Safe, cheap bar tripping? Yeah, there's an app for that.

Fontecilla went on to lay out the major money-suckers of international travel: "The three biggest expenses on a bar trip

are transportation, lodging, and booze." Regarding the transportation, Fontecilla and graduate Michael Vogel both recommend booking flights on local airlines. In Europe they recommend RyanAir and EasyJet, while Vogel used Air Asia for his travels in Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Thai Islands and Malaysia. Vogel also suggested tracking flights for a few months before booking. Several websites helped him stay on top of ticket price fluctuations: "Airfare Watchdog and slickdeals.net kept me on top of prices. I think Bing now offers a tracking service as well." Once off the plane Fontecilla says, "Cabs are for the lazy and unadventurous. Walk and use public transportation. It is a better experience and it's cheaper."

Fontecilla's advice about cheap lodging was simple: hostels. Vogel had an addendum, noting, "Not everything needs to be booked in advance." He suggests that people doing southeast Asia island hopping like he did should book in advance however on local islands for the best rates and options. Graduate Josh Kotin said that during his excursion to Turkey the rooms were very affordable, especially if you are willing to split the costs with all of your travel companions. Graduate Ben Harmon says that on his trip to

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When Politics Win, Children Lose

BY HANNAH GEYER
Opinion Columnist

In 2005, a study based largely on test scores, found that the United States was "losing ground" in education, compared to other countries. Twenty years prior, the U.S. came in first by most measures. This concerns Barry McGaw, director of education for the Organization for Cooperation and Development, who says that this trend shows that despite the large amounts of money the U.S. spends on funding education, our school systems are "clearly inefficient". Another study released in 2007 confirms these findings, particularly in the areas of math and science.

With this in mind, the increased politicization of education in America should frighten us all. In an increasingly global society, the countries that succeed will be the countries whose children are receiving factually based, intellectually honest, and scientifically supportable information in schools. The content of educational materials should not be based on the whims of the majority.

Unfortunately, in Texas, that's precisely what's going on. The Texas Board of Education, a body with a decidedly conservative bent, voted - along party lines - to approve sweeping changes to their social studies curriculum, eliminating or severely reducing mention of historical

contributions by women and people of color in some places, and essentially re-writing history in others. Major changes made to the curriculum include removing information about early feminist efforts, including the Seneca Falls Convention, Abigail Adams' letters to her husband, John Adams, and Carrie Chapman Catt, a suffragette. Harriet Tubman's contributions to "good citizenship" were deleted. Discussion of slavery has been severely curtailed, and when it is mentioned, it is only for its contribution to the advent of the Civil War. The history of World War Two internment camps will be drastically revised, as students will learn that the internment of Japanese Americans was not motivated by racism, since Germans and Italians were also sent to camps, despite, of course, the large disparity between the numbers of white and Asian camp inmates. Abraham Lincoln's speeches will still be included, but will be accompanied by those of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy. First graders will no longer be required to learn about Martin Luther King Day. Not to mention, of course, the lack of discussion of man's impact on the environment, and Thomas Jefferson's removal from a list of "political philosophers". Jefferson's crime? His staunch

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Oktoberfest in Munich, he and his friends opted for proximity to the festival grounds over class. "The room was rather spartan (most hotels in Europe are) but being that close more than made up for it."

When it comes to saving while imbibing, the advice was pretty similar to the advice we all follow at home. Fontecilla says, "Drink at your hostel before going to bars. Find pub crawls and bars with drink specials. Also, when doing day trips or excursions, pack your own supply." Besides the liquid diet preferred by some, Vogel says there is cheap food to be had but you might have to stray from the beaten, tourist-trap path to find it. "When I arrived in Thailand I was shocked that the food was so expensive. Oops. Turns out that we had to walk a few blocks further for local cuisine dropping price from \$13 to \$2.25."

Some more miscellaneous travel tips? Vogel says to know when it is off-peak travel season in your destination of choice as this can yield cheaper deals. In a similar vein he also advises all international travelers to check on the local calendars in your destinations of choice as holidays can affect your ability to get rooms or take advantage of activities that might close in observance. Graduate Monica Fuentes says to patronize STA for things beyond just airfare and hostel recommendations. STA also offers trip and health insurance—the latter of which can be especially important for people with GW health insurance which tends to run out somewhere in the middle of bar trip season.

Finally Vogel suggests that if you have a late start date, staying abroad can actually be very economical. Costs of living can be a lot cheaper than in the US and you can make the trip productive by enrolling in a local language class.

That covers how to save some money. But the biggest question we are all trying to answer is: where on Earth should we go? The graduates had plenty of opinions on locations—of course each of them thought their bar trip was better than anyone else's.

Fuentes and three other recent grads opted for a trip to Africa and the Middle East hitting up Jordan, Israel, Turkey and

Egypt. Her advice was emphatic, "Skip Cairo." As one of four females navigating the city, she did not feel safe, although she is happy to have seen the pyramids. She however admonished people to "[t]ravel outside your comfort zone! Anyone who knows me well can tell you that I've never really gone camping, or particularly seen the joy in sleeping outdoors. But, despite being terrified of being bitten by a snake all night long... in the end it was well worth it to have experienced a sun down and a sunrise in the Wadi Rum desert (think Arabian nights!)."

Vogel is certain that southeast Asia was the best trip possible although he would suggest this order for people who choose that area of the world: "Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, the Thai Islands [and wrap it up in] Malaysia."

Harmon and former SBA president Brett Sheats loved their trip to Oktoberfest, even though it fell a little later than most bar trips and they were surprised to learn that despite the nomenclature most of the festival actually takes place in September.

Fontecilla also chose Europe and raved about the Dalmatian Coast in Croatia. "[Y]ou can rent small engine-powered boats for about \$30-\$40 for the whole day when split among three. We loaded it up with groceries, beer and wine and went cove-hopping around the tiny islands. They gave us a map, marked the islands and beaches that were clothing-optional, gave us a 5-minute crash course on operating the boat, and off we went."

Kotin's advice is to hit up Turkey and skip the Greek Islands. He says that Turkey is "dirt-cheap" and beautiful with plenty of rooms available. He recommends in particular the Kabek Valley, the city Kas and the natural wonder that is Cappadocia. If you go to Cappadocia Kotin says, "you should spring for the terribly expensive balloon ride with the money you save everywhere else."

Another reason to skip Greece is that the country is currently on the brink of economic collapse with violent riots erupting near the capital of Athens earlier this month. Although this could yield incredibly cheap travels to the country later on, it may not be worth the danger

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advocacy of the separation of church and state. Students will be expected to learn about conservative organizations and leaders, but not progressive ones.

Other subjects did not escape unscathed. Students in sociology courses might now be required to learn about the "importance of personal responsibility for life choices" in a section on, among other things, dating violence and sexuality. Apparently, since "sociology tends to blame society for everything", according to a conservative board member, students will now be instructed in the fine arts of victim blaming and gay-bashing.

These changes, if not reversed, will not likely be confined within the state's borders. Texas, as the second-biggest buyer of textbooks in the country, has disproportionate influence on the education of children in other states since publishers, anxious to make a profit, make the Texas version of their books their "default" option, rather than customize books based on states' preferences.

Although a final vote on the amendments won't take place until May, commentators believe that it is unlikely that much will be changed, despite the Board's failure to consult historians, sociologists, or economists prior to altering the cur-

riculum. This, sadly, is to be expected, considering the super academic method one of the Board members uses for evaluating textbooks: "[F]irst I see how they cover Christianity and Israel. Then I see how they treat Ronald Reagan[.]" This is a state, after all, that was once asked to remove mention of breast cancer self-examinations from health books, presumably because breasts were involved (oh no!).

While certainly the most egregious example as of late, Texas is not the only state attempting to require that inaccurate information be taught to schoolchildren. A few years ago, students in a Montana sex-ed class were told that not only do condoms cause cancer, but the birth control pill causes cervical cancer and sterility, and is only 20% effective. We know, thanks to science, that this is incorrect. We also know that abortions do not cause infertility, but some students do not, thanks to incorrect or misleading information they received through school sex-ed programs. Also, HIV can be transmitted through skin-to-skin contact. THE MORE YOU KNOW...

We can't expect future generations

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OPINIONS

How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Watching Basketball at Work

BY RYAN BOWEN
Opinions Editor

My freshman year of college, I discovered what I thought to be the greatest invention ever: for the first time, all the games of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament would be broadcast live over the internet. I think I had to pay for the service, and only a fixed number of people could be watching at any given time, meaning that you had to wait before you could watch if too many people were already on. However, you could log in to the same account on multiple computers, meaning that my roommate and I could construct a virtual sports bar in our room, with the TV playing one game and each of our computers showing another. It was truly the greatest use for the internet ever conceived.

Now, six years later, anyone can watch March Madness online for free. No user accounts. No waiting. The games now come in TV-quality resolution. Despite the tiring repetition of the dozen or so ads that play, the system really is perfect. Indeed, the third Thursday through Sunday of March is one of my favorite times of the whole year.

There are really only two downsides to all this. One is that the law school's internet is so undeniably bad (a point

about which I've griped ad nauseum already) that watching the action here is essentially like watching a slide show of arbitrary moments in the game. The other issue, over which I have more control, is the propriety of trying to watch games at work. My office has a surprisingly non-existent web filtering service and, technically speaking, there are no issues with watching games online at work. But as I sat at my desk in my very exposed cubicle with no actual work to do and with two hours to go in my day on Thursday, I wondered, "Would anybody make a big fuss about me tuning in to the opening day action?" This is already an issue I'd faced before, when I watched Olympic Men's Hockey at work. But back then I had my own office and could be substantially more inconspicuous (plus my fears were assuaged at that time by a coworker coming in to ask if I had seen the most recent goal). The issue was thus, if I'm getting all my work done (or if it is already done) could there be any reason why I couldn't watch the games?

My fiancée works for a TV produc-

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Your Good Name is My Good Name, and Vice Versa

BY KATE MEREAND
Opinions Columnist

As summer looms, my mind keeps returning to the same slightly shocking birthday party I attended at the end of last term. It was held for and by someone I barely know who attends another law school that need not be named, though the institution enjoys a high rank. Walking in, armed with a bottle of wine for the host, I knew only the people with whom I came.

The first and only conversation I found myself in was somehow managing to randomly bash both cream cheese and the French at once. That paused, thankfully, for warm smiles, handshakes and hellos, and then a question of what year I am in law school. Mentioning off the bat where I went to school had the most profound effect on the crowd. Faces went blank as smiles fled. I got to watch as the light in their eyes completely died. And they simply stopped speaking with me and my date who wasn't even a law student. Without artifice or any measure of grace, they turned away, cold.

Up until that point I have had a very good perception of that school, having other friends who have attended and no reason to doubt. I still do not, in actuality, believe that the actions of a few silly students besmirches decades of a reputation for professionalism and good manners.

And while in the very moment I took some small joy in the idea that if I ever met these people again in any context that I would serve a bit of the same medicine, just because, I actually hope and suspect I would not. I did mildly ponder whether they would be surprised if someone from a higher ranked, say one of the top three, law schools in the nation treated them much the same. Would they too be shocked or simply see it as what's due?

Then I worried, if only slightly, whether we from GW would ever in turn unwittingly do the same to someone else. I presume good manners on face, and on the whole have been grateful for the generally high level of etiquette on display about our school daily. GW students are polite and friendly. But I also see the stress that the dismal job market reports coupled with often fruitless interviewing experiences causes for everyone too.

I am sure those students from that unnamed school certainly have their own worries about the economy, and jobs, and stress. No doubt and perhaps that is what made them forget to at least have the grace to pretend at

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From the Desk of the Editor

Getting Your Money's Worth in Law School

If you have read my letters from this corner of Editor Land before, you know that I love GW Law. I am the biggest fan of the legal side of the buff and the blue. This school has given me, not only a great education, but also fantastic friends and contacts that I will carry with me in both my personal and professional life. However, I do have a bone to pick that I wish to expound on here, if you, dear reader, will indulge me while I set the scene.

A few weeks ago, I was talking with one of my fellow law compatriots about the annoying tendency of certain professors to go over time in classes. My friend told me that on that particular day, the professor reprimanded students who, on seeing the class was going five minutes over for yet another day, began to gather their things. The professor commented on how rude students were being and that they should consider the fact that they are paying to be in class.

Now, first off, I do recognize the rudeness of rustling, sighing, pointed looks, etc. when a professor has

consciously or not gone over the time allotted for the class. As Ann Landers would point out, two wrongs do not make a right, though they do make for self-righteousness. And, full disclosure, as a Dean's Fellow, I have gone over the class time in order to answer questions or race to the end of the slideshow, lest I later be accused of shirking on the material and inadvertently deep-sixing my students' grades. But, though there have been times where I have become engrossed in the material and wish to learn more, I realize that not everyone may share my enthusiasm and therefore make it a point to go to office hours rather than extend the class period to indulge my own interests.

It was the point about paying for our education that gave me pause – what does this have to do with a professor's inability to properly manage his or her class time? The fact that we pay for classes does not have any bearing on the quality of the classes themselves – a fact that I wish more

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if the economic situation remains volatile. Other countries whose economic hardships could mean a bar trip boon for cash-strapped travelers are Iceland and Argentina.

There is another major country that could use your tourism dollars in this recession: The United States of America. While many of us think of bar trips as epic jaunts to the farthest possible corners of the globe, there are some amazing things to see right here at home.

In addition to his adventures in Turkey, Kotin ventured out west and drove from Banff and Jasper in Canada down through Montana, Glacier National Park, Yellowstone, and North Dakota's badlands. The trip blew his east coast mind he says: "First of all, if you are an east coast/city snob like me, the west makes the Berkshires seem childish. Second, if you camp, it's like \$20-40 per night for the entire group. Camp 5 nights and reward yourself with a stay in a cheap motel and you have a GREAT affordable trip. Cooking your own food or eating at the cheap diners also works well." Highlights of the trip included the Radium hot springs in Canada, the towns of Bozeman, Missoula and Whitefish, as well as the Kalispell Rodeo at the Western Montana State Fair which Kotin says "will expose you to things you never dreamed were still acceptable in America. Think Indian relay races and a one-armed man riding a donkey herding buffalo onto a trailer."

3L Rebecca Bianchi plans on taking advantage of North America as well as her remote clerkship locale to create the perfect end-of-summer road trip. "My bar trip is the perfect combo - epic adventure and cross-country move rolled into one. In late August I will start a one-year judicial

clerkship on the Alaska Court of Appeals in Anchorage. The two and a half to three week trek will include visiting friends in Chapel Hill, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Santa Cruz, and Portland. I will also explore a number of [other] cities, hike and explore the great outdoors—Grand Canyon, Joshua Tree National Park, Yosemite and more—eat good food, and take tons of photographs."

Wherever you are thinking about traveling, it never hurts to get the ball rolling soon, because once Barbri takes over finding time to plan may become more difficult. Or you could just take graduate Kevin Baumann's advice and mooch off a more proactive friend: "My advice is to find a friend who has already planned the trip. Chances are that if they had the initiative to plan and book a trip already, then they've probably done their research on what to do and where to stay, taking price into account. This is also a good way to avoid wasting time while studying for the bar. Let someone else do that. Good luck!"

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Muralidhar. "I have been to India multiple times, but in all my previous trips I stayed mainly in Bangalore, which is in the southern part of the country, where my family is from. This was my first time in the northern region. Kolkata and Bangalore are different in their culture and language, and although I can get by in the south with my conversational Kannada, it was difficult to get around without having a grasp of Hindi in the north."

She reiterated the diverse opportunities that the trip provided. "What is

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FEATURES

INFORMED: Office Hours with Professor Zubrow

BY KRISTLE CADOGAN
Staff Writer

How much should students prepare before attending office hours?

It all depends on why the student is coming to see me. Sometimes students want to talk about the subject matter of the course, sometimes they want to discuss issues related to the law school, sometimes they want to discuss the law school's public interest subsidy program, sometimes they want "my take" on current events (particularly with respect to financial reform), sometimes they seek career counseling, and sometimes they come asking about a recommendation about where to hike in DC or where to ski in Colorado.

If a student is coming to discuss Secured Transactions, I greatly appreciate it if they have clearly formulated questions. The question could be tied to assigned reading, something mentioned

in class, an assigned problem, or a particular section of the code. I care less about whether the student has tried to answer the question by looking up cases or reading horn books than about whether they have thought analytically and formulated a good question.

Is it necessary to prepare specific questions before coming to office hours, or is it appropriate to come by to discuss the course in general?



Given the way that I teach (the problem method) and the subject matter of the course, I find it difficult to conduct a meaningful "general conversation" about commercial law. However, I am happy to discuss my goals in teaching the course.

What are some things that students absolutely should not do or say while attending office hours?

I have difficulty answering this question because I have almost always enjoyed working with and speaking to students during office hours. I think the only time I have been uncomfortable is when a student has said something negative about another professor.

How integral is attendance at office hours to performance in your course?

The answer to this question depends on the student. During some

semesters I have had a few students who have come once a week to office hours throughout the semester just to "firm up" their understanding of what we have studied during the preceding week. If more than one student comes, the students listen to each other's questions and the session often feels like a mini tutorial. These students tend to be very conscientious and most of them do very well – it is difficult to know whether they would have done as well without coming. I wish that stu-

to do, I simply arranged my windows so I could squeeze the Word documents on which I was working and the game viewer all onto the screen at once. As I sat there redacting documents, a funny thing occurred. None of the passer-bys who saw what I was doing said anything about my arrangement. After all, I was clearly dedicating most of my attention to working, and I found myself often completely ignoring the game when I was doing something that took more attention.

All in all, as long as you don't abuse it, employers should accept their employees' use of internet broadcasts at work. As the programming expands, it will become more and more common, and it's important that employers accept this tide of change rather than resisting to the detriment of their workers' morale.

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manners as they look to carefully build useful networks. And as such, they forgot a cardinal rule of, well, life, but especially of a profession built so heavily upon the strength of personal connections. Manners matter, and it doesn't matter who is

students who are really struggling with the materials would come to see me early in the semester; I like to think that under those circumstances I might be able to provide some guidance before they fall behind or become so discouraged that they stop putting in the time and effort to learn the materials.

How casual or formal should students be when attending office hours?

I've never really thought about this question. I think that students should just act naturally.

Is there anything that you have always wanted to tell students about office hours that you would like to share here?

Office hours provide students with a unique opportunity to get the professor's views on what is important in the class. It also can be a pleasant opportunity to get to know your professors more personally. I want students to know that they are not imposing on me when they come to office hours. I have set this time aside for them and I enjoy speaking with them one on one. I also believe that office hours help me improve my teaching: often if one student is struggling with a concept, others are having difficulty as well. In addition, every semester, students ask questions that make me think about the materials in a different way. So I would encourage students to visit their professors during office hours. (I also find, if I am asked by a student at a later time to write a letter of recommendation, I can do a better job if I have had the opportunity to speak with the student outside of class.)

on the receiving end.

Because how someone judges someone else, who they tell, or who else sees or hears, all matters. Reputations stain quickly and only wash out slowly again, if at all. Carefully choosing whom to pursue and whom to set aside, artfully, is a skill. But complete and unnecessary rudeness in that pursuit is not a luxury many can afford.

The Gym is NOT the Place for 1Ls...

BY JILLIAN MEEK
Columnist

I actually think the worst day of my year was the day that my 1L class discovered that no one would toss them into Guantanamo for talking about their LRW assignments. For the first set of shmemos, everyone communicated in euphemisms, only hinting at which part of their TREAT made them dip a toe into the crazy pool. But somewhere, somehow, some enterprising 1L actually read the local rules and figured out that no one was getting waterboarded in LL101 for talking about their research. This was the starting gun for a race to the top. The top of what? Well, I'm really not sure, but it seems to be the top of stressing everyone around you out of their minds.

At first, I remember thinking this could be a good thing. I mean, this way I could bounce ideas off of classmates, fine tune my arguments, and have an all-around stress free shmemo experience. Obviously, my link to reality was severed over Christmas break.

The first inkling that something had gone horribly awry was at the GW student gym. I was eavesdropping as always, excited to hear some undergrads reminisce about getting blackout drunk and making out with the hippo statue, or compare weightlifting grunt noises. Instead, what did I hear floating on the sweat-smelling air conditioned breeze?

"Yeah, man. I didn't know what I was going to write about until I found this one case where a police officer actually rappelled into a nudist colony. The Second District of Alabama upheld that as a Community Awesomeness exception. It totally revolutionized my argument."

"Yeah man, I know. I actually looked up some legislative history where Congress briefly considered creating a Fourteenth Circuit, and based my argument around how I know they'd come down on this issue. I don't know how you could possibly not fail LRW if you don't include it."

"Totally, dude. I had to put that in a footnote to a footnote so that I could include the 'Showering Arrestee' exception to the A-Team Bill of 1986. Let's see Moot Court judges deal with that."

I desperately attempted to access LexisNexis on my iPod to look up this new information, wondering how I would work Mr. T into my draft. And it only got worse from there. From the lockers to the bathrooms, it seemed like all any 1L was capable of discussing was a circuit split, or an exception to an exception. 500 people were suddenly playing the world's most stressed out game of Telephone. Nobody appeared to have anything written down, just a wealth of Westlaw headnotes and rumors that somewhere, someone had the ultimate solution. The A-Bomb of appellate arguments was

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of Americans to ensure our country's success – or for that matter, survival – in an evolving world if they don't know the realities of our nation's history or time-tested scientific facts and concepts. Despite the clear ideological divide in our country today, we must not allow knowledge to be subject to partisan maneuvering and political plays. Despite a relatively clear precedent of state sovereignty in matters of public education, perhaps now is the time to consider adding additional federal regulations to ensure that students nationwide are being taught facts, not fantasy.

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tion company, and I'm insanely jealous of the fact that they all have TVs in their offices, as well as a 52" flat panel in the main area. The theory there goes, if you're getting work done, no one cares if you have your TV on. This, I believe, should be the proper attitude at all establishments. On Friday when I actually had assignments

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TERENCE G. SCHOONE-JONGEN

*Reversible Errors**Rum For Breakfast?!?*

There we were. Puerto Rico. The Island of Enchantment. Or was it the Enchanted Island? Or Isle? Is there a technical distinction to be drawn between “island” and “isle,” or is it stylistic?

What sort of jerk uses a word like “isle” anyway? Anyway, it was a Thursday morning, much like any other, except it was sunny and 85 degrees and I’d spent the previous evening avoiding knife fights in Old San Juan. True, I spend most evenings avoiding knife fights—but not usually in Old San Juan. Because I don’t live there.

Anyway, my party had hit upon the bright idea some weeks before, when planning our Puerto Rico odyssey, to venture forth to the local Bacardi distillery. And what better time to do that than on Thursday morning? That way we’d already have the beach and the jungle behind us, for the most part. It was an elegant plan.

We arrived at the distillery at around 10:15, maybe 10:30. Or perhaps later than that. Does it matter? Yes, actually, it does. It was not later than 10:30. We hadn’t been entirely sure what all was involved in visiting the facility; we just knew that we could. The first thing that was involved, it turns out, was finding the visitors’ park-

ing lot, which proved quite easy, what with all the large signs. That challenge met, we were confronted with two structures mere yards from the parking lot: the gift shop and the outdoor pavilion.

Given the heat, we wandered into the gift shop first; it was filled with all sorts of Bacardi merchandise, as one might imagine it would be. Limited as I was to a carry-on suitcase for the voyage home, the most interesting products were basically off-limits, and I don’t need to turn into any more

of a rum advertisement than I already am, so my attention was drawn mostly towards finding the restroom.

While I was engaged in that pursuit, however, Jay, our logistical leader, figured out what the deal was with the distillery tours: they are free and come with two free drink tickets, redeemable at the aforementioned outdoor pavilion. He accordingly secured us tickets for the 11:00am tour. More than that, he purchased a rum cake.

Thus prepared for the day, we found ourselves with some 25 minutes to kill. The solution was obvious enough: eat breakfast. To that end, I secured a free mojito from the pavilion

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CLARE CAVALIERO

De Novo Days

This is one of the hardest times of the semester. Right about now, any and everybody’s ability to motivate himself has significantly decreased if not disappeared altogether. In fact, it took nearly two days for me to write this short, meaningless, inconsequential article. You just got back from spring break and had a taste of what freedom feels like

for a few days; the weather is finally starting to warm up and the fifty-five inches of snow that once covered the four quadrants of our little district have melted from the sidewalks and our memories (for the most part); you are completely bored with the IL Memo topic (if you were even interested to begin

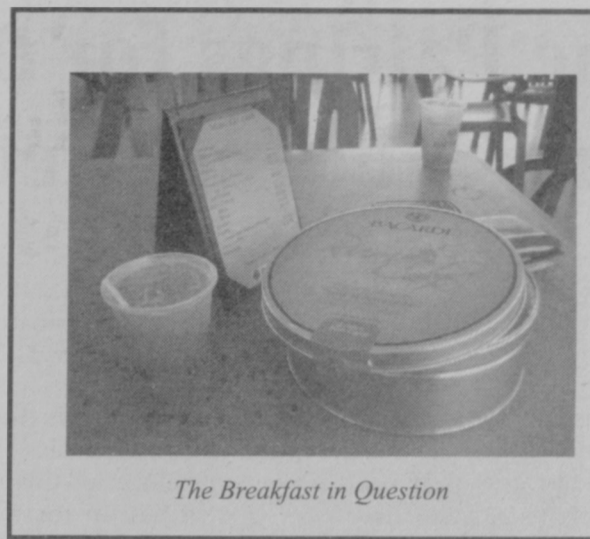
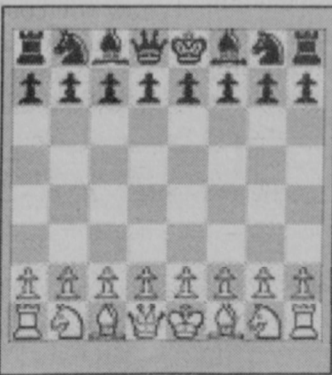
with); and you are trying to avoid the inevitable nervous breakdown you are going to have once the realization of taking finals sets in. Clearly, there are a number of reasons to be distracted.

By approximately mid-March, law students have usually found a variety of things to do during class that are apparently a much better use of their time than listening to the professor and taking notes. Pop into L201 on any given weekday and you are just as likely to find students’ computer screens on Gambit—the New

York Times Chess Blog—as you are to find a Microsoft Word document filled with Property notes. Other than attempting to woo one’s future boyfriend or girlfriend by declaring “checkmate,” entertainment during lectures consists of: playing online scrabble, balancing one’s checkbook, starting to outline, and shopping for shoes.

Personally, in the last two years at GW, I have witnessed students plan and book entire trips (flight, hotel, rental car—everything!), select a new pet (an iguana? Really?), obsessively facebook stalk their ex-boyfriends (awkward), accumulate masterful knowledge of the con-

tents of YouTube (impressive), and grocery shop. It is absolutely fascinating to watch my classmates engage in these activities, although, I must admit, the grocery shopping can get a little boring. Seriously, you’re going to risk public humiliation when the professor calls out your last name, asks you a question, and your response is “Uhhh...could you repeat that?” so that you can mentally debate whether to buy reduced fat or regular Wheat Thins? Come on. That hardly seems worth it.

*The Breakfast in Question*

bar and occupied a table nearby. The rest of the group followed a similar course of action and we were soon reunited, drinking rum for breakfast. Realizing the problems this could soon pose, we decided to eat Jay’s rum cake too. We laid into that thing like there was no tomorrow. So enthusiastic was our feasting that we caught the attention of a member of the custodial staff, with whom we had the following exchange:

She: You know, you’re supposed to let the rum cake sit upside down for at least two hours so the rum is evenly distributed through it.

We: Yeah, but...we’re hungry now.

She: (pause) Well, you’re on vacation, so you do whatever you want.

Was it that obvious we were tourists? Of course it was. Who else shows up at a Bacardi distillery for breakfast?

Soon, we had consumed our rum-infused

breakfast and it was time for the tour. We were ushered onto a tram which whisked us all of 75 yards to the distillery entrance. Actually, it was more like the distillery museum entrance. We were greeted there by a deadpan, but talkative, guide from Brooklyn who, over the course of the next hour or so, made jokes about bats forming labor unions. I, at least, was amused. During that hour, we were advised that: 1) Bacardi’s original home was Cuba; 2) the company’s world headquarters are now in Bermuda, and 3) the difference between a Cuba Libre and a Bacardi and Coke is a lime wedge. We also learned that the purchase of Puerto Rican rum includes a

surcharge that is used for preserving the Puerto Rican rainforest, a fact we would all do well to take to heart.

There was also a tricked out motorcycle everyone wanted to take pictures of. I figured that I should probably do that, too, just in case. You never know.

Right by the museum exit, there was a station at which you could record a video message to email to your loved ones. Yeah, that’s a brilliant idea: send your mother a video message at the end of a free tour of a rum factory. I thought better of that one and stuck with photographing the motorcycle. Except for when one of my friends recorded a mes-

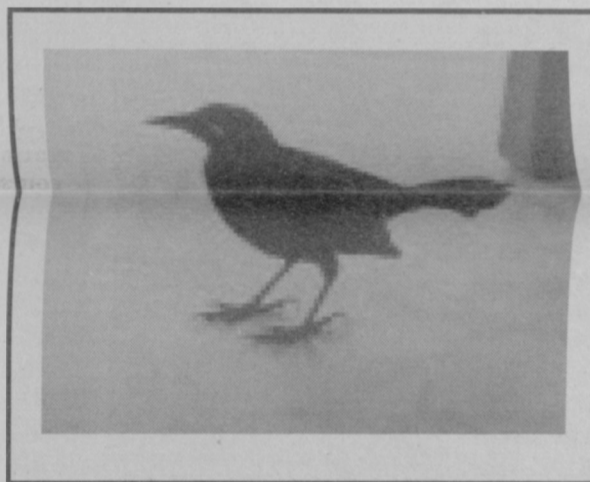
age for her mother.

The museum tour complete, we re-boarded the tram. Our return trip involved an alternate route that took us on a loop that was at least 300 yards. We passed the actual distillery,

some sort of office building, and the windmills that were being built to power the office building. And then it was all over.

Except for my second drink ticket, which was duly redeemed some 50 seconds later.

Out of five possible semi-tame blackbirds, the Bacardi distillery gets five—that being the number of semi-tame blackbirds that tried to eat the crumbs from our rum cake feeding frenzy. I’ve got pictures.

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obvious about India is the rich culturalism, and the pride that people have in the diversity of the regions. You can see that from the differences in food, dress, and language, to name a few. For example, we did a cultural fashion show at IIT Kharagpur, and the theme of the fashion show was traditional dress from different regions of India.”

Schwartzfager noted that the trip was a success: “With the goal of getting students involved with the project, our trip was the first of what hopefully will become an annual student exchange program.”

Regardless, students who choose to twitter or play chat roulette (à la Perez Hilton) during class really should be more considerate. If you’re not going to pay attention, which, since I sit behind you means that I’m not going to pay attention either, you could at least select a distraction that is reasonably entertaining. Think about more than just yourself. There is an entire row of people behind you yearning for excitement!

Which reminds me: because of the inherent lack of privacy in our learning environment, there are certain websites that are inappropriate for classroom surfing. WebMd and anything with “XXX” in the title are a couple of examples. Use some common sense. People are watching!

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Wine Pairings for the Law Student Diet

By JOON SONG
Columnist

There are a number of great things about being in law school. One of them is being guaranteed to have a high-paying job immediately upon graduation. Another of them is leaving equipped with every single analytical and practical skill set one will need for a long and productive legal career. Yet another one of them is having a fulfilling, jam-packed social and romantic life.

Actually, one of the best things about law school is that one becomes resourceful in terms of eating and drinking. See, e.g., free Domino's Pizza or Corner Bakery sandwiches in the hard lounge. See also Happy Hour Excel spreadsheet (detailing, day by day, the happy hour specials at scores of local drinking establishments). Personally, another of the best things about law school is having Bill McGonigle as a friend.

You see, coming up with new ideas for this column can be hard—I go through “dry spells” in my writing if not my actual drinking—and he provided me with a topic *sua sponte*, to wit: “Seeing as how I eat a lot of Chipotle and Five Guys, I’m thinking you should do a column discussing the best pairing for either as selected from wine shops located close to Chipotles [sic] and Five Guys.”

Good idea, Bill. I’ll tackle Five Guys first.

Five Guys used to be right next to Best Cellars, but the Dupont

Circle location closed down just recently. However, there are still a number of options. For instance, there’s Connecticut Avenue Wine & Liquor (1529 Connecticut Ave NW) which has a good selection of beer in addition to wine. Cairo Wine & Liquor (1618 17th Street NW) is close by, and though it’s a bit grungier than Connecticut Ave it’s also a bit more affordable. If you want to class things up a bit, you could go to Ansonia Wines (1828 18th Street NW), a new boutique store that specializes in French wines, particularly Burgundies—both red, which is Pinot Noir, and white, which is Chardonnay.

When I think Five Guys I think two beef patties, cheese, grilled mushrooms and green bell peppers, grilled onions, A1 sauce, and hella fries. What wine would pair well with all that?

If you’re in the mood for a red—and who ain’t?—you could go for the Oracle of the Stars Pinotage from South Africa, which retails at Connecticut Avenue for about \$10. Pinotage, a hybrid of Pinot Noir and Cinsault is the signature red grape of South Africa. It’s spicy, smoky, and smooth. It’s perfect for red meat and will not get drowned out by A1 or ketchup. You could also go for a Zinfandel—Peachy Canyon’s “Incredible Red” (\$15) is widely available and cheap, or you could go for any of the Zinfandels

from Ridge Vineyards (between \$20-\$40). These are available on and off at Connecticut Ave and Cairo.

If you’re in the mood for a white—and who ain’t?—you could go for a snappy, crisp Chardonnay from the Pouilly-Fuissé region of France. You can pick up the Annie-Claire Forest Pouilly-Fuissé (\$29) from Ansonia Wines: it’s refreshing and will cut through the greasiness of the Five Guys, and it has enough heft to take on whatever you can through at it.

Chipotle is a bit more difficult. It is close to Bell Liquor and Wine Shoppe (1821 M Street NW), which has a pretty good selection of beer and wine, and relatively close to the Wine Specialist (2115 M Street NW). However, Mexican food has a range of different flavors and spices and often is accentuated by lime or lemon juice, all of which make pairings difficult. I would recommend a light red wine that you could serve chilled or a white wine.

Bell usually has a number of good Beaujolais cru, which are light red French wines made from the Gamay grape. Think fresh strawberries, very light body, and an undercurrent of minerals. Beaujolais cru wines come from one of ten different villages, each with distinct characteristics. You can buy a bottle of the Domaine Jean Descombes Morgon (\$12-\$14)—from

the village of Morgon—from Bell, stick it in the fridge for twenty minutes, then drink to your heart’s content. Or you could go to the Wine Specialist and pick up a bottle of the Joseph Drouhin Chory-Les-Beaune Burgundy (\$19), which is light, juicy, with explosive cranberry action. These are fun wines, delicious, and thirst-quenching. Believe me—you don’t want to follow up a jalapeno with a Cabernet.

If you wanted to get a white wine, search out the Christian Lauverjat “Perle Blanche” Sancerre (\$20) at either Bell or the Wine Specialist. Sancerre, a region of the Loire Valley in France, is predominantly white and particularly renowned for its Sauvignon Blanc. Sauvignon Blanc from the Loire is steely, dry, and lean. The “Perle Blanche” starts with just the faintest hint of citrus but ends with a full-blown mineral assault on the finish. Gorgeous and a perfect foil for anything Mexican.

Being a law student can be a pain sometimes, but we are in a pretty nice area for cheap food and wine. And while you might not agree with some of my pairing suggestions, I encourage you to come up with your own. You might be surprised at what works!

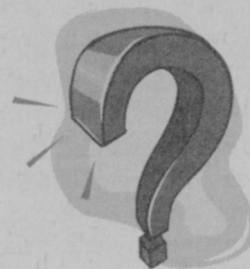


The “Legendary” William Francis Xavier McGonigle

Barristers' Scrapbook



Photos courtesy of Lisa and Set! Hope that everyone had a great time!



Ask Yunji!

By YUNJI KIM
Columnist

Dear Yunji,

I used to have a favorite study spot but it keeps getting invaded by strangers. What do I do? Must I go down to the stacks? That place scares me. What if I choke on my food down there? I wouldn't be found for WEEKS!

Yours truly,
Catatonic on Connecticut Avenue

Dear Catatonic,

Over the many moons of writing this column, I have tried to present as positive a front as possible in the face of depressing employment prospects, difficult classes, and law school power trippers. But sometimes, enough is enough.

Dealing with people we don't like at the law school is a problem. The law school is a small community, and one filled with many loud and argumentative voices at that. In an effort to keep the peace, you could play nice, you could play sweet, and try to be as reasonable as possible. But as all former students of Torts know, that idea of the reasonable person can be elastic and vague. Do you remember that one obnoxious kid in kindergarten who used up all the good crayons and wouldn't share? Now imagine that kid with an articulate vocabulary, and years and years of getting his way behind him. Will talking nicely actually help? No. Sometimes reasonability calls for incisive actions.

So go over there and get your study spot back. Don't you dare descend into the stacks. Be obnoxious, rude, and borderline mean. Remember the tragedy of the foregone Atomic Tangerine and venture to be bold.

Best of luck,
Yunji

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Minding Your Manners

By HEATHER BENTON
Columnist



Recently I've found myself in a particularly annoyed state of affairs. I realize that as law students we are generally type A personalities and are inclined to believe that everything should be about us. In addition, Washington, D.C. tends to fuel the "I'm special" self-centered attitude and as such people in this area tend to go about life with a sort of tunnel vision. There's no awareness that you've cut someone off on the road or that the old lady on the metro has been standing for 30 minutes while you sat in the handicapped seat. But wake-up GW students! You aren't that special! Mind your manners and your

fellow man. Manners aren't just for socialites. They can be used in everyday life. Here are some thoughts on manners:

Consider doors. Open the door for other people. This applies to everyone, males and females. Be aware of your surroundings and people walking around you. But this concept goes both ways. Don't leave that poor person standing there holding the door for the next 100 people unless they are an usher. Grab the door and hold it for the person behind you. And ladies, it won't kill you to open the door for the guy walking behind you. Chivalry is not dead, unless you want it to be.

Men: Put down the toilet seat! And everyone, please... Wash your hands! This may seem to be a given but a recent study published in the American Journal of public health showed that 32 percent of men and 64 percent of women wash their hands after using the restroom. That's not enough. I'm not really sure what the problem is. The sinks are right there in your face. So next time, please don't just flush and bounce. No one really wants your elimination germs bouncing onto them.

Mind your technology manners. A few weeks back I had a friend sitting next to me who I found craning her neck to see my gchat conversation with another person despite my turned laptop and angled down screen. In my opinion, it's a bit like eavesdropping on someone's phone call or conversation. If I meant for you to see it, I would have shown it to you. Also, it's completely improper to nose around on someone's computer when you're borrowing it. I am much more appreciative of the friend who used my laptop and didn't nose around rather than the friend who later asked me why I had been googling something.

Lastly, just be honest. If you don't like someone, or don't want to do some-

thing, just tell them. But griping all the way through and then talking trash behind their back just makes you look like the bigger idiot. I promise you, everyone else is also talking about you behind your back. Look around at the people you never really hear anything about. They might not be the most popular people, but they are often the most trusted.

At risk of sounding like Emily Post and a pretentious bitch, I'm also going to offer some dining out advice. Perhaps I'm unnecessarily bothered by this, but it truly bugs me when I go to

a luncheon or banquet and people spend 10 minutes trying to figure out which utensil and glass to use and ultimately end up grabbing mine. Start at the outside and work your way in. That means, use

the outermost fork and knife for the first course. If there is only one knife, save it for the main course. In addition, the bread plate is always set on the left and your glasses are always set on the right. Typically grabbing at things without knowing how it's set, will leave someone without a plate or glass and then you end up searching for the free item and passing it across the table.

Don't forget to put your napkin on your lap. But please, don't use your napkin as a bib. You're not 80 years old and you don't belong in a high chair. If you're that messy of an eater then you might need to re-evaluate your eating habits. Which brings us to...USE YOUR UTENSILS! You weren't raised in a forest and while there are certain types of foods that are acceptable to eat with your fingers, in general filet mignon is never so tender that you can cut it with a fork. Likewise, picking up a whole piece of meat on your fork and biting off of it like Fred Flintstone is not appropriate either. Would you really do that in front of your boss? No? Then why do it in front of me? Further, please don't use your fingers to get your food on your fork. You may not think I saw you, but I did. Use your knife or bread as a pusher. And please, don't hog all the bread. The rest of us are hungry too.

Well, I'm finally off my soapbox. No matter where we come from, we're entering into a profession where certain behavior is no longer appropriate. So please, mind your manners. If you wouldn't do it in front of your mom, please, don't do it in front of me.

Manners aren't just for socialites. They can be used in everyday life.

Bar Brief: Barristers' Ball

By SET SAMII AND LISA STRAUSS
Columnists



We promise to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. As future members of the DC Lawyers Assistance Program, we are proud to present a bi-weekly run-down of DC hotspots. With this being our final review, we'd like to take a minute and say our goodbyes.

We've wholeheartedly enjoyed being your resident lishes these past two years and like to think it is these articles that have prevented us from securing summer employment. We hope you've learned a lot about DC night life and if any of you want to take our place, let us know and we'll pull some strings with the Nota Bene powers-that-be.

Case: March 19th review of Barrister's Ball, located at the Mellon Auditorium, 1301 Constitution Ave NW. Law school prom (and yes, Terry, it is called PROM). We'd been waiting for this event all year after being some of the only 1Ls at Barrister's last year (damn you Jonathan Bond), and knew we had a fun and classaaaay night ahead of us.

Facts: The Mellon Auditorium is located amidst monuments and historic buildings on Constitution Avenue. It was the perfect venue to house the mayhem that is Barrister's Ball. We were slightly intimidated by the metal detectors, and we did not appreciate the racial profiling that took place. Set had to go through the detector at least seven times, removing all items of clothing and accessory except her dress. The bars outside the doors were a nice surprise, and luckily because of the nice weather we did not need to make use of the coat check (though it looked far more put together than the Hilton's last year).

We arrived fairly early (it was open bar after all) and much to our

dismay, found the dance floor empty. It didn't stay that way for long- a few classic 80s songs and the dance floor was hopping (and Gaga never hurts). The bartenders this year were much more obliging than last year and always served drinks with a smile, and a pick-up line. The food got more delicious as the night went on, but we were disappointed to see the lack of chicken fingers amongst the spread.

Issue: Where were the bathrooms? Why were they in the dungeon? And how does a place with an open bar run out of cups? Given the alleged herpes outbreak running rampant through the school, people should not be forced to share cups. And lastly, what was with the intense security? We're pretty sure GW law students are a fairly nonviolent bunch.

Holding: Great location. Excellent guests. Phenomenal event. It was nice to see so many 1Ls out after last year's poor showing. Given the state of the dance floor around midnight, it felt like at least two times as many people showed up this year over last year's party. Also, the staff at Mellon Auditorium went overboard with their attention to detail- they were constantly refilling the food and drink, and even let us keep eating from the trays as they were carrying them off the floor.

Rule: We had an awesome time. The music was excellent, the guests well-behaved (the Mundia Clause did not have to be invoked), the food delicious (minus the chicken fingers debacle) and the drinks very very strong. We definitely vote to have Barrister's at Mellon Auditorium next year. Everyone looked great and we can't wait for next year's Ball!

Just a reminder- this is our last article, so if you're interested in becoming the new bar-briefers, let us know. Thanks fr th Mmrs. K.I.T. --- Lisa & Set

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professors would embrace. Yes, we are privileged to be law students and we are, in fact, keenly aware of the fact that we pay one of the highest tuitions in the country to attend such a reputable school. However, that does not mean that we should be grateful to the point of excusing every misstep by professors. When classes are boring, when professors fumble, can't hold our attention, or go over the class time, our money is being wasted. To remind us of how much we pay for our education does nothing to mitigate this fact - in fact, it makes us feel even more cheated out of our law school experience because we could have taken another class that was better run, more relevant,

and generally enjoyable in addition to being merely informative.

Before I end this and brace myself for the excoriating emails that will flood my inbox from faculty members, I wish to point out that this isn't a complaint that is exclusive to faculty. I wish more students would think about the classes they take, rather than slap a random assortment of classes together. Interested and engaged students make for better participation and better quality classes. But the fact remains that until both professors and students start to work on improving the day-to-day class experience for certain courses, students will be forced to clock-watching and professors will be doomed to rudeness.

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ON THE DOCKET

law school events

Wednesday March 24th

GW SALDF Bake Sale

Stop by and try some of the delectable baked good that will be on sale at the hard lounge... you know you want to, especially as a break from studying for finals!

10:00-5:30PM, Hard Lounge

Thursday March 25th

Small Medium Employer Recruitment Program

On- and off-campus interviews to be conducted by local small and mid-sized legal employers for 1Ls, 2Ls and 3Ls. See Docket for announcement with further information. Bidding period runs from February 24th through March 10 (which runs through spring break, so plan accordingly!).

"Daniel Webster's Patent Cases" the IP Speaker Series

hosts IU Law Professor Mark Janis

12:00-1:30PM, Great Room in Burns

Equal Justice Foundation Silent Auction

11:00-6:00PM, Kelly Lounge

Equal Justice Foundation Live Auction

Come join students, faculty, and alumni when EJF has its annual Live Auction. From summer vacations to trips to see your favorite sports teams to even naming rights for skills competitions, please come! Enjoy food and drink (soda and beer) as well!

6:30-10:30PM, LL101

Lambda Law Panel on the Challenge to Section 3 of DOMA

Lambda will host a discussion on the constitutional challenge to Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act in Gill v. Office of Personnel Management, now pending in the District Court of Massachusetts. The discussion will include the strategy behind overturning the law, the arguments for and against applying heightened scrutiny when reviewing laws that discriminate against LGBT individuals, and an assessment of the bases relied on by the Government to support its position the DOMA satisfies rational basis. Speakers are: Paul Smith, this year's recipient of the Thurgood Marshall Award from the ABA, and a co-counsel in Gill, Professor Robert Tuttle, and Dean Alan Morrison. Light food and refreshments will be served.

3:00-4:30PM, L101

Friday March 26th

Red Families v. Blue Families: Legal Polarization and the Creation of Culture

The GW American Constitution Society hosts Professor Naomi Cahn and UMKC School of Law Professor June Carbone for the launch of their latest book. Professors Cynthia Lee, Donald Braman, and Washington & Lee Professor Robin Wil-

Horoscopes

ARIES (MARCH 21—APRIL 19)

Whoa, holy beer-goggles, Batman! In the future, you need to make better decisions post-EJF Auction...

TAURUS (APRIL 20—MAY 20)

Gettin' lucky, are we? You should go bet \$300 on black, pronto.

GEMINI (MAY 21—JUNE 21)

ABBA said it best: "Take it easy, better slow down girl, that's no way to go, does your mother know?"

CANCER (JUNE 22—JULY 22)

A smile goes a long way to smoothing the road for you - but so does a twenty and a case of Yuengling.

LEO (JULY 23—AUG. 22)

Yeah, we're all screwed for exams, so you're not so special anymore now, hmm?

VIRGO (AUG. 23—SEPT. 22)

For love of Freddie Lawrence, PLEASE stop whining already - it's giving me a huge migraine...

LIBRA (SEPT. 23—OCT. 23)

Everyone says that they have good taste and a sense of humor - but not everyone CAN have both, right? Think about it...

SCORPIO (OCT. 24—NOV. 21)

Avoid trees.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22—DEC. 21)

Ok, so it's getting to the end of the year, where you have to start making decisions, evaluating your place in life, where you'll be in the near future, all that crap. Better idea? Go to Tonic. The tater tots have the answers.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22—JAN. 19)

Wow, you're having a great hair day....at least until the next issue comes out.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20—FEB. 18)

Sorry, I got really distracted by the Real World D.C. marathon on TV and forgot to do your horoscope. Soooooo, I guess that means that good stuff is in store for you!

PISCES (FEB. 19—MARCH 20)

Yikes. Just - yikes.

son join them for the discussion.

2:00-4:00PM, FCC

Monday March 29th

The International Law Commission in the 21st Century

Sponsored by the George Washington University Law School and the US Dept of State's Legal Advisor's Office

8:00-6:00PM, FCC

Wednesday March 31st

Big MAC on the Quad!

The Big MAC truck will be pulling into the quad so that you can stop by to check out the wonderful dogs and cats that are available for adoption... you know you want to adopt one, especially to have fun with during the summer vacation. So stop by and say hello!

12:00-3:00PM, University Yard

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out there, and everyone knew that the only way to find it was to talk about it as much as possible.

Hey, I'm all in favor of a free exchange of ideas. Discussion is a great way to test arguments and gain inspiration. Especially when trying to determine James Madison's opinion of bikini-clad meth cooks. But let's be honest. That kid in the gym is not the Oppenheimer of

appellate advocacy, and I'm pretty sure he wasn't at the Constitutional Convention of 1789 (don't let the accent fool you). Nobody has the ultimate solution. And until the end of oral arguments, the only person I want to hear at the gym is Nelly talk about how "it's gettin' hot in herre."