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NEWS BRIEFS

Public Interest Auction: Phi Alpha Delta and the Public Interest Network will hold the Third Annual Public Interest Auction and Richard J. Hughes Honorary Award Ceremony on February 19. The auction benefits the Public Interest Law Fellowship Fund. This year's honorees include Harold B. Garwin of the Community Health Law Project, Amy Gottlieb of the American Friends Service Committee and Hon. Gary S. Stein, a retired justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court.

Barrister's Ball: Barrister's Ball will be held on March 19 at the Hanover Marriott. Tickets will be on sale at the law school February 23-27 and March 8-12. Rooms may be reserved at a special rate of \$89 until March 8. To make room reservations by phone, call (800) 228-9290 and ask for the special rate for Seton Hall Law.

Maya Angelou: The Distinguished Speaker Series will conclude at NJPAC with Maya Angelou on February 12 at 7:30. The Black Law Students' Association will hold a reception beforehand in the atrium.

Exam fiasco irritates students

by Mauro Tucci
Editor-in-Chief

Though it's not uncommon for professors to make minor corrections in the minutes after students begin taking a law exam, it would be rather unusual for them to change the fact pattern in the middle of a test.

But that's exactly what happened to both sections of Estates and Trusts taking a fall semester exam on December 12.

Prof. Holly Robinson significantly altered an essay fact pattern one hour into the three-hour Estates and Trusts exam. She was attempting to test the students on a particular issue, though the initial fact pattern apparently did not serve that purpose.

Student reaction ranged from flus-

Feds investigate Seton Hall Law on reverse discrimination charges

by Mauro Tucci
Editor-in-Chief

The U.S. Department of Education is investigating claims of reverse racial discrimination against white law students by Seton Hall Law, according to a story by the New Jersey Law Journal dated January 14.

The DOE Office for Civil Rights has inquired about preferential treatment for minorities in two programs. Seton Hall Law was notified of the investigation in the early fall of 2003.

One focus of the investigation is the law school's minority mentoring program, "Partners in Excellence," which places top minority students with some of New Jersey's most prestigious firms.

The other is a minority law fair organized by a committee independent of the law school called the New Jersey Law Firm Group. Seton Hall

Law and Rutgers-Newark Law alternate in hosting the program.

The Seton Hall Law web site is reported as stating that participation in the legal job fair was open only to "students of color."

The complaint that sparked the DOE investigation was made by an anonymous person with no connection to Seton Hall Law.

Seton Hall Law has retained the firm of Hogan and Hartson of Washington, DC, as outside counsel for this investigation.

Dean Patrick Hobbs disagrees with the idea that the programs in question

are discriminatory. They are not discriminatory, he says, when viewed in light of all the programs offered to help students find employment.

"You have to look at the totality of our efforts and in the context of what we do for all our students," Hobbs said.

What Constitutes Discrimination

When a claim of discrimination is made, there arises the question of what constitutes discrimination.

Administrators state that it is inappropriate to apply the standard of discrimination used in disciplinary pro-

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Matt Cameron 2L looks on as Navdeep Tucker 1L and Rosemary McGeady 2L audition on February 3 for the next production of the Seton Hall Law Players. The play, *Here Lies Jeremy Troy*, will premier in late March. (photo by Mauro Tucci)

Classes test tablet PCs and electronic casebooks

Law students in two classes are participating in a trial program testing tablet laptop computers and electronic casebooks.

Nineteen students in Prof. E. Judson Jennings' Intellectual Property Law Survey and Prof. Charles Sullivan's Employment Discrimination classes are testing both the tablet PCs and the electronic casebook.

Several additional students are testing the casebook on a traditional laptop.

Participants in the program have been furnished with new fully-loaded Toshiba tablet PCs, which allow handwritten notes.

A tablet PC is a laptop equipped with a touch screen, allowing input through handwritten commands rather than by use of a keyboard and mouse, though those methods are also available.

Each is loaded with Microsoft's Windows XP and OneNote, which permits students to take handwritten, typed or audio notes.

Every tablet has built in wireless

infrared, Ethernet and Blue Tooth technologies, giving students maximum flexibility in accessing various networks.

There is also a slot for an SD memory card such as that found in digital cameras, so files can be easily backed up and moved from one machine to another.

The casebook software is an electronic version of the casebook plus a statutory supplement that are put out by Aspen Publishing.

The software includes a table of contents and index, a global search function and the ability to highlight text and make marginal notes to accompany the highlights.

The book can then be navigated by the table of contents or by a list of highlight links.

All material in the casebook can be marked and copied into any other application, such as word processors or e-mail, though some students noted that the method of transferring the data could be a bit awkward.

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SBA elects Nash replacement Vice President

Some senators question why past candidates for VP position weren't consulted

by **Alycia Gerben**
Staff Reporter

The Student Bar Association approved Sen. Colin Nash 3L as its new Vice President on January 27.

Nash was nominated to the post by President Jon Samon 3L to replace former Vice President Brian Goodman 3L, who has taken a personal leave from school.

Nash's election was not hotly debated during the meeting, though some senators and representatives did question Samon as to why he selected Nash over Sen. Deirdre Bussom 3L and Sen. Donna Cameron 3L, who had been candidates for the position last March.

"In appointing Colin, I selected

someone that I knew very well on a personal basis, that I can trust to step into the role and fulfill the responsibilities of the vice president," Samon said.

Section 2.7 of the SBA Constitution allows the President to name someone to a vacant officer position with advice and consent of the Senate.

Nash was approved by a 26-23 majority, with abstentions counting in the negative. Most of the dissenting votes were abstentions. It appeared that many of the abstaining votes were cast in opposition to the manner in which Nash was named rather than as opposition to him personally.

Evening Vice President Nancy Del Pizzo 3L did not object to the selection of Nash, though she did ask

whether Bussom or Cameron should have been considered because they had put a lot of time and effort into the SBA and their campaigns last year.

"Perhaps they should have been asked first," Del Pizzo said.

Sen. James McFaul 3L, who was a candidate for President last spring, also wanted to know if Cameron and Bussom were asked.

Samon said he had not asked the
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A message from Career Services ...

OCS has been a flurry of activity this semester. We launched our Twen page on the first day of classes in order to make our resources (including samples) readily available to you. Our calendar of events has also been posted on Twen.

We are excited to prepare for NYU's Public Interest Fair and thrilled to be helping first year students with their initial legal job hunt.

We have held several successful workshops in January including the out-of-state job workshop and the Public Interest Informational.

In addition, we were fortunate to host Robert Johnson, Bronx District Attorney, who enlightened our students about careers in Criminal Law and his personal career journey.

We have also had the chance to visit evening classes. We encourage you to stop in and pick up literature from any event you might have missed.

We also recommend you consider the following:

Keep in mind that even if you didn't register for NYU's Public Interest Fair, taking place on February 12 and 13, you can attend with resume in hand. Many students have been suc-

cessful in procuring interviews this way.

Register for Spring OCI by February 11.

Join us at our upcoming workshops: Interviewing Skills on February 11 and the Judicial Clerkship / Internship Informational on February 20.

Be our guest and support the Public Interest Auction taking place on February 19 in the atrium. Admission to the event is free.

Attend the semester networking reception on February 26 where you will have the opportunity to speak with practicing attorneys in an informal setting about their daily job responsibilities, the impetus for their choice of profession and area of practice and recommendations they might have for you as you prepare to enter the legal profession.

Join us at the Spring Open House on March 23 to meet and obtain information about various firms that participate in OCI.

Come up for a visit whether it be to simply say hello on your way to the computer lab or to get advice. We love visitors!

See you soon.

From the SBA President's Desk

With Valentine's Day approaching, love seems to be an appropriate topic for discussion. Not love in the typical sense, as between two people in a relationship, although that is nice. Instead, love in general. Or perhaps the lack of it. We spend so much time pursuing goals that may or may not be worthwhile, yet often leave out the sort of love that should be our paramount goal.

Messages like this are often dismissed or only heeded momentarily. This should not belie its importance. Have you ever held the door for someone when they're more than a few steps away and they look at you with sheer surprise and appreciation? Have

you ever let anyone into your lane of traffic and get the little wave in gratitude for you adding a mere 20 seconds to your commute? That demonstrates the positive effects of love.

Nowhere are such effects more important than in our current situation as students of the law. We have the potential to make an impact on the lives of everyone we meet, personally and professionally, and should strive to ensure that it is a positive one. There is no time like the present to make sure that is so.

Jonathan E. Samon
SBA President

Minutes of SBA Senate Meeting on January 25, 2004

Call to order

10:27

I. Jon Samon (President)

a. The curriculum committee vacancy has been filled by Danielle Franken.

b. There was a 1L Senator vacancy from section D, and Chris Jensen has been elected.

c. Brian Goodman has taken a leave of absence for personal reasons, and must resign. In his stead, according to the constitution Colin Nash has been appointed the new Vice President.

d. Motion to nominate Colin Nash. Seconded.

e. Nancy Del Pizzo: other candidates ran and perhaps they should have been asked first.

f. James McFaul: agrees that the other candidates should have been considered.

g. Vote to end debate: Passed

h. Vote to elect Colin Nash: Passed 26-23

i. At the Friday faculty meeting there was a motion to change the exam policy of having exams posted automatically to giving them discretion as to whether the exam is published. If a professor has been here for a reasonable period of time and reasonably believes an exam should not be posted, the deans have the discretion to not post the exam.

II. Nancy Del Pizzo (Evening Vice Pres.)

a. Senator Keefe had to step down as a 2L evening Senator, and John Lose is now the 2L evening senator.

III. Jason Santarcangelo (Treasurer)

a. Six organizations have not submitted their budget reallocation.

b. For the next meeting they must bring the budget guidelines, in order to provide the finance committee with an idea of what works.

c. If anyone has questions now regarding the budget process they may email them to Santarja@shu.edu,

d. The main issue is accountability when it comes to getting more money for more events.

e. If a treasurer needs to be privy to information it will be sent to the president. That is the policy, and thus if any questions you may address them to the finance committee.

f. Expenditures to SOS and the IPLA were recently approved.

IV. Cheri Di Lascio (Social Chair)

a. Barristers Ball - March 19th. Tickets on sale the last week of February, and 2nd week of March

b. The Community Service event for this semester will be Habitat for Humanity, and it will be held on the first two weekends in April. More info will follow.

V. Grading Curve Committee

a. There has not been much motion on it at all, the curriculum committee will be meeting shortly and they will touch base.

b. Sen. Mauro Tucci believes it would be a good idea to have the committee speak directly to us.

VI. Military Law for full status

a. Brett White: they feel as if they filled a need in the school and have a good group of active members and non members.

b. Some of the future plans are to have JAG officers come during this semester. One suggested is to go see the injured troops in D.C.

c. Motion to accept MLS for full status seconded.

VII. Austin Berry: 1L

a. Would like to start a new journal for the students to have a greater opportunity to be on a new journal.

b. Some suggestions include: Public Interest Law Journal, 3rd Circuit Review, Journal of Economic Literature, He is open to suggestions (Intellectual Property, Land Use, Education Law)

c. One specific goal is to have a journal in a field that is not saturated with other journals.

d. If this is to be done for next year, it must be done soon due to budget con-

straints.

VIII. Diedre Bussom

a. Inquired as to whether a graduation speaker been chosen.

b. Dean Foerst: the speaker has not been chosen and a committee is still meeting to determine candidates.

c. Inquired as to whether a statement was going to be made regarding the Dept of Education investigation.

d. Jon Samon: Information is forthcoming to the students.

e. PIN is still looking for donations for the Public Interest Auction. Any inquiries should be forwarded to Alyson Lee.

IX. Jon

a. Maya Angelou lecture - the SBA has salvaged 15 tickets to sell to the general student body.

b. The BLSA prereception is a separate event and tickets are available from BLSA.

c. The March 14th meeting is tentative, based on whether or not we can get a room due to the Gibbons Moot Court competition.

Meeting Adjourned

11:25

Tuition increases for law schools continue

Seton Hall Law increased by 16 percent since 2001

by Keith Hovey
Staff Reporter

The writing is on your bill—higher education is expensive.

For graduating third-year students at Seton Hall Law, the cost of law school has increased each year from \$810 in 2001 to \$881 in 2002 to the current \$938 per credit.

As the current Seton Hall Law School Budget Committee meets, the question the students are asking is how much the next year will cost.

The reality is that law school is getting more expensive and those students who can afford to attend are leaving with greater debt.

Tuition at Seton Hall Law and other schools continues to increase.

The market continues to bear these price increases, regardless that tuition is outpacing the rate of inflation.

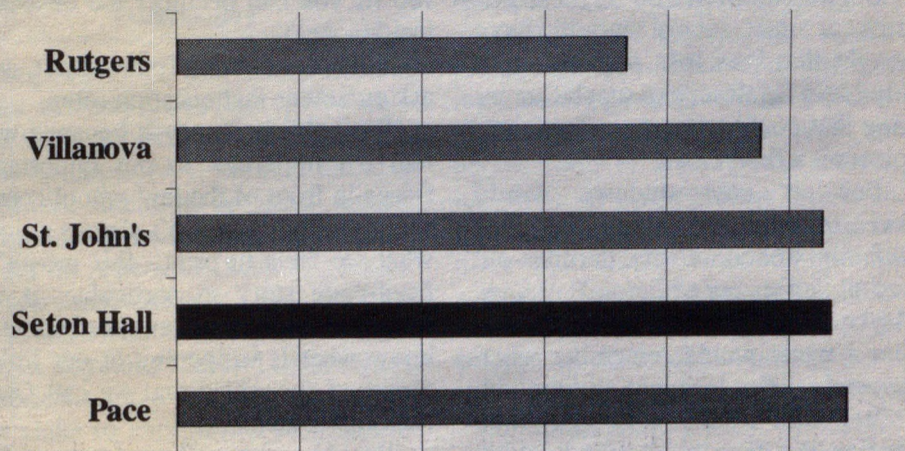
A recent report in the *New York Times* noted that over the past 15 years the cost of law school has tripled, and in some instances quadrupled.

At Seton Hall Law, a budget, which includes any tuition increases, is first proposed by the Budget Committee and subject to the approval of the faculty.

According to Dean Patrick Hobbs, the Budget Committee, comprised of four faculty members and the SBA Treasurer, first receives funding requests from the different law school departments. Then an administrative determination is made as to what are the law school's goals.

Law School Tuition 2002-0

comparative, by school



The desired departmental spending plus the fixed costs of operation determines the school's total costs.

Next the Budget Committee calcu-

lates the school's current revenue by multiplying the number of students by the average credit load times the current cost per credit. Any difference between the school's revenue and spending must then be accounted for by increasing revenue.

According to Prof. Charles Sullivan, chair of the Budget Committee, tuition comprises 90 to 95 percent of the school's total revenue, meaning that any increases in spending are passed on to students through increases in tuition.

Hobbs states that tuition is determined by the administration's goals and not by what the market will bear.

Copies of the proposed or final budget (omitting confidential portions, such as faculty salaries) are not published anywhere for the general student body to view according to the administration and SBA Treasurer Jason Santarcangelo.

Despite several requests to the administration for a copy of the budget, one was not provided.

Seton Hall Law, with its 16 percent increase in tuition over the last two years, is not alone in its tuition increases.

At private law schools, during that time, tuition has gone from an average of \$8,911 to \$24,193, while public schools have seen a greater increase from \$5,616 to \$18,146.

The result, the average debt of a graduating law student is \$77,300, which is twice as much as it was 10 years ago. Compound those numbers with tuition at four-year colleges increasing a whopping 159 percent over the last 15 years, and one finds a greater number of lawyers with more debt.

Tuition increases have made higher education so unaffordable that on July 22, Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed a bill into law that freezes the enrollment tuition of an entering Illinois public college student for four continuous academic years, or possibly longer depending on the program.

In addition, U.S. Rep. Buck McKeon recently proposed the Affordability in Higher Education Act of 2003 (AHEA).

The AHEA calls for a uniform system to calculate universities and colleges tuition increases in relation to inflation over a three-year period.

The bill would permit the U.S. Department of Education to withdraw certain federal funding when a school's tuition increases exceed the rate of inflation during any given three-year period. The bill is currently in committee.

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EDITORIAL

A year older, a year wiser, a year of Res Ipsa Loquitur

Before December 2002, most students at this school would have thought that "res ipsa loquitur" was only Latin legalese, and maybe something that could earn you a few extra points on a final exam.

Few—if any—students would have remembered that *Res Ipsa Loquitur* was once the decades-old student newspaper of Seton Hall Law. Maybe a few faculty who have been here a while would remember when the original *Res Ipsa* was still around.

It wasn't all that long ago when the first *Res Ipsa*, a 12-page booklet, was discontinued in the mid-90s, ending a quarter century run.

After more than a year of putting out a newspaper on a (nearly) monthly basis through the fall and spring, it's much easier to find sympathy for those editors who have come before us and finally had to call it quits.

For those who have never had the ill fortune to work in the trade of print journalism, putting together a newspaper is a difficult job. There's a good deal more to publishing *Res Ipsa* than just typing up a by-line.

The news, commentary and features pieces have to be assigned, written and edited. Photos must be taken. Advertising space has to be sold. Everything has to be arranged on the page, edited again, and sent off to the printer. A few days later, we get to pile stacks of newsprint around the school and slip them into professors' mailboxes. (We'd like to think that some people take a look at what's in here before they use it to line a bird cage.)

It doesn't look like a lot when reduced to a monthly paragraph-sized list, but when there are notes to write for journals or Gressman drawing near, sometimes it's not the most convenient thing to put out a newspaper.

Still there is a small band of intrepid writers and editors who do the work and make it possible for all of you to eagerly await the next Rohn

Job (if you can decipher the obscure inside jokes).

Why do we do it? To be honest, we ask ourselves that question often.

We publish *Res Ipsa* because we feel it's important to put important issues in front of the law school community. While we don't always enjoy what we have to print—this month's front-page story in particular—it is important for busy law students to know what is happening in our little corner of the world that we call One Newark Center.

Besides, who really wants to wade through 78 daily e-mailed Law Broadcasts and another dozen death notices from the University President each week just to be in the know?

And so we deal with the issues of the day, be they the new SBA constitution, a federal investigation or simply what judge won what award at the annual Rodino Dinner.

The real reward is when we are able to actually make contact with you, our readers. We want to help bring up the important points and shape debate. Or at least bring up some news that you might care about.

For instance, we'd like to think that we had a positive impact on the Political Speech Policy that was implemented by SBA last year. (If we didn't, please don't tell us. Ignorance being bliss and all.)

Plus there's always the commentary pages, which we make available to any of our students, faculty or administrators. For those of you who disagree with Anthony LaMonica every issue, write a letter to the editor or commentary and send it in.

Long story short, we're still here after a tumultuous first year, having survived multiple computer crashes, the loss of three Executive Editors and the mandatory grading curve.

We've got a great team together, and we're be here a while. Stay tuned.

Investigation

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ceedings to Career Services policies.

"Any comparison is a disconnect," Hobbs said when asked if the programs should be viewed in light of the standard applied to in-house allegations of discrimination.

No less than five official documents cited by the Seton Hall Law web site potentially govern allegations of discrimination.

The University Racial and Ethnic Discrimination Policy applies to all schools within Seton Hall University.

The law school has the Anti-Bigotry Policy, the Code of Student Conduct (sometimes referred to as the Honor Code), the Probation and Grievance Rules for faculty and faculty-rank administrators and the Employee Disciplinary Procedure for all other employees.

Additionally, the Student Bar Association 2003-04 financial guidelines state under section four that any events funded by SBA may not benefit only a "small or select portion of the community."

SBA President Jon Samon stated that administration policy does not permit discrimination by SBA or its recognized organizations.

"As a result of the administration's demonstrated desire to prevent discrimination in all the activities in the school, these programs necessarily must be viewed in the same light," said Samon.

Associate Dean Kathleen Boozang, the administrator responsible for investigating any discrimination complaints, declined comment on the matter.

Taking the Broad View

According to Hobbs, top area firms are not satisfied with their current level of minority associates and partners.

The *NJLJ* article cites a survey that reports only 1.7 percent of partners at the 20 largest New Jersey firms were minorities in 2003, though that number was up from 1.0 percent two years earlier.

This dissatisfaction is what led to the formation of these programs.

The Partners in Excellence mentoring program, started this year, includes six firms as its participants.

They are Gibbons, Del Deo, Dolan, Griffinger and Vecchione; McCarter and English; Sills, Cummis, Epstein and Gross; McElroy, Deutsch and Mulvaney; Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland and Perretti and Wilentz Goldman and Spitzer.

Hobbs says that the program will be expanded next year if the DOE does not find any fault with it. None of the firms involved has expressed any hesitation to continue with the program next year.

Seton Hall Law took the initiative in creating the mentoring program both to compete with other schools for minority law school applicants and to help local firms attract minority associates.

"There is a relatively small pool of minority applicants that get fought over by all schools, so Seton Hall must fight more aggressively to get them," said Hobbs. "These are the quality of student that we'd be giving scholarships to anyway."

Other law schools have expressed interest in initiating similar programs.

The dean justifies the minority-orientation of the mentoring and job fair programs by placing it in the larger context of Career Services' offerings.

Hobbs says that only six out of 440 members of the incoming class participate in this program. Also, only \$120,000 out of a \$5 million dollar fund is spent on minority programs.

As for the job fair, on which Career Services coordinates with the New Jersey Law Firm Group, Hobbs pointed out that it is held on one day out of the 365 that Career Services spends working to provide employment opportunities for all students.

Several area firms participate in the job fair.

Waiting for Answers

Administrators have characterized the investigation as non-aggressive. When the law school asked for additional time to respond to initial questions from the DOE, the request was granted.

The time frame for a response from the DOE is not certain, but an answer is expected relatively soon.

In the meantime, Seton Hall Law can only wait and see what will come of the investigation. Hobbs seemed moderately optimistic about the outcome.

"We believe that in order to give our students the best education possible, they need a diverse environment, both racially and geographically," said Hobbs. "It's petty to complain about these programs when they have so many net positives for the school."

"The real question is, what more can we do to increase these opportunities?"

Note: The original NJLJ article can be found on-line at Law.com. - Ed.

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50th Anniversary Distinguished Speaker Series

Maya Angelou

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7:30 at NJPAC

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BLSA reception at 5:30 in the atrium



The Intellectual Property Law Association held its Third Annual Meet and Greet networking event on January 22. The event, co-sponsored by the Office of Career Services, included 13 intellectual property attorneys and roughly 30 students in attendance. Pictured are (l-r) Ryan Coletti 1L, Peter Tu of Roche Pharmaceuticals, Alissa Enck 1L and Ken Peist of Bristol-Myers Squibb talking about career opportunities for lawyers in the pharmaceutical industry. (photo courtesy of Gina Gencarelli)

Exceptional

by Anthony LaMonica
Commentary

September 11 was a monumental event in American history. Not only has 9/11 galvanized Americans to fight for democracy, but 9/11 has also refocused attention on other issues. What does America stand for? What values do Americans want to pass on to future generations?

In *American Exceptionalism*, sociologist Seymour Martin Lipset argues Americans have three general traits that make us exceptional in comparison to others: individualism, religiosity and patriotism. Lipset draws on extensive data to describe how America's unique history shaped these traits.

America is rooted in individual freedom. The American Revolution was a revolt of the "people" against monarchical rule. Likewise, America itself has long remained a land of individual opportunity. America is the one nation where each person can more or less write the script of their own lives.

Americans accordingly remain more individualistic, entrepreneurial and optimistic about life possibilities than Europeans and others. Americans believe in individual—not group—rights and competing on the merits. This competitive spirit has made America the world's best-educated and wealthiest nation.

Americans have often been the world's most virtuous. America is rooted in Judeo-Christian norms and remains more religious than any Western country.

This religiosity makes Americans more moralistic, and more likely to believe there are standards of right and wrong to live up to. We take a greater interest in others through voluntary civic participation. Americans are also more patriotic, and prefer self-government and constitutional limits.

Throughout our history, religiosity and patriotism have combined to constrain the excessive egoism fostered by individualism. But since 1950, religiosity and patriotism have declined while inner individualism has triumphed, along with a disdain for authority and external standards.

For many Americans, their own whim is now their ultimate standard. "I do what I feel like," is their attitude. Americans are quicker than anyone else to divorce or to sue someone. (America is a great market for lawyers!)

Americans commit more violent crime, have higher drug and alcohol abuse rates and commit more unethical behavior than anyone (see Enron).

Many Americans now reject the radical individualism of the last half-century. Beyond creating many problems, this radical individualism is untrue to who we are.

Many Americans are calling for a renewal of social and civic virtue. Tom Brokaw's "Greatest Generation," the men and women who survived the Great Depression and won World War II, best exemplified this virtue.

Virtues like self-discipline, personal responsibility and sacrificing for ideals greater than oneself are what have pulled Americans through their greatest challenges. These virtues have historically been transmitted through the two-parent family, the church, the school and the community, but their collective authority has weakened in the last fifty years.

Conservatives see the value in these institutions. Efforts like President George W. Bush's proposal to strengthen American families through marriage education and his faith based initiative to assist religious outreach, are steps in the right direction.

Many Americans are aligning themselves with conservatives in 2004 due to the fact that conservatives best represent America's true values.

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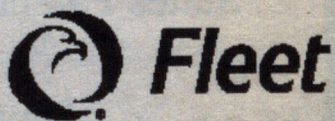
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Federalists host forum on tobacco settlement

by Mauro Tucci
Editor-in-Chief

The Seton Hall Law chapter of the Federalist Society sponsored a forum on the tobacco settlement in co-operation with the NJ Lawyer's Division on January 20.

The forum centered on a talk given by Prof. Bob Levy of the Cato Institute. The floor was then opened to questions and discussion.

In his talk, Levy contended that the \$250 billion tobacco settlement between major cigarette manufacturers and the states failed to benefit smokers who had claims for damages.

Instead, he says the money recovered in the settlement was divided between excessive lawyer's fees and state programs unrelated to smoking prevention.

"It was an eye-opening talk that offered an interesting perspective and fascinating alternative to conventional thinking about the tobacco settlement," said Liz Spencer 2L, president

of the Seton Hall Law chapter.

Levy also discussed the effect of the New York City smoking ban on city restaurants and bars, challenging comparisons of second-hand smoke to airborne asbestos.

"People who walk into a restaurant know if there is going to be second-hand smoke," he said. "If they don't like that, they can go down the block to another restaurant."

"Questions like this boil down to property rights," noted attendee Prof. Murray Sabrin of Ramapo College. "Whoever controls that property should have the right to decide what happens on that property."

Levy, who serves as an adjunct at the Georgetown Law Center, received his J.D. from George Mason and a Ph.D. in business from American University.

The Federalist Society is planning to host more speakers this semester and to send a delegation of students to the society's national convention in Nashville later this month.

Vice President

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two women and that he had to fill the position quickly.

McFaul said he questioned the decision because the two women had run for the position last year, though he noted Nash has been dedicated to the student government.

Bussom and Cameron both wished Nash well in his new position.

"I understand the situation surrounding the circumstances of the vote are difficult for everyone involved," said Bussom. "I wish Colin luck in the position and look forward to working with him."

Cameron was absent from the meeting due to illness.

Via email Cameron said that she was a bit disappointed that the issue had not been placed on the agenda released before the meeting. The issue arose as part of Samon's report.

"If this information was released to the Senate before the meeting, I would have made every effort to have attended," Cameron said. "I was never contacted by Jonathan Samon about this situation or asked about this position."

"I believed that it was clear from last year my interest, as well as Deirdre's [Bussom] interest for vice president position," she continued. "I have no idea why neither of us were considered."

Cameron also voiced her support and confidence in Nash.

Samon said he had been placed in an unfortunate position with Goodman's resignation and had contacted Nash, who agreed to accept the nomination.

"The Constitution simply calls for the president to fill any E-Board vacancies with the advice and consent of the SBA," said Samon. "While the other candidates that ran last spring might have been good choices, Colin has been just as active with the SBA as they have and is an excellent choice."

Nash, a two-term senator who is involved in a variety of activities, said he was honored that Samon asked him to serve in the post.

"I am honored that Jon has the full faith and confidence in me to do the job well," Nash said.

"It is regrettable that more emphasis is being placed on the matter of my appointment than on the overarching goals of the SBA: working for the student body," he added.

Nash had to give up his Senate seat in order to accept the vice presidency, so there is now a 3L vacancy.

Nash also had to step down as president of the Military Law Society because the SBA Constitution does not allow the an Executive Board Officer to simultaneously serve as president of an SBA-recognized organization. He is now vice president of that organization.

The SBA vice president's major responsibility is to conduct the spring Executive Board and Senate elections.

Peer support program to combat substance abuse

Seton Hall Law now offers students with alcohol and drug problems access to a new Peer Assistance Network.

The network, comprised of "peer contacts", will offer support to those in need of counseling.

"The student contacts will provide students in need with information about what resources are available to them and provide assistance gaining access to appropriate professionals," said Cara Foerst, assistant dean of Student Services.

Peer contacts may also be called upon to act as an advocate for the student being assisted.

Privacy is maintained at all times, with the peer contacts bound under the Code of Student Conduct.

Peer contacts are well-versed in University policy and systems in order to provide students in need with proper information and professional contacts.

Eight law students underwent peer contact training over the winter

break in order to improve listening skills and to teach them to identify and understand various types of substance abuse.

"Very much in keeping with the Seton Hall mission, these are folks who seem to get the servant leader concept," said Dr. Shirley Matthews, assistant director of the University Counselling Center on the main campus in South Orange.

More information will become available about the program over the course of the semester.

"I encourage anyone to contact us if there could be a problem," said Scott Heck 2L, one of the new peer contacts. "We all understand the high level of stress in law school."

Heck noted that stress associated with the legal profession often leads lawyers and law students to turn to alcohol or drugs as a form of relief.

"If our training and experiences could benefit just one student," he said, "then the program we created is a success."

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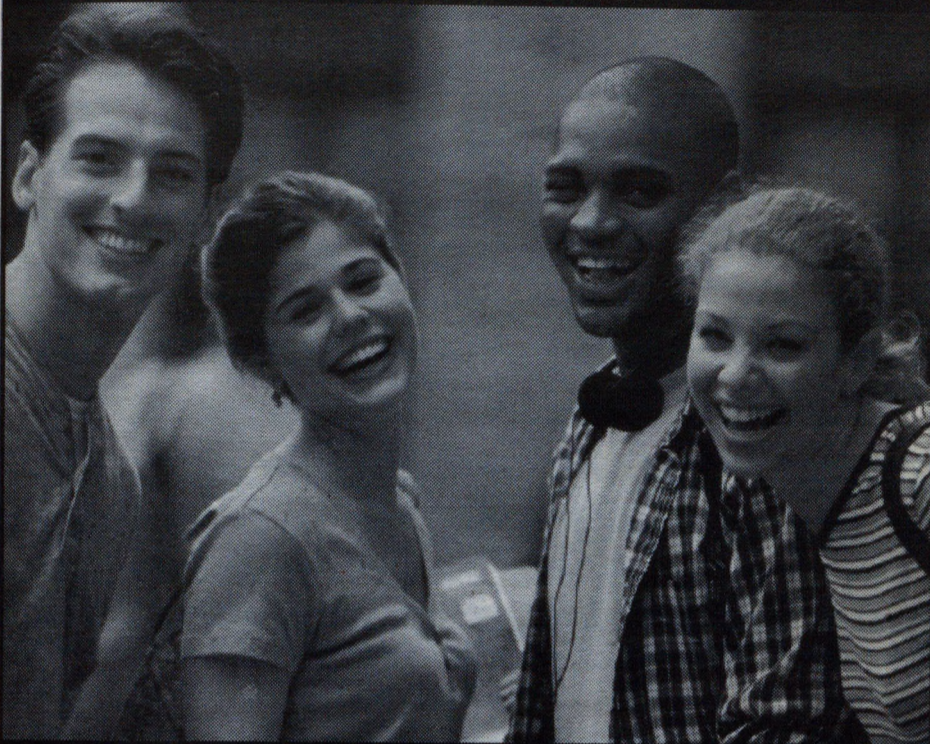
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SECTION C: THE ARTICLE a Reminiscent Rohn Job Joint

Other than spawning the sociopathic soul-sucking jerks behind this column, the famed Section C of '01 had the finest assortment of talent since the (insert year here) Yankees. Remember those nasty rumors about section-packing—they were totally true.

Despite Professor Lillquist's astonishment over our collective joie de vie at our inauguration ball (read: bombed at **Holiday Party**), Section C has a list of accomplishments longer than his final exam. We'll never think of **Harry Potter** the same way again.

Start with the most important thing in life: sports. Tenacious C members have rolled to two softball championships (with one Rohn Job member actually making the roster) and won the Nerd Bowl, both teams anchored by **Donnie "The Face" Stanzione**. To say nothing of our continued dominance of the annual Bocce extravaganza. And all four finalists in our own sad version of March Madness (**Gressman**) were Section C alums.

But the winner of the Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Excellence goes to **Jess Hanley** for running the NY and Boston marathons—which is like 378 miles total. (Author's Note: Rohn Job runs from nothing.) And **John Shari** is some kind of fishing legend in Manitoba—eh?

But it's not all physical prowess with our litter—we're also all totally popular, as proven by you... the voters. SBA President **John "Darth" Samon** and half of the third-year senators were down with the C. And after single-handedly resurrecting this glorified check-out tabloid, **Bobby Z** got bored and won a seat on his town council. Our influence knows no bounds.

Speaking of special interest groups, Section C's long black veil is draped over two of the most powerful lobbies in this institution. Rodino Society Boss **Jackie "Weeeee" Pirone** is Section C's very own homecoming queen—a pocket sized **Professor Franzese** if you will. And

IALSA President **Vic Macam** is the most powerful man on campus Thursday afternoons, wielding kegs like **Donkey Kong**. Get a haircut, ya' hippie.

Odds are if you're enjoying a beer on Seton Hall's dime, Social Chair and Section C debutante **Cheri DiLascio** made it possible. And if you wake up feeling like you pissed off **Ike Turner** the night before, you were probably at **Brijinder** and **Dan's**—and undoubtedly stumbled across the Jell-O shots.

Section C also has its very own **John Hughes**. While most people can barely scrape THEIR OWN outline together, **Matt "Massive R" Savare** made a movie between first and second year. Matt's next project—Section C: The Movie. The now infamous cast list to follow...

But despite its ruthless grip upon **Seton High**, Section C somehow manages to remain absolutely adorable. More sparks have flown with this group than in an episode of **Monster Garage** (Rohn Job's favorite was the DeLorean Hovercraft). While two intra-section engagements (**Mazel Tov** to the **Feldmans** and **Millers**) have resulted in disqualifications, the run for most adorable class couple is a dead heat between **Vic & Ali** and **Rob & Jill**. Unfortunately, as of press time, we are unable to confirm the exact number isolated rendezvous.

Not only was Section C chock full of **stunning young ladies**, but these girls are thoughtful little soccer moms already. A few weeks ago they threw a surprise baby shower for **Annette**, and it's a solid bet that great care will be taken to ensure Section C has its own **VIP section** at the upcoming prom. "We're sorry—you're just not on the list."

So what does this all mean? Simply that in the pecking order of this veritable high school—we are the **varsity football team**, and the rest of you are the **French Club**. We bid you adieu.

And they lived happily ever after...

Computers

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The global search function looks in both the casebook and the statutes in the course of a single search.

Once licensing issues are resolved, the citations contained in the casebooks are expected to become hot links to online case and statutory databases, allowing students to instantly access the full text of those materials and simultaneously shepardize them.

The law school is closely monitoring student reaction to the program, having recently put out a survey to participants.

"We will be working with students throughout the term to identify problems and measure success and satisfaction with the new technology," Jennings said.

Response to the tablet PCs seems positive, with some students noting that it is easier to incorporate notes into an electronic file.

Some still preferred the traditional casebooks over the software, though, saying the electronic version wasn't as

convenient and that improvements would be needed.

"You can't play with it or earmark the corner of a page, which are visual cues you enjoy with a text book," said Sanjay Manocha 2L.

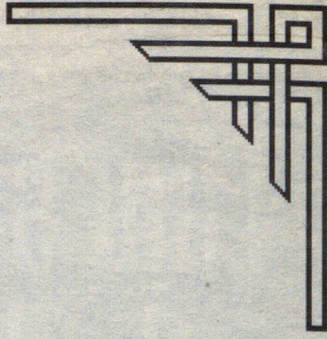
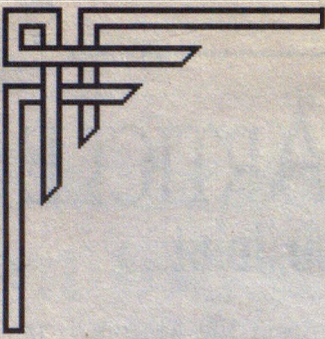
Students participating in the tablet trial will have the option of keeping the computer by assuming the lease from Seton Hall Law. Those not leased by students will be used in future projects by the law school.

"The next step might be to introduce the software to one incoming first year section for all of their courses," said Jennings.

Prospects for the future could include widespread use of tablet PCs and electronic course materials.

"The publisher and the software people are raring to go, but it will depend a lot on student reaction from this semester's pilot program," Sullivan said.

There will be no mandatory use of such technology in the immediate future. For now, the school will continue to evaluate the systems in actual classroom conditions.



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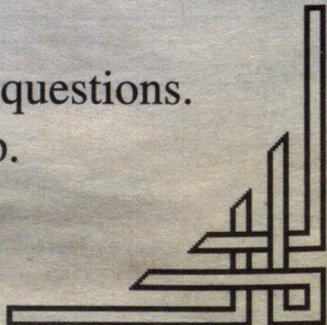
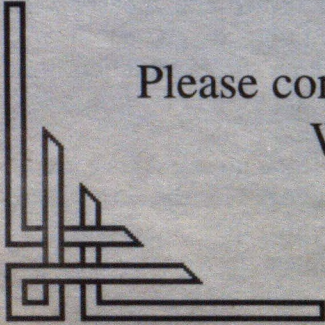
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