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## New SBA Leadership Elected

The USD Student body elected a new executive board for the Student Bar Association last month, bringing in new leadership to replace the outgoing 3Ls on the board. Incoming President Lyon Maher collected information on the upcoming board, which is on page 6 of this edition.

Natalie Price will serve as Vice President, Kevin Kwon as Vice President of Organizations, and David Israel will serve as Treasurer. Sara Rasmussen will serve as Secretary. For a full list of positions and the incoming board, visit [http://www.sbausd.com/Documents/SBA%20Forms/Doc\\_123.pdf](http://www.sbausd.com/Documents/SBA%20Forms/Doc_123.pdf).

## Dean Carrie Wilson Departs

By Austin Evans



As a chapter advisor for my fraternity, I meet frequently with Greek advisors at CSU-San Marcos. I recently had to tell one that I had to miss an advisors meeting because I had to attend a farewell for our Dean of Student Affairs.

"Who is it?" she asked. "Carrie Wilson," I replied. She looked back at me as if she already knew the answer.

"You know, for as long as I've been working here, even I know who she is, she's that great." It was amazing that someone who works miles away and who has been in student affairs for a relatively short time—relative to Dean Wilson's career, at least—

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## Climate and Energy Law Symposium Asks "What Now?"

By Andrew Adams

On Friday, April 9, the Energy Policy Initiatives Center and the *San Diego Journal for Climate and Energy Law* hosted their second annual symposium on campus, bringing together practitioners, professors and regulators to discuss the regulatory instruments created to address climate change. The question, as keynote speaker and Harvard professor Jody Freeman said, was "what instruments, and how best to approach" the problem of climate change as we "restart the energy system and develop a clean energy economy."

Professor Freeman kicked off three panels that focused on the comparative merits of using a cap-and-trade system or simple carbon tax to decrease U.S. greenhouse gas emissions. USD professors shared the stage with the country's premier private practitioners and government regulators, in an event that allowed the school to show off its esteemed faculty in both the environment/energy and tax fields.

These seemingly incongruous specialties were on full display as the panels worked through the pros and cons of cap-and-trade vs. a carbon tax. It has been understood in the climate change law field that the likely regulatory scheme would be cap-and-trade; however, Professor Lesley McAllister pointed out that the current recession and delay in passing a federal program has led legislators to re-evaluate whether a tax system, or a hybrid regulatory/tax system might prove more productive.

This federal vacillation has created problems for California, as the state attempts to implement its cap-and-trade system while preparing for the as-of-yet undefined federal regulatory scheme. At the same time, the state is trying to implement climate laws alongside traditional environmental laws—all undertaken as the country mires in recession.

"California's environmental laws have been reset to a new magnetic North," remarked EPIC director Scott Anders. California regulators and siting attorneys now have to deal with potentially conflicting state and regulatory systems, as well as balancing the need to limit greenhouse gases against the traditional environmental concerns--water usage and land use controls in particular.

The day before, a pre-symposium workshop focused on energy project siting in California and the particular problems that attorneys face in helping energy projects reach compliance. Former California Energy Commission Commissioner John Geesman gave the keynote speech, focusing on what he believed private companies could do to navigate through the morass of regulation in power plant siting. He noted that the renewable percentage statewide had remained flat for over eight years, mostly because of uncertainty regarding the requirements to develop new megawatts.

The first step to fixing this broken process, Geesman said, would be to end the "Just In Time" system of permitting sites, and put them on a ten year time frame so both producers and municipalities can actually plan for

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## U.S. News & World Report Ranks USD Number 56

In the latest rankings released by *U.S. News & World Report*, USD Law jumped five spots to number 56 overall. This comes one year after the school rose over 20 spots in the rankings, and two years after the school fell over 20 spots.

This year, USD had one of the biggest jumps of schools on the list. USD's fall and rise is somewhat similar to George Washington University's trip these last two years, as it plummeted in 2008, only to regain the loss this year.

The rankings were leaked again this year, hitting the web on a Monday, though not scheduled to be released until Thursday of that week.

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instantly knew why I could not make the meeting.

I went out of my way to meet Dean Wilson my 1L year. A friend who had just graduated told me, "She's the kind of person you want to meet, but before you *have* to." I made up some SBA problem so I'd have a chance to meet her. Years later, I'm still just wandering into her office to talk.

Dean Wilson is leaving the law school this summer. She's leaving behind a career of laudable service, huge shoes to fill, and a student body who will miss her dearly.

In undergrad, I worked a lot with deans, chancellors, and other administrators through student government. Having been absorbed in such a proactive culture, it became the norm for me.

Now in law school, I have found a completely different culture—one in which students are not involved in every decision. But from registration to orientation, from the honor code to academic

rules, Dean Wilson made sure students had input. As she said herself, "I often told students what they needed to hear, even if it wasn't what they wanted to



hear." There's no telling how many students' lives she has touched, shaped, and improved in her 21 years of service.

For better or worse, the law school is a tightly knit community. In a building where practically everyone

knows everyone else, we have made impacts on each other in ways that will last throughout our professional and personal lives, well after we leave here.

Dean Wilson was the glue that kept this community together. I've seen her work to make this law school run smoothly, and nearly every event, every speaker, and every process at this school somehow has her mark on it.

To be frank, I am glad I am graduating this year; I don't know what school will be like without her. But even though her physical presence will be missed, she leaves a great legacy behind. Students are more involved because of her encouragement. Administrators are more receptive because of her tenacity. Organizations are more effective because of her advice. This is the culture—the community—that Dean Wilson is leaving behind.

Carrie, we wish you well to what's ahead of you. On behalf of the students, thanks for all you have done for us.

## Postmodernism, Schmostmodernism

By: Eric Meyer

Postmodernism – the term has a nice pedantic and elitist ring to it. Just typing it makes me feel like I should be wearing a corduroy jacket with elbow pads. Just thinking it makes me feel like I should begin an underground socialist revolution.

How did I end up dabbling in post-modernism? Well, I have read legal cases daily for the last three years, so when I have free time I choose something drastically different from what a Ninth Circuit judge would write. First I read David Foster Wallace's 2005 commencement speech from Kenyon University [liberal arts school – of course], and I really enjoyed what he had to say. So I thought – screw it, why not tackle his 1,000 plus page novel *Infinite Jest*, which has been called one of the best novels of the last 25 years.

It turns out *Infinite Jest* is not a novel but a thesaurus spewing crap for over 1,000 pages. The book sucks. It's that simple. It's not deep, it's not life altering, it's not even good... or tolerable. But somehow, some clove-smoking PHD students and English department chairs have convinced the world that this is one of the best books written in recent times. How? Well, under the guise of postmodernism.

Post-modernism is basically the literary equivalent of abstract art. At least abstract art can look cool or interesting, even if there is no meaning behind it (I'm sorry, flicking red dots against a canvas does not evoke your inner animal, so shut up). But postmodernism serves no purpose. It's just a collection of words that means nothing. It's an excuse for having no plot, no character development, no story arc, nothing! One review of *Infinite*

*Jest* wrote that if you can't understand or appreciate the novel, you should go back to reading pulp-romance. Reading that made me want to go to the nearest farmer's market, find the dickhead who wrote that, and shove his organic avocados up his ass. T

hen I thought about it, and shoot, he actually gave pretty good advice. At least pulp-romance generally has a beginning, middle, and an end. At least pulp-romance has a conflict and a climax. I'd like to see Wallace, or any other post-modernist, sit down and actually try to write a story that makes any sense. Anyone can get a bunch of drugs and hack away on a laptop for a few years and come up with a bunch of nonsense. And then if someone calls them out on their work, they can just say, "Well you just don't understand the underlying meaning and symbolism." \ Here's a thought, if NO ONE can understand the underlying meaning and symbolism, and the people who claim they understand come up with 1,000 different theories, it's not that the audience is inept, it's that the writer sucks. Hmmm, this sounds familiar... *LOST*.

That stupid show that I've watched for 6 seasons and haven't liked for 5 and a half. I can't stop watching, it's like a bad car accident. And now I finally get it – *LOST* is postmodernism on TV. It's a story that doesn't have to follow a linear storyline, it can introduce new problems without ever resolving or explaining old ones, it can attempt to be deep by naming characters after famous philosophers, and introduce ideas that even the writers of *The Matrix* (there is no spoon!) would laugh at. But in the end, it all means nothing. Let's review

some of the things that have been on the show: polar bears on a beach-island, a black smoke cloud that kills people and is also some kind of demon, atom bombs that split time, a wheel that can move an island, people who can talk to the dead, people who can see the future, an island that can cure cancer and paralysis but on which women can't get pregnant, some kind of God-like figure who can prevent people from aging... I'll just stop there. Review that short list. Tell me you're thinking, "Are you kidding me!" I know I am.

Abstract art is dead. It should never have been alive. I understand it as a short-lived satire, kind of like making fun of how people will view anything as being deep if you tell them to. But this should not have grown into its own movement. It should not be practiced, replicated, and rewarded. If it is, you get crap like someone hanging a blank canvas in MOMA and saying it represents the emptiness of existence. Well it can, but if that's your best way of representing emptiness, then you're a crappy artist. At some point we started classifying people as geniuses for being so strange and eccentric that we couldn't comprehend their message. David Lynch in film, *LOST* on TV, Jackson Pollack in art, Bjork in music, David Foster Wallace in literature. When I was in second grade, one of the assignments was to write a story about anything. I didn't know what I was writing or where I was going with it, so I ended it by saying it was all a dream. My teacher told me I couldn't pull crap like that [not in those words, obviously]. I should have told her I was a postmodernist, and who knows, I could have ended up with a Pulitzer.



## Advocate. Have fun. Get Some Valvoline.

By: Arash Ebrahimi



As you know from my last article with the Target chef's hat, I often advocate for myself against bad customer service policies while having some fun. In a world where companies have very little incentive to bend over backwards to help with your problem (often times a problem caused by the company themselves) a sarcastic e-mail here and there can help control the murderous rage that slowly builds up inside of you. Most of the time, a well worded e-mail or thoughtful phone call will result in the reversal of charges or offer another remedy that you seek.

Sometimes, however, restitution does not go far enough. Some errors call for a larger, more symbolic, action from the company you are angry with. With the right proof, you can force a company to do something good for their community (even if they don't want to). Here is my latest success:

Dear Valvoline Instant Oil Change,

Well, it finally happened. Throughout my life I have been accused of many things: bleeding heart, hippy, idealist, overly happy, and "not my real son." And finally, after so many happy years thinking human beings are wonderful people, I had the opportunity to stop by one of your instant oil change shops. I have now given up on humanity. But **you** can help me change all of that, Valvoline.

Several weeks ago I stopped by one of your locations in Southern California. I drove up in my '98 Plymouth Voyager Van (from now on referred to, obviously, as "The Babe Magnet") and was instantly greeted with a hello and a smile. I discussed my plethora of oil change options with one of your employees, and decided on your basic oil change package that costs \$34.99. I had a ten dollar coupon, so I expected to leave your shop with 25 less dollars. Little did I know that I would leave with a little less dignity as well.

After several minutes perusing last year's edition of People Magazine (the one with the big expose on Brangelina) in the so called "waiting area", I was called over to The Babe Magnet. I was told by one of your employees that there was absolutely no oil in the car. They even showed me the dipstick . . . undeniable proof! They recommended an \$18 "flush" of the system, so they could get out the little bits of the engine that had rubbed together without the oil.

I'm gonna be honest. I thought long and hard about whether I should do this. Sure, I love the Babe Magnet, but \$18 is a lot of money right now. I consented to the flush and went back to reading the expose (did you know that Angelina Jolie Ranked #1 in E! Television's 2006 101 Sexiest Celebrity Bodies? Fran Drescher was robbed!! But that's the subject of a different e-mail). One of your employees entered the "waiting area" and asked to speak with me. This is where the story gets terrible.

He told me the car was leaking oil very badly. He said he was surprised there wasn't more damage, and that he could repair the damage there was for \$450. This included the repair of both oil pan gaskets as well as the transmission gasket. He assured me this is about half of what any other shop could do it for. He also recommended that I not drive the Magnet (that's what I call it for short) off of the lot. I asked him when it would be absolutely necessary to do these repairs, and he told me "yesterday."

I always consult with my wife before making decisions like this. I called her and she said "Oh Thank God, let's just get rid of this piece of junk and do the cash for clunkers thing." My wife. Such a sense of humor. I know in her heart she really meant "Let's find a way to raise the money so we can continue having The Babe Magnet as a part of our loving family."

I decided against the repairs and proceeded to check out. After I declined the repairs, I was asked several times if I was planning on coming back to do them. At one point I was so irritated that I looked one of your employees in the eyes and said "I don't have the money to make this repair."

Not that I have any reason to distrust your employees, but I took the van to my local mechanic to be sure. I told them the problems your mechanic reported, the price they quoted me, and my general concern over not being able to make the repairs. Once the Magnet was on the block, they called me out to the garage. The first question my mechanic asked me was "Did you wear a shirt that said 'Screw Me' when you went to Valvoline?" In fact, I had worn that shirt, but embarrassed by this, I told him no.

There were no leaks. In fact, the parts that your mechanic had strongly recommended I fix had been replaced by my local mechanic less than 5 months earlier. For shame Valvoline. For shame.

I mean seriously. I drive a '98 Plymouth Voyager Van. As my primary vehicle. I'm not a rich man. I brought a coupon with me to an oil change. I was lied to, but more importantly, I was made to worry about my Babe Magnet when I didn't need to. Later I looked up this location on the Better Business Bureau and found out that 37 complaints have been filed against this location with a rating of "F" as in "Flushing the engine when we don't need to." Shame on me!

Let's cut to the chase. I want my \$18 back. This just pays me back for what I am assuming was a lie on behalf of your company. But this won't make us even. I need to have my faith in humanity restored. For this to happen, I want you to donate 2 vouchers for free oil changes to a local domestic violence shelter in San Diego, and send me the proof that you have done so.

Yours moderately angrily,  
Arash Ebrahimi

P.s. I have attached to this e-mail my documentation from the oil change showing I was charged \$18, the hand written note from your mechanic regarding the work they wanted to do on the van, as well as documentation from my local mechanic showing this work had been done 5 months earlier.

Within two weeks, Valvoline's corporate office sent over two vouchers for an oil change to be donated to a local shelter. While I'm not happy that I was lied to, Valvoline's subsequent actions do make me feel much better. You, too, can find a healthy, fun way to relieve your personal customer service woes.



## Opinion

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# A Whine and Cheese Party

## Editorial

In this, the last issue of Motions of the year, the editorial staff is taking stock of what is working and what is not here on campus. There is plenty to be happy about – and yet still plenty to complain about. As an old newspaper man once said (partially in jest), it is the newspapers' job to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. So here are some "High Fives," and some "Talk to the Hands" that we have for the school.

**Talk to the Hand** – students that take the elevator. Unless you have some sort of disability or injury, stop riding the elevator. There is only one in Warren Hall, and there are people that need it. If you are under 60 and can/do regularly exercise, you are not one of these people. We suggest that students who take the elevators unnecessarily should be mocked for their laziness and overall dumpy, Eeyore-like nature.

**Hi Five - Marshall Stone.** SBA can be a pretty mind-numbingly dull operation – especially for those running it. But the 2008-2009 SBA President took on an issue that wasn't going to win him any friends in the school administration--and did it all for you. Until last year, each law student annually paid \$2,000 into the University's endowment. This wasn't optional, and it wasn't spent on anything tangible for current law students. It was, however, unique amongst law schools and in general, a great way to dupe grad students into paying for services they don't get while growing an endowment that means nearly nothing to us.

Marshall used his pulpit to publicize the issue, and he gathered enough student support to halt the money from being taken out of law students' tuition. Instead of taking the easy way out and coasting through book fairs and '80s parties, he took on the University administration and won a small victory for grad

students. While tuition is not cheaper now, it is assumed that the \$2,000 that used to go into the endowment is now used on law school rather than a University-wide endowment.

**So to Marshall** - a big high five. **Talk to the Hand** – Parking Services. *Motions* knows this is like picking on the fat, foreign exchange student because Parking Services' main job is handing out tickets, but it doesn't matter. This department is so poorly run that we hear the federal government is considering bailing it out/taking it over.

Our main problem with Parking Services is that it doesn't do its job. It sends out oddly-timed waves of parking enforcers. It gives tickets in situations when it is clear that one is not deserved. The appeals process makes about as much sense as a Soviet gulag's parole board. Overall, it just plain sucks.

We'll share a few anecdotes that have happened to us or someone we know: getting a ticket for not having a placard, despite the fact that the metermaid ran the license plate and found out that the car had a permit (we know this because it was a ticket for not displaying the placard). In another situation, a permit holder parked up by the gym in one of the residence spots because the visitor spots were taken. Parking services issued a ticket—even though it was before school started and all of the residence spots were open.

Our problem with them is that they deploy the meter maids early in the morning and late at night—not from 10-2 when there actually is a parking crunch on campus. Our problem is that the appeals board will reduce your ticket from \$50 to \$25, but never to \$0, even if you deserve it. Our problem is that you never ticket a huge car so perilously parked that it takes up multiple spaces (due, of

course to the renowned skills of USD's 19-year old Tahoe drivers), but they can make it out to nail students on the first day that permits are required.

For all this, Parking Services, we think you're blowing it. We understand that someone has to eat up student's work-study, but can't we be paying them to do something more useful than handing out b.s. tickets?

**Hi Five** –LRC and its staff. *Motions* has heard the rumor that USD's ranking is being held down by the LRC and its shortcomings, which, if true, is completely stupid. Any time we have needed a rare or complicated order, the LRC staff has come through in spades. In addition, the LRC itself is a pretty fantastic place to study, both in terms of comfort and aesthetics. While the occasional chatty undergrad wears on *Motions*, overall the LRC is well run.

**Talk to the Hand** – the light on Linda Vista that leads into campus. As all students from places west of campus are familiar, the left hand turn lane into campus takes approximately five minutes to change every time. Nevermind the value of left hand turn arrows in general, this thing sucks and needs to be put on a timer. Or in Mission Bay.

**Talk to the Hand** –the California Bar. 1Ls and 2Ls, beware—when you're a 3L, you're going to pay \$500 to submit your moral application, and more than that just to take the bar—instead of raising fees on current attorneys that do have incomes. If this seems backwards, it is. If you don't like it, then too bad.

Above are some of our gripes about the school. They are relatively unimportant, and overall *Motions* thinks the school is run well. But this is the last issue, and we reserve the right to complain a little bit.

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## Student Faces

This month we asked students...

**"What bar in San Diego should have, but didn't, host a Bar Review?"**



Bryan Nettels,  
3L

*"Yardhouse. Good food and full liquor, and a great jumping-off point for the rest of the night."*



Megan Riley-Lopez,  
3L

*"Chuck-E-Cheese. Little-known fact that they do serve beer there."*



Chris Rhoads,  
3L

*"Catalina Lounge. Because it's cheap, dirty and near my house. And, you can't forget the shuff."*

## So, You Wanna Leave a Legacy? The Graduating Class Gift and You.

By Jessie Zaylia

Attention graduating 3Ls, 4LEs, and LLMs! You are about to achieve a major accomplishment, no matter your class rank. This May 15, you will celebrate your graduation from USD Law in your version of style.

But how will future classes remember you?

The Class Gift Committee for the graduating class of 2010 has created a wonderful opportunity for you to make a difference for future classes by donating to the class gift. The gift will culminate in a Prominent Speaker Fund that will assist our clubs in bringing "big-name" speakers to campus. This fund could help cover things such as airfare, hotel costs, an honorarium, meals, or a speaker gift.

The Prominent Speaker Fund is important because clubs in the future can ask speakers like Catharine A. MacKinnon, Clarence Thomas, Vandana Shiva, Rahm Emanuel, or other influential leaders to speak at USD School of Law with the security of knowing that they will be able to help fund the costs of the trip. After all, it can become embarrassing to pique a

speaker's interest and then proceed to ask if he or she can fund the flight.

The gift is also particularly meaningful because it carries the potential to raise USD's profile nationally and internationally. For instance, a club might decide to bring, say, current ABA president, Carol B. Lamm, to campus. Such a speaker could increase USD's exposure to the ABA, and who knows how that could positively affect the perception of USD (and perhaps rankings) in the long-run?

What would 100% class participation mean to USD?

First, 100% participation would show a commitment to excellence, especially given the nature of the gift, which is to expose our students to outstanding legal, political, and academic minds beyond our own faculty. Second, 100% participation would be unprecedented. We would outdo all classes before us. Third, 100% participation would increase the base amount in the Prominent Speaker Fund.

You will be receiving emails about the class gift and hearing about the campaign through me and other classmates

throughout the next months. We will also have a table open for class gift donations at the next Dean's mixer.

The elephant in the room: times are tough. And what would you do without those extra two beers on Thursday night? You're right. The economy is in an awful state. Further, many of us are still ardently looking for jobs in a dry legal market.

Nevertheless, each class leaves a legacy, and it is important that we leave our legacy by directly improving the law school experience for future classes. Remember: it's your gift, so you can choose the size of it. But it's making the choice to contribute that matters the most.

### How to make a gift:

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their future needs. This would take standardized tax, regulatory, and administrative standards--foreign concepts to today's energy siting world.

Symposium attendees on Friday focused much more on the large-scale political and legal concerns of a federal climate law. Professor Freeman, who had just left a White House climate change post, set the foundation. Following her, professors and attorneys first addressed the cap-and-trade option, then the tax option.

The final panel defined their own expectations and desires for such a system. Two professors joined the president of the Environmental Law Institute and a partner from Latham and Watkins

to discuss the possibilities and the relative value of each regulatory system. Professor Holly Doremus from Boalt Hall seemed to summarize the panel's thoughts when she called for a federal program that was like "a windswept pine."

Unlike the hardened oak that rigidly withstands winds until a strong enough storm destroys it, Professor Doremus remarked, or the willow tree that bends with each small gust, the federal system had to have hard and well-defined rules but also adapt to the conditions that foster it. The system cannot ignore political or scientific developments around it, but like the most effective environmental laws in the past, the climate regulation had to set boundaries that were

both strong and flexible--and were a reflection of the times. Just like a pine on a windy ridgeline adapts to its surroundings and learns to lean with the wind, a federal climate regulatory system had to simultaneously reflect and shape its surroundings.

This year was the Symposium's second year, and was again generously sponsored by Sempra Energy and NRG Energy. For more information on the speakers or EPIC generally, visit [http://www.sandiego.edu/law/news/calendar\\_of\\_events/event\\_details.php?focus=34842](http://www.sandiego.edu/law/news/calendar_of_events/event_details.php?focus=34842) or

<http://www.sandiego.edu/epic>.



# Meet the Student Bar Association

By Lyon Maher

In an effort to make the incoming SBA board more approachable to the entire student body and administration, the Executive Board (semi-willingly) answered my Lipotonesque questionnaire. We look forward to being your voice to collectively better the University of San Diego Law School experience for all of us. Furthermore, now that you know everything about us, please feel free to approach us personally with your individual concerns and needs. I hope you enjoy getting to know us a little better!



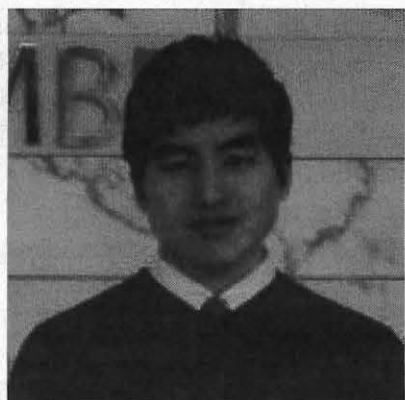
## Lyon Maher – SBA President

1. Where are you from? Brooklyn, New York
2. Who's your favorite TV attorney? Ally McBeal
3. What is your favorite word? Shenanigans
4. What is your least favorite word? Phlegm
5. If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates? Welcome



## Natalie Price – SBA VP

1. Where are you from? Born in South Africa, raised in San Diego
2. Who's your favorite TV attorney? Matlock
3. What is your favorite word? I don't know if it's my favorite but I say "sweet" rather frequently
4. What is your least favorite word? Hands down: "bored"
5. If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates? "Come on in, the water's fine." (I envision Heaven as consisting mainly of beaches and pools, what can I say, I'm a water-baby.)



## Kevin Kwon –SBA VP of Organizations

1. Where are you from? Irvine, CA
2. Who's your favorite TV attorney? Real: Judge Milian (she used to be an attorney, and People's Court rocks), Fake: Jackie Chiles
3. What is your favorite word? Gratuitous. Because it is.
4. What is your least favorite word? Maybe.
5. If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates? Not too shabby.



## Sara Rasmussen –SBA Secretary

1. Where are you from? San Diego
2. Who's your favorite TV attorney? I don't understand the Q
3. What is your favorite word? Rambunctious or lightening (the way it rolls off the tongue)
4. What is your least favorite word? Maggot or puss
5. If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates? Arrive at the Pearly Gates, you're in



## David Israel –SBA Treasurer

1. Where are you from? San Diego, CA
2. Who's your favorite TV attorney? Matlock. Is there any other valid choice?
3. What is your favorite word? All-you-can-eat buffet.
4. What is your least favorite word? Closed.
5. If Heaven exists, what would you like to hear God say when you arrive at the Pearly Gates? You're scheduled to start on Field 237, in the Heaven Softball League.



## On Campus

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### Upcoming Events

#### 2010 Graduation Party

**Location:** Bristol Hotel, Downtown  
**Start Date:** Thurs., 13 May - 7:00 pm  
**End Time:** 10:00 pm

Your Grad Party ticket includes 3 hours of open "graduate-level" premium beverages, appetizers, dancing, photos, and good times. The Bristol Hotel is also offering a special rate of \$99 for rooms that evening if you call and mention USD School of Law -limited quantity available, so call soon!

#### USD Journal Write-On Competition 2010: Pick-Up

**Location:** LRC 132  
**Start Date:** Friday 14 May - 12:00PM  
**End Time:** 12:30PM

**Description:** DOORS LOCKED AT 12:30 SHARP!! Competitors can find more details about the 2010 Write-On by adding our TWEN site, which is already up and running. Adding the TWEN site (2010 Write-On Competition for SDLR, SDILJ, & SDJCEL) will ensure that you receive the most recent information about the competition as well as any e-mails that the competition administrators may send. FMI: [usdwriteon2010@gmail.com](mailto:usdwriteon2010@gmail.com).

#### Commencement

**Location:** JCP  
**Start Date:** Saturday 15 May - 09:00am  
**End Time:** 11:00am

**Description:** please refer to the commencement website: [http://www.sandiego.edu/law/current/commencement/events\\_schedule.php](http://www.sandiego.edu/law/current/commencement/events_schedule.php)

#### USD Journal Write-On Competition 2010: Drop-Off

**Location:** LRC 132  
**Start Date:** Saturday 22 May - 6:30PM  
**End Time:** 8:00PM

**Description:** DOORS LOCKED AT 8:00PM SHARP!! Competitors can find more details about the 2010 Write-On by adding our TWEN site, which is already up and running. Adding the TWEN site (2010 Write-On Competition for SDLR, SDILJ, & SDJCEL) will ensure that you receive the most recent information about the competition as well as any e-mails that the competition administrators may send. FMI: [usdwriteon2010@gmail.com](mailto:usdwriteon2010@gmail.com).



New toilets were installed in Warren Hall recently. (Photo by Adam Brody)

### LRAP a Success!

By Janet Chen

The Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) held its annual Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) pledge drive during the week of April 12-16 in the Writs. Close to fifty students and faculty stopped by the table and entered a raffle drawing hoping for a chance to win a complete BarBri bar review course package and other cool prizes. Raffle proceeds raised nearly \$3000 for the LRAP, and when added to donations received from students, faculty, student organizations, and alumni, the grand total raised so far amounts to over \$16,000. Donations are still coming in, and will continue to be accepted until June 15. On top of that, Dean Cole has generously agreed, as he has done so in past years, to match the funds raised up to \$20,000. Every penny raised will be used to fund the LRAP, a financial aid program which helps USD law graduates who choose a career in public interest repay their law school loans.

On Monday, April 19, PILF's faculty advisor Professor Julianne Fellmeth joined students and Professor Michael Devitt in the Writs at lunch time to draw the winning raffle tickets. Chris Kane, a 3L, took home the first place prize - a complete BarBri bar review course valued at \$3600.

Donations to the LRAP are still being accepted until **June 15th**. Here are a few ways you can give if you choose:

**Graduating 3Ls** who wish to make a gift to LRAP may still do so, and will be counted as giving towards the **3L Class Gift**. Contributions over \$25 will be thanked with a law school pen. **NOTE:** 3Ls contributing to LRAP who would like to be recognized as giving to the 3L Class Gift should email his/her name and the amount donated to [usdpilf@gmail.com](mailto:usdpilf@gmail.com).

**Online** donations can be made by going to [www.sandiego.edu](http://www.sandiego.edu). In the top right-hand corner of the page, under the Giving tab, click "Make a Gift." Under the "Areas where you may choose to designate your gift" drop-down list, select "School of Law. Then select "Loan Repayment Assistance Program" under the "Gift Information" drop-down list.

**Check** donations (payable to University of San Diego) can be mailed to: USD Alumni and Development Office, Attn: Debbi McIntyre, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego CA 92110.

The Public Interest Law Foundation would like to congratulate the winners and thank everyone that came out to support the LRAP program.



Team Jamaica parties down at the Olympic's Closing ceremonies.

Photo—  
Bridget Keto



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## Soft Ballin'

by Steven Caloiaro

There was a collision between man and women (the women won), an extra-inning game that happened but didn't actually exist, and two blowouts. All in a single night for the USD grad intramural league. In case you were busy with that evidence outline here is a short recap from last Thursday night.

### Dalkon Shield vs. Good Wood

The game started with a fury - each team trading runs back and forth. Both teams making big hits and bigger catches. But enough with the average hard fought playoff battle. The real drama came at the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> with the game still tied. So on come extra innings and Good Wood actually "won."

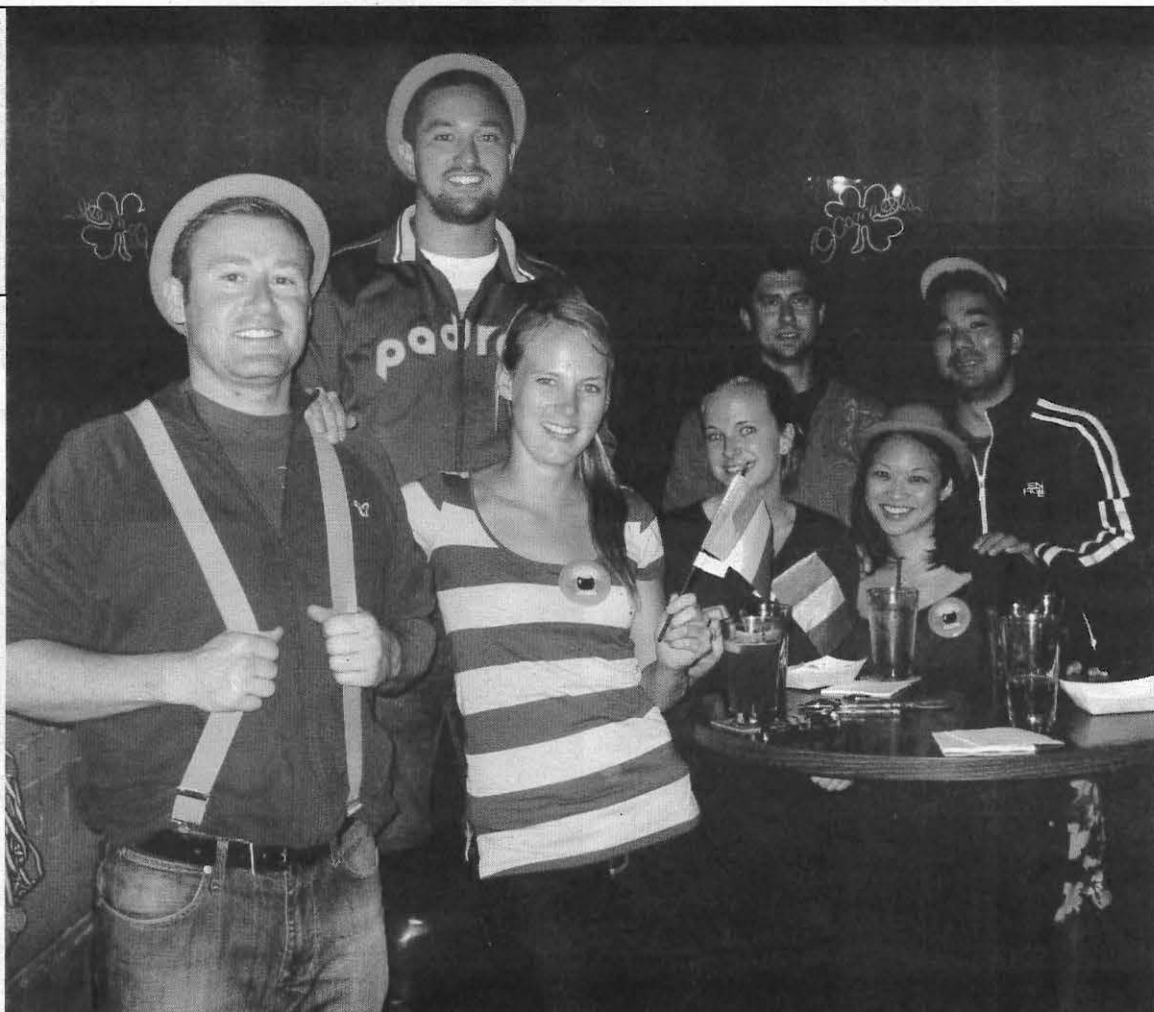
However, a rather astute umpire brought the scorecard up and notice that Dalkon was winning 12-11 after the 6<sup>th</sup> inning, and therefore extra innings were not needed and Dalkon had won. Hardball was crushed with the news and Dalkon ecstatic. So goes another night of epic softball - peaks and valleys; the glory of victory and the agony of defeat.

### Legal Eagles v. Footnote 213

Footnote 213 made it to the elite eight for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time, following a 0 for the world during their 1L year. However in this case, the game was never close as the pesky 1L's came out swinging early and often, pushing the Footnotes to the brink and finally over. Captin Kirk vowed to spend less time in the blue book and more time working on his smooth softball swing and guaranteed a championship next year.

### K Killers v. Lewd and Levicious

This was a scrappy game filled



with collisions, close calls and few choice words. The L&L squad never quit, but the game was ultimately decided with the tying run up to bat and the K Killers getting the key out. Ben White willed his team to a win with his prowess in the outfield and the deft and timely hitting solidifying his spot as team MVP.

### Hardball v. Mighty Ducks

In the only game featuring 2 3L teams battling for the right to continue on with their law school careers, the hardballs had the upper . . . ball? Highlighted by solid defense and key hitting, the Hardballs went through the Mighty Ducks like the dreaded hawks did to the real mighty ducks before Emilio Estevez got his power and Goldberg became the "the goalie." The Ducks were left yelling "Emilio. . ."

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Besides the game, the only other interesting side note was the inability of Ric Fukushima to showcase his power to the opposite field. Desperately trying to reach the baseball field, the flyin' Hawaiian was only able to manage a few measly grounders and line drives to right field.

He however claims that there will be a Babe Ruth point followed by a Babe Ruth shot in the championship game. To all you doubters - show up on the softball field to confirm.



## Olympics Final Standings

Team	Opening Ceremonies	Dodgeball	Kickball	Ultimate Frisbee	Capture the Flag	Water Polo	Game Night	Total
Ireland	70	80	70	70	100	100	50	540
USA	100	60	60	90	90	50	70	520
Ottoman Empire	30	100	100	50	80	80	80	520
Jamaica	60	30	90	100	70	50	90	490
Djibouti	40	90	40	60	30	70	100	430
Sparta	50	40	30	80	60	90	70	420
Brazil	80	70	90	30	40	60	30	400
Japan	90	60	50	40	50	50	40	380