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Just another day in Brik Gotham City



Gotham City or Newark? Batman invaded Newark on November 3rd and 4th, exciting many law students eager to spot the "dark knight."

Sara Ben-David
Copy Editor

On November 3rd and 4th, the City of Newark welcomed the Caped Crusader to its streets for the filming of "The Dark Knight Rises," the third installment of the most recent Batman movie series.

Newark's transformation into Gotham City began early Thursday morning when trailers and equipment trucks began occupying the side streets around City Hall at 920 Broad Street. Filming began inside City Hall around 5:00 a.m. and concluded at 10:00 p.m. As a result, access to the interior of the building was restricted during the day to city employees and residents with city-related inquiries.

On Friday, the film's production crew set up near the subway entrance at the Military Park subway station at the corner of Raymond Boulevard and Park Place, just outside PSE&G Park. Service to the station was suspended for the day so filming could take place underground from the Military Park station to the emergency hatch on the corner of Mulberry Street and Raymond. Buses on Raymond were also rerouted to Market Street.

The November film shoot was not the first time Newark has attracted Hollywood's attention. In 2004, the Ironbound section of Newark was temporarily transformed into a war zone for the filming of "War of the Worlds," starring Tom Cruise. Seton Hall Law School has also attracted moviemakers in its own right. "Pretty Bird," a 2008 picture featuring Billy Crudup and Paul Giamatti, was filmed in part in the law school atrium - which can be seen in 01:05 and 01:25 of the film's trailer, available at <http://goo.gl/vgZXX>. In 2001, director

Patrick Stettner used the bathroom, basement, and third-floor conference room for the filming of his movie "The Business of Strangers," starring Stockard Channing and Julia Stiles. The law school has also formed the backdrop for commercials for IBM and monster.com.

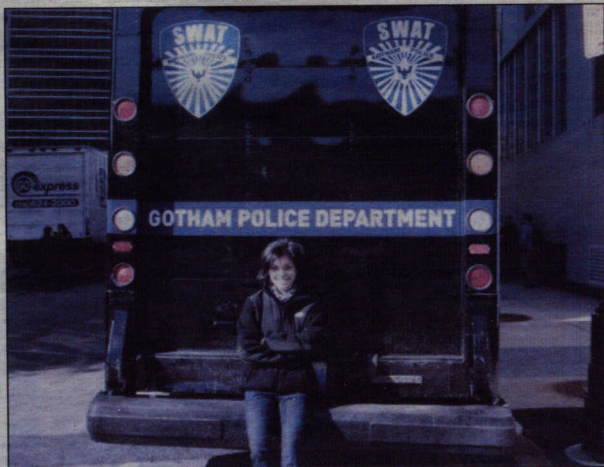
Prior to filming "The Dark Knight Rises" in Newark, Warner Brothers paid the city \$43,500 for its use of City Hall and for an extra team of Newark police officers and firefighters to address any problems that might arise during filming. Despite widely broadcast concerns, filming did not cause significant traffic delays.

When PSE&G security member Luis Torres arrived for work at 6:00 a.m. on Friday, the film crew had already begun setting up. At that time, a small crowd of people hoping to

catch a glimpse of Batman himself had already begun to gather near the subway entrance. The entrance was roped off and guarded by police officers as well as members of the film crew's security team. Law student Janelle Winters was one of the members of the crowd and said she's looking forward to seeing the movie and spotting Newark in its role as Gotham City.

Winters, and other members of the crowd who braved the brisk 40-degree temperatures that morning, were rewarded around 11:00 when Anne Hathaway, a graduate of Millburn High School, appeared on set. Hathaway, barely visible underneath a black, hooded coat, smiled

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Seton Hall Law Rises: Sara Ben-David, Copy Editor for *The Cross Examiner*

All photos courtesy Sara Ben-David

What's in a name? From "Skills" to "Legal Practice"

Sara Ben-David
Copy Editor

After posing the question, Juliet muses, with great poetic flourish, "That which we call a rose / By any other name would smell as sweet." A name, she concludes, is mere form. It is an insignificant signifier which can be readily detached from the infinitely more important substance of the matter.

Whether we agree or not, students are noticing that Seton Hall Law School's skills classes are now being called by another name and discovering – perhaps to Juliet's great disappointment – that the rose actually smells sweeter.

What was once the "Skills Curriculum" is now the "Legal Practice Curriculum." This change in title has coincided with significant changes in substance. When Associate Clinical Professor Kevin Kelly became the director of the Conflict Management Program in 2007, the Skills Curriculum included only two courses about dispute resolution: Dispute Resolution Processes, (which was capped at 60 students) and Negotiation (which was capped at 40 students). Both classes were taught primarily through lecture. In 2008, the Skills Curriculum added Advanced Mediation Skills and Advanced Arbitration Skills, which taught dispute resolution processes through role-playing.

Today, the Legal Practice Curriculum, which continues to offer a general course in Dispute Resolution Processes, has split Negotiation into two separate course offerings: Negotiation Skills in Transactional Lawyering and Negotiation

Skills in Civil Litigation. Most notably, it also offers students the opportunity to acquire skills in dispute resolution while representing real clients in the Consumer Arbitration Practicum and the Southern District of New York Representation in Mediation Practicum.

The changes began during the spring of 2009 when Kelly decided to redesign Advanced Arbitration Skills so that its focus would be on consumer arbitration. To facilitate this change, Kelly asked Professor David White, then an adjunct professor teaching Negotiation, to help him forge a partnership with the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs (DCA).

Together, White and Yakov ("Mendy") Dombroff, then Director of DCA's Alternative Dispute Resolution Unit, designed the Consumer Arbitration Practicum, which was the first of its kind in New Jersey. Students in the class have the opportunity to revisit important trial skills like the delivery of an opening statement and direct and cross examinations, while also representing live disputants before actual arbitrators. Student-advocates in the first section of the Consumer Arbitration Practicum represented 13 clients from across the country and recovered a total of \$44,000.

While attending a trial advocacy session at the Southern District of New York in January 2011, White recognized an opportunity to similarly redesign the

Advanced Mediation Skills class. He then met with Sarah Netburn, chief counsel to the Southern District of New York's Pro Se Office. The result was a partnership between the law school and the Southern District of New York's Pro Se Office. Through the extraordinary efforts of White, Adjunct Professor Stephen Grable (a litigation associate at Hahn & Hessen LLP), and Adjunct Professor Maurice Robinson (now an administrative law judge with the New York City Department of Housing, Preservation, and Development), students in the new Southern District of New York Representation in Mediation Practicum are representing federal claimants in the most prestigious trial court in the nation.

The first section of the Southern District of New York Representation in Mediation Practicum was offered this semester. Katie Myers, a student-advocate in this semester's class, called it "a wonderful opportunity to get some real life experience." For Myers, the fact that the clients are pro se made the experience even more meaningful. "Because our client really knows nothing about the law, it is very rewarding to help someone you know really needs you," she said.

In a letter thanking this year's student-advocates for their service, Chief Judge Loretta A. Preska said the Southern District of New York's Pro Se Office provided representation to 42 pro se disputants in fiscal year 2010. In fiscal

year 2011, that number has doubled to 84 disputants, 16 of whom were represented by student-advocates from the law school.

But long before these changes took effect, the law school was already drawing national attention. From 1992 until his death in 1999, Professor Jim Boskey, a pioneer in the area of dispute resolution, published the Alternative Newsletter. Published quarterly, the newsletter was the central repository for book reviews, summaries of symposia, faculty movement, and any other newsworthy developments in what was then called Alternative Dispute Resolution or ADR.

Maintaining the tradition started by Boskey, White – currently the Director of the Conflict Management Program – has kept Seton Hall on the cutting edge. In its Vanishing Trial Project, the American Bar Association (ABA) gathered empirical data which revealed 98.2 percent of all cases filed in federal court result in negotiated settlement. Concluding that it would thus be inaccurate to describe Alternative Dispute Resolutions as "alternative," White has eliminated all references to the name.

When asked which students should take a class in dispute resolution, White replied, "Everyone." Alongside the ABA's study in civil cases, other studies tell us that 93.6 percent of federal criminal cases result in negotiated settlements or pleas. Mediation is also widely used to facilitate settlement in family law cases. "Regardless of the practice area," White said, "students need negotiation skills."

"So a Litigator would, were he not a Litigator call'd, obtain that dear settlement which he owes without that title."

Curriculum updates reflect changes in lawyers

Allison Martin
Copy Editor

For the upcoming winter and spring semesters, Seton Hall Law is offering students several exciting changes to the curriculum, according to Dean Claudette St. Romain.

Over the winter session, Professor Solangel Maldonado is redesigning her Race, Ethnicity & the Law course, which will now fulfill students' advanced writing requirement (AWR). Professor Maldonado will front-load the course by holding seminars over winter session and students will then be able to write the AWR paper during the spring semester.

Professional Responsibility, with Professor Linda Fisher, is a new addition to the winter session course selection. Given the time constraints of the winter session, students in Professional Responsibility are expected to come to class with knowledge of New Jersey's Rules of Professional Conduct. There will be an exam on the rules on the first day of class. Then the material will be supplemented through in-class simulation, exercises and problems over the two-week class period.

During the spring semester, Professor John Jacobi and Professor Carl Coleman will be teaching "nested classes" as an experimental method of approaching two-credit courses. Professor Jacobi will begin

the semester by teaching Comparative Health Law twice a week for the first six-and-a-half weeks of the semester, and Professor Coleman will teach Regulating Research with Human Subjects for the second half of the semester. Students can elect to take both classes for four credits, or just one for two credits.

There will be also a new Intellectual Property (IP) course offered: Current Issues in IP Litigation with Professor David Opederbeck. Advanced Research with Professor Maya Groch, a pass/fail skills course, aims to teach students in-depth research techniques, with a particular focus on learning how to successfully use free resources. As explained in more

detail directly above, the skills courses have recently increased in both number and substance, providing students with unprecedented ability to practice real advocacy and client responsibility.

Several courses that have been absent from the registration book in recent years will be back next semester, due to the timely nature of the particular topics. Two of the courses that have returned to the curriculum for the semester include Complex Litigation with Professor Adam Steinman, and Constitutional Limitations on State and Local Taxation with Professor John Coverdale.

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Law School 'Geniuses': A behind the 'screens' interview with the Department of Technology and Legal Computing

Victoria Gonchar
Treasurer

Each day, we log on to our computers and probably don't put too much thought into how and why we're able to do that. But keeping Seton Hall's technology running behind the scenes is a big job; a job that the IT staff works tirelessly to complete.

The Department of Technology and Legal Computing - known collectively as the IT department - is headed by Carmelo Lubrano, Assistant Dean for Legal Computing. He is assisted by the director of PC support, Mike McBride; director of IT projects, Eric Winch; PC support specialist, Tan Tan Liu; and helpdesk support specialist, Lolimar Mendoza.

Lubrano, a Seton Hall Law alum, was asked during his years at the law school to help create a better technology program for students. IT was formalized in 1992, and Lubrano ran it as a one-man show until he was able to recruit McBride and Winch, also SHL grads, to join him in

the department. In 2001, it became formally known as the Department of Technology and Legal Computing.

"We love this job because every year a new group of students comes in, and we're here for all three years to see them grow and develop," McBride and Lubrano said. "Tech should be here to help you do what you need to do and also help you to hit the ground running when you're out there in your careers."

The staff works every day to keep our systems updated and to develop new ideas for integrating technology into the law school. One of Lubrano's dreams for students is a dual-screen tablet that would allow students to come to class with only their computers.

"On one side, there would be the touch-screen electronic textbook, and on the other side there would be the computer where students would be able to take their notes," he said. "Ideally, all the data will be available on a system similar to iCloud so the students won't even have to worry about saving everything to their computers."

Lubrano and McBride also shed some light on the

wireless situation, which has drawn the ire of students in recent weeks. They said the problems stem from an estimated 50 to 100 student computers that are infected with viruses, which then affects the entire wireless network.

"When a student logs onto the system with an infected PC - Macs currently do not have the ability to get viruses - the corrupted system is in contact with the router," they said. "It starts to send bad packets of information to the router, creating a lot of bad traffic and slowing down the system. We're fixing the problem, though. In addition to trying to locate all the problem computers through their MAC addresses - an address unique to each computer - and fixing them, we're also going to be getting a new router that will work much faster and will pick up some of the slack, in case something like this happens again."

In their spare time away from SHL, McBride enjoys playing softball and basketball with the Lowenstein-Sandler Intramural Team and Lubrano spends some quality time with his pet puppy, Rodney.

1Ls meet with Career Services, take first step on road to legal employment

Joshua Levy
Web Editor

On November 1st, 1Ls had their first exposure to the Office of Career Services. For those who attended, the mandatory OCS orientation provided an opportunity for the staff to formally introduce themselves and prepare students for the road ahead. Most importantly, the staff members emphasized that the OCS serves as an in their law school years and beyond.

Panelists implored the students to utilize the services found at OCS. "Don't try to do this by yourselves," said OCS Career Counselor Joe Steinberg, a graduate of Harvard Law School, fifty-year legal practitioner, and former head of recruiting for New Jersey's largest law firm. "Find a counselor, and make that counselor your new BFF."

Third-year student Javier Diaz echoed that theme: "It's on you to get to know

them as much as it's on them to get to know you."

Accordingly, the Cross Examiner sat down with Assistant Dean of Career Services David Weinberg, who had only been able to join the 1L orientation via recorded webcast, to better understand what 1Ls should have taken away from the orientation and what they should have in mind as this semester comes to a close.

Weinberg stressed two central ideas that he believes are essential to a law student's relationship with the OCS: engagement and development. Weinberg said, engagement with the office is paramount. Like Steinberg and Diaz, Weinberg insisted 1Ls take advantage of OCS programs, counselors and meetings. Weinberg also stressed the idea of staying engaged with the office, stating that the development of a lasting relationship with OCS was critical.

"The career planning process is not

a one shot deal," said Weinberg. "It's something that you'll work on in your first year, second year, etc., and as an alum. The best way to deal with the stress and anxiety of looking for a job is to remain connected to our office and to the counseling staff."

In the immediate future, Weinberg urges 1Ls to take advantage of the following opportunities:

First, if they haven't already, 1Ls need to attend a resume workshop by registering for a timeslot with Symplicity. Workshops will be running through the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

After attending the resume workshop, 1Ls should make an appointment with OCS counselors until November 18th. Through that date, the OCS is devoting blocks of time to 1Ls in particular. Registering is also done through Symplicity and specific counselors cannot be requested.

After November 18th, 1Ls will be able to schedule appointments with counselors

of their choosing by submitting the appointment request form on the OCS webpage.

On this point, Weinberg emphasized the diversity of the counseling staff and encourages students to forge relationships with specific counselors as fits with their interests. Students are welcome to change counselors as these interests change, he said.

Finally, on November 14th, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the OCS is hosting a "Launch Your Public Service Career Workshop" geared toward 1Ls and 2Ls. Obviously, for those students considering a career in public service, attendance is highly encouraged. However, Weinberg notes that even students not considering public service should consider attending as well.

Student Organization Bulletin Board

Events occurring in February, 2012

Haiti Rule of Law

Haiti Rule of Law Dodge Ball Tournament (followed by Beer & Subs)
Saturday, February 11th
1:00-5:00 p.m.
YMCA at 600 Broad St. Newark, NJ

HROL will host the very popular dodge ball tournament where 8-10 teams compete, raising awareness and money for our sister law school in Haiti. After the tournament, beer and subs will be served.

Panel on the Rule of Law in Haiti with Human Rights Attorney Brian Concannon
Wednesday, February 15th
4:00-6:00 p.m.
5th Floor Faculty Library

Brian Concannon, of the Institute for Justice & Democracy in Haiti, recently brought a claim against the UN for introducing Cholera to Haiti, resulting in 475,000 infections and 6,600 deaths.

For both events, contact: Co-Presidents Narline Casimir & Kimberly Krone,
narline.casimir@student.shu.edu or kimberly.krone@student.shu.edu

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Don't stop believing in the power to forge your own unique legal career

Malloy McLaren
Staff Writer

Thinking back to when you first decided to take your LSAT and apply to law school, you probably had your future mapped out in your mind, and believed the law degree you're now earning would give you the know-how and power to do what you really want to do with your life. But after spending some time in law school, it might seem that your dreams of doing something unique and special with your J.D. often get funneled into a small number of well-defined, static categories: a law firm career, working for a judge for a while, or the like.

If this sounds like you, don't worry—you aren't alone. The professional aspirations of some law students can be difficult to fit into the any particular OCS-defined category and the challenge of following through with your heart's desires can seem all the more daunting, worrisome and disheartening. This is especially true when opportunities aren't simply presenting themselves to you, and OCS has left you and your unique interests feeling alienated and unsupported. So what's the solution?

Last month, I attended the World Stem Cell Summit in Pasadena, Calif., because I'm deeply interested in regenerative medicine. Among other things, I plan to help scientists and doctors get favorable legislation and financing so they can develop practical technology to defeat the cellular decay that plagues our bodies when we age and develop disease. The conference drew amazing experts from around the world, some of whom are very famous in their respective fields. I met Bernard Siegel, the preeminent lawyer in America working in regenerative medicine and executive director of the Genetics Policy Institute in Wellington, Fla., which organizes the annual

summit. I also met Dr. Aubrey de Grey, the chief science officer of the SENS Foundation, whom I personally believe to be the key to the future of regenerative medicine.

I could barely put a sentence together when I met them, as I was in awe at the fact that these two masters of their field were standing right in front of me, engaging me in conversation. But by the end of the conference, both of these dynamos knew me on a first-name basis. If meeting the two of them wasn't enough, I was also the only law student at the World Stem Cell Summit, which was attended by around 1,000 people. I essentially cornered the market as the only up-and-coming American legal professional there, and I was able to make an in-person impression that will hopefully foster more opportunities for me to enter their "world" upon graduation from Seton Hall.

But none of this was cheap: all in all, I spent about \$1,500 of my own money to go to the conference. I justified the expenditure because "Bernie" told me that if I came to Pasadena, he would give me the connections of a lifetime. He didn't disappoint.

Grace Hong, another 2L, is taking a similar approach to her career development.

"I want to be a consultant on leadership in land-use issues, specifically on how those in power can best apply their efforts to create a positive, sustainable American society," she told me. Grace began the path to her specialization by interning last summer with the Urban Land Institute.

"Much of my research was focused on leadership at the executive level as well as on women's leadership—two areas I believe will play decisive roles in shaping the direction of the United States in the 21st century."

Grace's summer internship segued into an invitation to the Urban Land Institute's annual conference in Los

Angles last month.

"It's not every day that someone offers to fly me out to California, all expenses paid, to interact with 7,000 others, just like me, who genuinely believe in the importance of sustainability, leadership, and responsible land use," she said. "What's more is that my very own research was used in the conference's focus sessions on leadership in land use. It was hard to miss school for a week, but the opportunity was worth it to turn down."

So here's the takeaway: if there is something you consider unique and special that you want to do with your law degree, take the initiative to pursue the goal beyond perusing the Career Services' events list. Don't waiver in your belief that you were meant to do what your heart tells you. The opportunities offered at the law school and even in New Jersey or Manhattan aren't the only means for you to jump-start your life as an attorney. Enjoy the opportunities that come your way on campus, but always remember there's so much more out there for you.

It's very easy to forget this when you spend so much time studying for the semester's exams, or frantically writing a paper as its due date quickly approaches. There is a rich and fulfilling professional life for you beyond the walls of this law school, regardless of what you want to do with your law degree.

Throughout your time here at the law school, remember these two cliché maxims: first, don't lose sight of the forest (the amazing future ahead of you) for the trees (1109 Raymond Boulevard in Newark); and second, if you see a brass ring, grab it—even if you have to go out on a limb for it. In the end, you'll likely see yourself apart from the rest, and be richly rewarded for it.

Judges above the law, or interpreting the state constitution?

Mike Collins
Coty Editor

While public sector workers in New Jersey unsuccessfully rallied against the healthcare and benefits reform law passed last June, state judges have—for now—successfully protested the law in a venue they know best: the courts.

In a recent ruling, Superior Court Assignment Judge Linda Feinberg ruled that New Jersey state superior court judges and supreme court justices are exempt from the new law requiring them to contribute a larger share of their salary for benefits.

The ruling turns on an interpretation of the New Jersey Constitution, which guarantees that superior court judges and Supreme Court justices receive "such salaries as may be provided by law, which shall not be diminished during the term of their employment."

Judge Feinberg concluded the increased contributions required under the new law constitute an indirect reduction in pay that violates the state constitution. Governor Chris Christie, who championed the reform law, argued that "salary means salary—not pension, not health benefits, and not other emoluments of office."

While on the surface this case seems to be a mundane interpretation of an obscure state constitutional clause, the matter has created controversy in the political sphere. To this end, Christie charged that the decision came at the hands of a "self-interested judiciary."

"Judges should have to pay their fair share, just like every other public employee," Christie said. "These political appointees, who are the most lavishly paid public workers, with the richest lifetime benefits, have now had one of their own rule that they are above the law and

should be treated preferentially."

The New Jersey State Bar Association condemned Christie's comments, arguing that they challenged judicial independence. Association President Susan Fenney called the comments "unwarranted and irresponsible" and a "blatant attempt to mislead the public and influence the judicial process."

Christie, himself a lawyer and Seton Hall Law alumnus, said he was not concerned about censure by the Bar Association, pursuant to its code of ethics, because of his First Amendment right to speak out.

This issue is not about to go away. On Nov. 10, the New Jersey Supreme Court granted expedited review and will hear this case in due course. This rare grant of certification, which allows the case to bypass the Appellate Division, is based on "a discretionary call" by the high court, according to comments Seton Hall Law professor Edward Hartnett made on a television program.

Further reflecting the political dimension of this issue, Christie rallied Republican lawmakers and candidates for the state legislature by proposing a constitutional amendment that would override Feinberg's decision in case her ruling is affirmed. Christie also expressed skepticism about the state supreme court's certification, questioning whether the court is trying to rule before Justice Virginia Long retires as scheduled on March 1.

Although this case has caused controversy in the unusual interplay between politics and judicial adjudication, only state judges can constitutionally hear the case, and thus must rule on an issue that directly affects their own pay.

Law community rallies for CF initiative

Frank Gonnello Jr.
Editor in Chief

On September 10, the Student Bar Association held its first Senate meeting of the 2011-2012 term. 2L Joe Armenti was handed the floor for the "Special Presentations" section of the Agenda.

Armenti stood before the SBA seeking advice and assistance on how to raise money for an initiative near to his heart. He, along with his family and friends, would be participating in the upcoming Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's Cycle for Life in an effort to support cystic fibrosis (CF) research, and wanted to know how he could try to get the Seton Hall Law community involved.

CF is a life-threatening genetic disease that affects approximately 30,000 children and adults in the United States. Its symptoms are believed to be caused by a defective gene that causes the body to produce abnormally thick, sticky mucus. The abnormal mucus leads to chronic—and often life-threatening—lung infections, and impairs digestion. Currently, there is no cure, and the median age of survival for a person with cystic fibrosis is about 37 years.

The Senate emphatically voted in favor of supporting Armenti's endeavor to help find a cure.

Armenti then met with Evening Vice-President Jessica Almeida,

who had successfully developed fundraising tips for multiple causes throughout her time at the law school and on the SBA. Jess painted and decorated red plastic buckets and filled them with candy that Armenti purchased. Then Armenti, along with SBA senators and executive board members, took the buckets to their classes, announced the cause and the SBA's support, and offered candy for any donation that the students could make.

Our community did not disappoint. Students and staff alike contributed with resounding support for the cause. In one particular class, Professor Paula Franzese even generously pledged that she would double and match whatever was raised during her class period.

From the law school community alone, Joe raised \$1,400 in support of his team and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

"I am extremely proud to be part of the Seton Hall community for the support that we gave to this cause," SBA President Tom Zuppa said. "It is things like this that I feel set us apart from other law schools, and I am happy that we could play even a small role in Joe's initiative."

For more information on how you can support the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in its mission to find a cure, contact Joe Armenti (joseph.Armenti@student.shu.edu) or visit <http://www.cff.org/>.

Finals restaurant round-up: Sateiate studying-induced hunger with these local finds!

Allison Martin and Katie Sylvester
Food Critics

With Halloween behind us, the time has come for law students to trade fun weekends with friends for long nights spent outlining in the always-freezing library. Although subsisting on a steady diet of Red Bull and cafeteria chicken fingers during finals time is one option, there are also several restaurants in the Newark area that deliver to the law school and fit into the student budget.

Francesca's Pizzeria & Restaurant
81 McWhorter St., Newark, NJ
(973) 344-9233

Two words: vodka sauce. When you are craving carbohydrates, Francesca's is a great go-to spot for pasta and other Italian specialties. The portions are extremely large so they are great for

sharing or saving for the next meal. All entrees are accompanied by fresh Italian bread. Allison highly recommends the gnocchi with vodka sauce and prosciutto, which costs around \$11.

Chinatown
218 Harrison Ave., Harrison, NJ
(973) 483-1504
www.njchinatownrestaurant.com

There are numerous options for Chinese and Japanese delivery in the area, but trial and error has prompted us to conclude that there are many downright bad restaurants in Newark for this type of cuisine. Chinatown's fresh ingredients and flavorful entrees land this eatery a spot at the top. Another perk is that Chinatown offers the convenient feature of online ordering, so you can order food without having to leave a quiet study area.

The lunch specials at Chinatown,

which run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., are a particularly good deal. For only \$6.95, the lunch menu offers 15 different Chinese dishes, and includes fried rice and choice of soup. For sushi lovers, there is a two-roll lunch special for \$8.50 that includes miso soup and salad. Although prices increase for dinner, most entrees are still reasonably priced in the \$10 range, with popular options such as lo mein available for less than \$7.

One downside of Chinatown is that delivery times can run long, as the restaurant is not located in the immediate vicinity of the school.

Andro's Diner
6 Wilson Avenue, Newark, NJ
(973) 344-8415
www.androsdiner.nj.com

Check out Andro's Diner when you're in the mood for more traditional American

food. If what you really want to fuel you through a night of federal income taxation or contracts are some greasy (yet, very delicious) french fries, Andro's Diner is a good option for delivery to the school. Located in the Ironbound, their delivery is reliable and their prices are reasonable. Andro's Diner is open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., so this could be a good late-night food option for after the cafeteria closes.

Their website has their full menu available which features a variety of wraps, sandwiches, burgers, appetizers and salads. Some tried and true options include the cheese steak sub and the bacon cheeseburger. Most sandwiches and burgers cost between \$8 and \$10. However, while the food arrives fairly quickly, it may not be quite as fresh if you're ordering delivery.

Colleen's сяуртограм

Solve the cryptogram for some festive fun. Clues: G = O

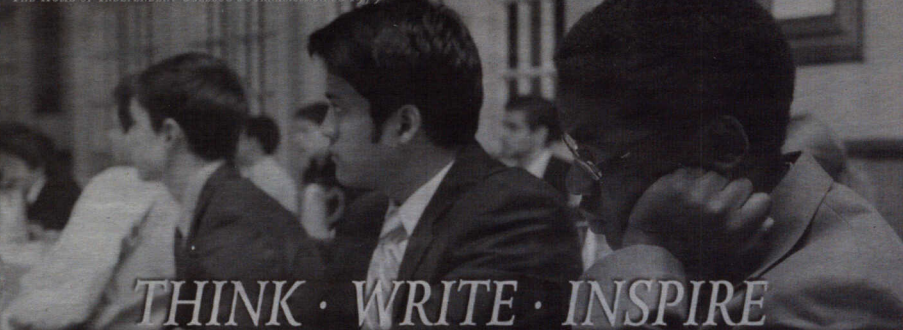
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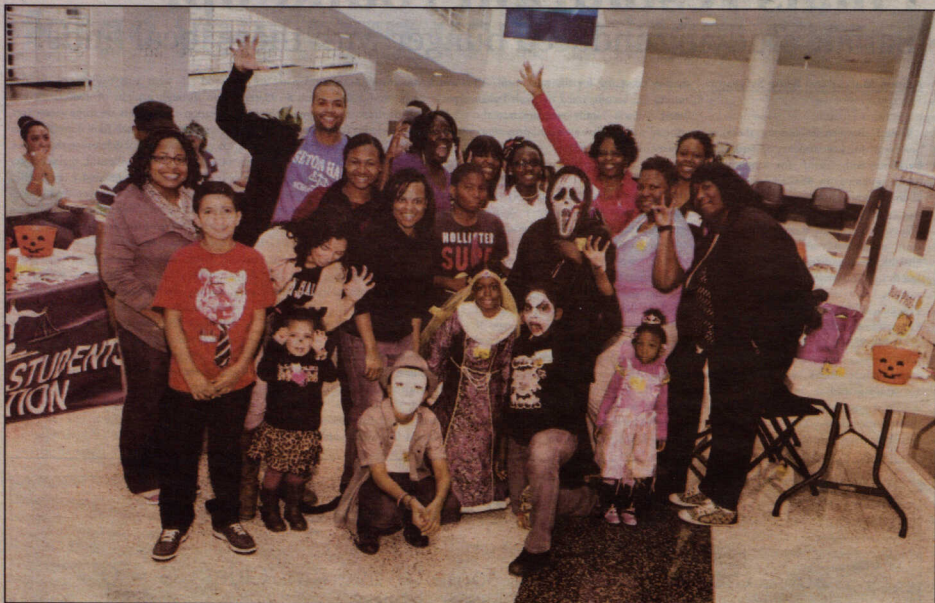
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Family Fest 2011



Trick or Treat! Law student families unite in the Atrium for a bit of Halloween-themed fun.

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Jessica CM Almeida

Staff Writer

Seton Hall Law School's Student Bar Association held its second annual FamilyFest on October 23, 2011. Students were invited to bring their parents, friends, significant others, and children to the law school to show them where we spend all our days and nights.

For younger guests, the SBA arranged age-appropriate games and activities. Children were encouraged to come dressed up in their Halloween costumes. Student organizations set up trick or treat stations in the atrium.

Black Law Students Association, Latin American Law Students Association, Urban Education Legal Policy Initiative, Public Interest Network, Women's Law Forum, St. Thomas More, Haiti Rule of Law, and the Legal Pirate Motorcycle Club gave out candy and treats and taught the children about what students do in law school. Games, such as duck match, buried treasure, and ping pong toss were offered, with prizes for playing. The Seton Hall Pirate capered and took photos with everyone. The highlight of the afternoon was a piñata shaped like a treasure chest, filled with even more candy and toys. Everyone took turns swinging at it until one lucky shot spilled booty all over

the atrium floor.

For the student attendees and families, there was a football viewing party in the cafeteria, with adult beverages and snacks. Tours of the school were arranged by SBA members. Jon Zlock, a local musician, played acoustic guitar on the patio and Cara Parmigiani, a 2L, showed her short film, "Pony & Pony" which explains legal concepts and theories to children.

To see photos from this year's Family Fest event, visit thecrossexaminer.com/famfest11.



Get ready for a plank-off!

Parul Sharma, our two-time planking champion, and John Elrod, runner-up extraordinaire, have decided to go head-to-head next month to determine who is the best Pirate Planker at Seton Hall Law.

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Congratulations to October's winner: **Parul Sharma**

Increased participation at the Ladies' Golf Clinic this year

Katie Sylvester
Staff Writer

Throughout the fall semester, Seton Hall Law offered a ladies' golf clinic to the women of the law school. Designed as an opportunity for women to learn the mechanics and skills of the game, the ladies golf clinic allows future female attorneys to be proficient in a game that is increasingly common in professional business settings.

This year, the clinic was held every Monday for about two months at Fiddler's Elbow Country Club in Bedminster, New Jersey. The clinic was also offered to female students during the 2010 fall semester.

Sara Doell, coach of the Seton Hall University's undergraduate women's golf team, coached the clinic participants. Dean of Students Cara Foerst said that her and Dean Hobbs tried for years to put together a golf clinic for law school women, and that when Hobbs hired Doell, they knew she was the perfect person to teach the clinic.

"She graciously agreed to put together a five-week clinic," Foerst said. "Dean Hobbs and I both think that playing golf can be helpful professionally because a lot of business gets done and connections are made on the golf course."

"When Dean Hobbs asked me to run a golf clinic for the female law students, I was thrilled," Doell said. "What a great opportunity for the students to have a chance to learn this game of a lifetime... Golf is timeless and having the ability to understand the game, the etiquette and the rules can be a very powerful tool for a future lawyer or businesswoman."

Attendance at the clinic increased from last year. Due to the higher level of participation in the clinic, more skills were able to be taught. "We had the opportunity to learn and practice putting, chipping, pitching and full swing while capping off the series with a four-hole scramble on the golf course," Doell said.

21. Elizabeth Uliano, a first-time participant in the clinic, said the experience not only helped her improve her golf game, but she said she also found herself looking forward



to Mondays.

"It was a lot of fun to get out and play some golf each week," she said. "I definitely looked forward to getting out on the course."

Doell hopes that the clinic will continue to be offered to law students in the future. "The enthusiasm that these ladies brought to the clinics was wonderful," she said. "I look forward to working with them again in the future."

The feeling seems to be mutual. 21. Katie Rigler, a two-time participant in the clinic, said that she will participate

again next year. "Golf is a difficult game to master, and Sara is a patient and knowledgeable coach who makes the game enjoyable to learn," Rigler said.

Foerst, who hopes to offer the clinic again next year, added, "We are so pleased that this clinic took off. The turnout has been appropriately small so that each of the participants gets one-on-one coaching. I think that everyone who participated thought it was well done and enjoyable."

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ESLS panel tackles discussion on lockouts

Ryan Byrnes
Executive Editor

For law students who also happen to be sports fans, the past eight months have been something of a real-life fact pattern. While lockouts in both the National Football League and now the National Basketball Association have strained the pockets of players and the patience of fans, they have also presented law students with an opportunity to see how basic legal issues impact the leagues they are used to spending so much time supporting.

Seton Hall Law's Entertainment and Sports Law Society (ESLS) tapped into these hot-button issues when planning its industry night for the fall semester. In recent years, the panel event included general discussions on careers within the fields of sports and entertainment law. But this year's event – titled "The Year of the Lockout" – included a focused conversation on the legal aspects of past labor disputes, the current N.B.A. lockout and potential collective bargaining issues facing most of the major American sports leagues.

"During a very trying time, you learn quite a bit," panelist Ian Penny told the group of about 35 students gathered in the faculty library the night of Nov. 2.

Penny, currently assistant general counsel

of the Major League Baseball Players Association, was referring to his previous experience as an attorney for the National Hockey League Players Association during the league's 2004-2005 labor dispute. However, he could have just as easily been referring to any of the trying times he or the other panelists had gone through while dealing with lockouts.

"You're always trying to get a fair deal," said Peter Ruocco, senior vice president of labor relations for the N.F.L. Management Council. "It's not just about getting everything."

Ruocco was joined by his N.F.L. Management Council colleague W. Buckley Briggs, who serves as its vice president of labor arbitration and litigation. The panel also included former N.F.L. agent Mark Lepseter and N.F.L. veteran William James, and was moderated by local labor attorney Arnold Shep Cohen. (Given the ongoing dispute between the N.B.A.'s owners and its players union, no representatives involved in the discussions were able to join the panel. At press time, the two sides remained far apart in their negotiations, with all games being canceled through at least Dec. 15.)

The panelists emphasized that their views did not necessarily reflect the positions of the leagues they represent, allowing for a candid and informative 90-minute

discussion. The diversity of perspectives allowed the panel to represent what a lockout looks like from the viewpoint of a labor attorney fighting for the league's owners, to an agent trying to communicate between union leaders and clients, to players often left out of discussions to wonder when their next paycheck will be arriving.

"It's hard trusting someone to negotiate for you," said James, a 10-year defensive back in the N.F.L. who is currently a free agent. "It's all about trust."

In addition to being the key between a successful player-agent relationship, the panel members also suggested that the development of trust was also at the root of successfully negotiating agreements between the leagues' labor management teams and the player unions. The N.F.L. suffered from a player strike in 1987 and general labor unrest in subsequent years, but it was the trust eventually developed between commissioner Paul Tagliabue and head of the players union Gene Upshaw that allowed the two sides to agree on a new CBA. That agreement, generally considered more favorable to players rather than owners, paved the way for the massive popularity and success the league has enjoyed since the mid-1990's.

However, Roger Goodell replaced Tagliabue in 2006 and Upshaw, a former

player known as a shrewd negotiator for the union, passed away in 2008. The NFLPA elected attorney DeMaurice Smith its new executive director in 2009, but Ruocco said it took a while to re-establish the trust the league had had with Upshaw, which complicated matters when the CBA expired following the 2010 season.

"We could never get off the time of them understanding our issues and us totally understanding theirs," Ruocco said.

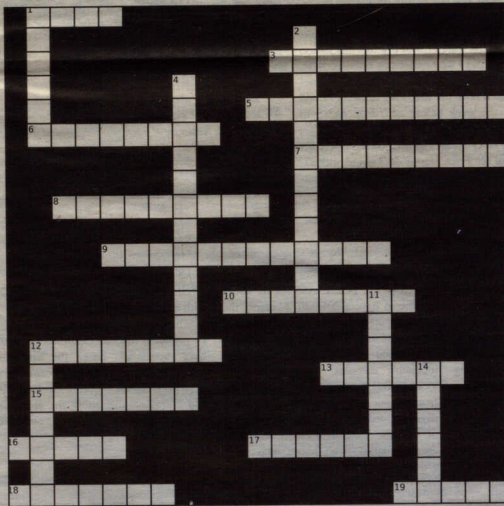
The lockout, which began in March and temporarily ceased to allow for April's N.F.L. Draft, ended at the end of July, leaving enough time for the 2011 season to begin on time. Lepseter said that while the product on the football field has certainly suffered this year due to shorter training camps, the dispute would have become a "bloodbath" had the two sides not reached an agreement in July and players started to miss paychecks.

James said he agreed with the notion that the NFLPA is the most apathetic union of athletes, partly because such a large percentage of it is comprised of players who have spent just three or fewer years in the league. As a result, many of the players are still controlled by their rookie contracts and tend to not consider

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Holiday High Jinx

By Colleen Mullen



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J.D./M.B.A., a joint-degree in registration and academic self-advising



Frank Gonnello Jr.
Editor in Chief

Looking back, my first year of law school was a rare treat.

For it was during that time four years ago when I had finally broken free of the chaos, madness, and pure frustration that was "Bayley Hall," a building of Seton Hall University's undergraduate campus that housed the dreaded Office of the Registrar.

Or so it seemed.

Yes, I recognized the connection between the law school and Bayley Hall; I was fully aware that my registration would still be processed by that same office that couldn't successfully mail my transcript down the road to 1 Newark Center and thought it most efficient – and I can attest to this personally – to have the blind work-study do its paperwork filing.

But for some reason, I thought things would be different now that I had moved to a satellite campus that had its own competent staff and departments for such things. And heading into my 1L year, where all of my courses were smoothly assigned to me without any interaction necessary, things seemed on the up.

Enter 2L year, and the Joint-Degree JD/M.B.A. program.

This is when it all began to change. As I embarked on this new adventure, I found out that not only would I be required to learn the law as well as business administration, I would also have to learn the ins and outs of the registration process, the "Banner" and PIN systems, and the intricacies between the two.

See, when enrolling in a Joint-Degree program, you're subjected to the rules and registration processes of not just one school, but both schools. And while that may sound logical on its face, complications arise that aren't immediately apparent at first glance. Allow me to illustrate.

As a JD/M.B.A. student, I'm still considered a Full-Time Day student at the law school. At the business

school, I'm merely a per-credit registrant. Obviously, this has led to conflicts regarding when I am able to register, namely, when my credit totals at the business school would have allowed me to register sooner than at the law school.

Unfortunately, the "Banner" registration system only allows for me to be filed under one "Primary Program," leaving me to wait until Law registration opens up, and putting me at a disadvantage in registering for the sorely limited course offerings over at the business school.

Conversely, my add-drop period is rendered practically useless when needed to rearrange courses at the last minute. I found this out after trying to take a mandatory "Pre-Qualifier" (PQ) course for my M.B.A. core classes in the summer of 2010. These department-mandated PQ's are administered several times a year, but fall right before a semester begins. And let's leave aside the questionable purpose of even having such anane "Pre-Qualifier" courses as prerequisites to the "Core" prerequisites for now, and save the discussion of the \$50 PQ fee which goes directly to the Business School, not the university, for another day.

A bigger problem is that taking a summer PQ only allows a student to receive their grade the week that law classes begin, two to three weeks before a strictly-business student would have to add/drop his or her classes.

On August 22, 2010, one day before law classes began, I received notice that I did not obtain a "Satisfactory" grade in my Accounting PQ, and could therefore not take any M.B.A. courses that would count towards graduation that semester. Little did I know that this online course, with an online exam and no scheduled meeting times could not be retaken until the following semester. I had until the end of the week before add/drop ended to resolve the matter and secure a full schedule.

To make a long story short, I'm now taking 17 credits in my 8th and final semester. Happy days ahead, indeed. Another problem is the fact that, because the Joint-

Degree program is underutilized, the administrations of both schools are unfamiliar with the graduation requirements and course mapping of the other. This would still be acceptable if when directed to the Joint Degree web page, the information contained on the pages had been updated in the past few years. Unfortunately, only about three of the "Cross Credit Electives" at the law school are still offered regularly, and one or two of the business courses still exist. Furthermore, the academic advising page of the web site that I have frequently been directed to hasn't been updated since "Hub" classes were phased out roughly four years ago.

To make it clear, my purpose in elaborating the procedural hurdles I've experienced in the JD/M.B.A. program is not to put down those I've interacted with both in the administrations of the law and business schools. In fact, many of them who had never worked with a JD/M.B.A. student before (as I still believe I may be the only one in the past 3 years) took much time to sit down patiently with me until we were able to put all the pieces together.

The point I'm trying to make is simply this: if Seton Hall Law, or even the University itself for that matter, wants to boost its reputation and ranking through more diverse graduate and professional educational opportunities such as joint-degree programs, it needs to invest the time and resources towards making the process more fluid for those enrolled in it.

I've loved the opportunity to participate in the JD/M.B.A. program, and don't regret my decision to pursue it for a second, but I can see how late registration, a lack of dedicated academic advising and an outdated web site just doesn't entice students to say "sign me up."

But hey, it could be worse. I could be exiting a four-year graduate program into a downturned job market, with sparse employment opportunities and the sense that the debt from my two graduate degrees will never go away.

Oh, wait a minute...

If you're thinking about enrolling in the JD/M.B.A. program here at Seton Hall Law, I'm happy to share my experiences with you. Feel free to contact me at frank.gonnello@student.shu.edu for one-on-one academic advising, or for answers to any questions you might have.

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many of the long-term issues facing the members of its union.

"They don't always see how it impacts not only them, but players coming after them," James said. Long-term issues, such as healthcare and benefits for retired players, were significant points of the negotiations this summer and are considered major improvements for players and former players under the new CBA.

The N.F.L. and N.B.A. lockouts differ in the route that each union and league

took when trying to resolve their disputes, and Penny said each opted for the forum that was likely to give them the most leverage. The NFLPA chose to resort to the courts and filed an antitrust lawsuit against the league in March. While the N.B.A. has also filed a lawsuit (among other things, to establish that a lockout would not violate federal antitrust laws), it also filed an unfair labor practice charge before the National Labor Relations Board. This charge asserts that the players union has failed to bargain in good faith and has threatened owners with a sham

"decertification."

Even if the N.B.A. resolves its issues in time to have a 2011-2012 season, the panelists inferred that labor issues in sports will not be a thing of the past. Penny said that CBAs have become incredibly complex: when the N.H.L. lockout ended in 2005, its CBA grew from about 100 pages to about 450 pages in order to encompass all facets of the new agreement. Penny said there are many large-system issues, such as the acquisition of amateur talent, facing the M.L.B. and its players union the next time

those two sides negotiate.

ESLS members said they were pleased with the panel discussion.

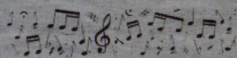
"The event was a huge success for us," co-president Michael Goldman said. "We have successfully raised the bar every year, and this time we were fortunate to have great speakers deeply involved with and knowledgeable about the important current labor issues in professional sports."

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Riddle me this, Redirector: Who are you?



Ryan
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Executive
Editor

The papers tell us Batman's brief stint in the Brick City is over. As I read about a law student being robbed outside his Newark apartment building, I can't help but wish the Caped Crusader could have stuck around to protect us for a few extra days.

But here within the first five floors of One Newark Center, a different mystery person has been the focal point of discussion in recent months.

The Redirect, a self-professed "different sort of paper," has injected itself onto the school's shelves and into student and staff conversations since its first edition appeared in September. The law school's fascination stems less from the paper's content than from the absence of an identifiable source behind it.

When their minds aren't cluttered with less pressing questions about job searches and financial aid, students have found themselves asking their peers a question that is as perplexing as any fact-pattern that awaits them in December:

Who is "the Redirector"?

To help shed some light on that question, our staff provided the Redirector with an opportunity to pontificate in our October issue. When our editor asked it why it publishes its "thing," the Redirector stated:

"Though I respect the work that The Cross Examiner does, I was always disappointed when I read an issue. I felt it was written to portray an ever-positive image of the school...I wanted to create something less serious and more entertaining."

Well, Redirector, we at The Cross Examiner appreciate your respect, but I am sorry to hear you have been

disappointed with our product. It's unlikely we will win any Pulitzer in the near future, but I believe there is value in the wide-ranging coverage our staff of volunteer writers provides.

From covering panel discussions that students may have missed, to discussing how our dean balances his dual role as interim athletic director, to helping readers know a little bit more about their librarian or barista, I'd like to think our content has made our readers at least marginally more informed than they would be without us. Additionally, I believe there is a value in providing students and staff with a forum in which to share their views and ideas.

The value of The Redirect is less clear. Like Batman himself, the Redirector has chosen to operate behind a mask of anonymity, imposing his views while not inviting those of others.

While Batman uses his utility belt, the Redirector instead opts to use occasionally humorous jokes and the unlicensed use of images in order to carry out its work. But the characteristics of The Redirect are more like something we would expect from the Joker or the Riddler. Each issue of the puzzling publication leaves our community with more questions than answers.

Whether The Redirect is an Onion-style newsletter still struggling to determine its scope or merely a snarky blog reduced to print form, we should be concerned that we do not know for sure who is peddling this parody.

Anonymous speech is not necessarily bad, nor is it new: The Federalist Papers were penned under a pseudonym, and courts have consistently extended First Amendment protection to anonymous speech.

But the stakes aren't quite as high for The Redirect. The Founding Fathers were laying the groundwork for our democracy. The Redirect is making puns about Albert Haynesworth's weight.

So how long will we as a community permit an outlaw and anonymous vigilante of a publication to disperse a discourse that only travels in one direction? Free speech carries with it the responsibility of being accountable for one's views and beliefs. But as The Redirect continues on its mission of being "something less serious and more entertaining," I fear the day when a joke goes too far or hits a member of the law school community a little too closely. When that day inevitably comes, will the person behind the Redirector mask step forward and hold him- or herself accountable?

To help avoid that dramatic event, I urge the Redirector to remove its mask and reveal to Seton Hall Law its true identity. The community will be better served once it can attach a name and face to the opinions expressed within the publication.

In the opening scene of "The Dark Knight," a Gotham City bank manager uses his last words to challenge the values of the Joker. "Criminals in this town used to believe in things," he says. "Honor. Respect. What do you believe in?"

The Redirector is not a criminal, but it's time for us to know what it is that the Redirector believes in. If it believes in the responsibility that attaches to the freedom of speech and the open discourse of ideas, then I look forward to meeting the man (or woman) behind the mask. But if it values anonymity more than accountability and continues to hide its true identity, then I'd be disappointed that an author whose stated objective is to entertain would take itself so seriously.

And that would leave me, as well as the rest of the community that has allowed this joker to perplex us all semester, with just one question to ask The Redirect:

Why so serious?

Bruno's Sports Corner: The NFL: Expect the Unexpected

Coming into the 2011-2012 National Football League season, the Philadelphia Eagles looked unstoppable on paper, having assembled an absurd collection of talent due to an off-season spending spree. Three months later, this self-proclaimed "Dream Team" is watching its playoff hopes slip away. Meanwhile, the Detroit Lions and San Francisco 49ers, who have been horrendous for the better part of a decade, have combined for a 14-4 record. Lastly, the Indianapolis Colts, a perennial Super Bowl contender that has been to the playoffs in nine consecutive years, might not win a game this season.

The NFL is extremely unpredictable, and while this unpredictability keeps the league entertaining, it becomes hard to gauge how teams stack up against each other from week to week, much less for the remaining two months of the season. Nonetheless, here are a few things that we know for sure as we cross the halfway point in the season.

In the NFC, it is clear that the Packers are far better than everyone else. They should win the NFC North division handily along with the 49ers in the NFC West. The other two teams in the Packers' division, the Bears and the Lions, are very solid defensively and have game changers on offense. They will be in the playoff hunt all season.

In the NFC East, the Giants and Cowboys have had problems down the stretch for the past few seasons and the Eagles have no margin for error. In the NFC South, the Saints and the Falcons are very comparable. While both of these teams have superior offenses, their lackluster defensive corps put their playoff hopes in jeopardy. Given the playoff structure in the N.E.L. (four division winners and two wild card teams advance to the playoffs in each conference) and

the power in the NFC North, teams that do not win their division in the NFC East and NFC South will be hard-pressed to receive a playoff berth.

The AFC is even more muddled than the NFC. While there is parity in the conference, two teams in the AFC North, the Baltimore Ravens and the Pittsburgh Steelers, are the closest thing the AFC has to an elite squad. Even though the Bengals are fighting for the division lead, they have had an easy schedule and should struggle against stronger competition. The AFC East race should be very intriguing as the Patriots have a one-game lead (at press time). The Patriots and Bills have explosive offenses and miserable defenses, while the Jets have a great defense and a conservative offense.

Given the relative strength of the AFC East and AFC North, only one team will be representing the AFC South and AFC West in the playoffs. The Texans are a virtual lock to win the AFC South as they are clearly the most talented team in that division. While the Chargers in the AFC West are equally talented, they seem to make critical errors on a weekly basis. This race will likely go down to the wire as all four teams are in the mix for the division title.

While the first half of the season provides a glimpse of what we can expect for the rest of the year, there will assuredly be unforeseen shakeups within the divisions. Injuries will occur that affect the races, talented teams may still be plagued by inconsistent play, and underrated teams may continue to outperform expectations. This is why the games are played in stadiums and not on paper.

SHL's 99% occupy the SBA: Tongue-in-cheek petition demands change, ketchup

Ryan Byrne
Executive Editor

As Zuccotti Park-ousted protestors clashed with police last week on the other side of the Hudson River, similarly frustrated Seton Hall Law students have taken more civilized steps toward airing their grievances and demanding change from the "1%" they blame for their unhappiness—the Student Bar Association. Students have launched an online petition titled "Remove the SBA!," a virtual document aimed at letting their elected representatives know students are at least sarcastically displeased with the status quo.

"If you are tired of ineffective leadership and the 1% making unilateral decisions that only benefit themselves, then sign this petition to show your vote of no confidence in the Seton Hall SBA," the petition reads.

"Are you tired of using the little ketchup packets in the cafeteria? Are you tired of not being able to get into the classes you want to?" the online petition asks. "If so, sign this petition and being (sic) the occupation of the SBA."

The 23 signatories of the petition that were listed at press time included a notably diverse collection of leaders and celebrities, among them Ron Jeremy, Tim Tebow, Kim Jong Il, Chef Ryan and even The Redirect. However, it is less clear the degree to which the publicly listed names represent the identities of the actual signatories: the names of at least two SBA executive board members were also included on the digital list.

SBA President Tom Zuppa said that while he realized the petition seemed to be written in jest, the SBA is always willing to listen to the concerns of students.

"SBA takes all student concerns to heart and we encourage everyone to reach out and let us know if there is something we can look into on their behalf or speak to

a member of the Administration to get resolved," he said. "The SBA is here for 100% of the Seton Hall Law community and will continue to proudly serve our students in the future."

Frustration with the SBA has been building since the news broke earlier in the semester that the 2012 Barrister's Ball will be held the same weekend as the annual law school softball tournament hosted by the University of Virginia, causing students to have to choose between two highly-popular events. The voice of the "99%" continued to be heard last week when a Facebook status comments section degenerated into an open forum for student proposals and demands. The requests on the social networking forum ranged from the academic ("Elimination of the grading system"); "A degree that is worth something" to the social ("Allow BOTS spraying at SBA events and in cafeteria"); "Holding the next Republican debate in the atrium" to general housekeeping inquiries ("Why did the front door get so heavy?" "An IT Department").

Mike Amalfi, a 3L and one of the authors of the petition, said the petition was less about seriously protesting the SBA and more a result of what he sees as a "nonseasonal and pointless" third year of law school.

"That's the real story here, folks," Amalfi said. "The boredom as a 3L that leads to #occupyingfacebookwalls."

Amalfi's fellow co-author, 3L Tim Lanni, said that while the petition itself was a joke, there are certain changes he claims he was promised by the school that have not yet been implemented.

"I have also been waiting for a ketchup dispenser in the cafeteria for three years," Lanni said. "I had been promised that I would not have to waste the little packets every day at lunch, but just like when Nixon promised America 'Peace with Honor' I have been consistently let down."



On the set: Above, the Gotham fleet takes over Commerce Street in downtown Newark. Below, actress, Anne Hathaway (as Catwoman), and Gotham police.

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and waved at onlookers before she descended into the subway. Hathaway will make her first appearance in the series as Selina Kyle/Catwoman.

Approximately 25 extras were also on the scene, dressed as members of the Gotham Police Department and the Gotham SWAT team. When asked about his impressions of Newark, one SWAT team actor commented, "It's a nice place." G.P.D. cars and SWAT trucks bearing the Gotham City seal were parked on Commerce Street between McCarter Highway and Mulberry. The vehicles, which were readily accessible to members of the public, drew a steady stream of Batman aficionados throughout the day, many of whom used the opportunity to snap photographs of themselves alongside the cars.

Filming on Friday shifted after lunch from Military Park to the stretch of road along Raymond, between McCarter and Mulberry. At approximately 3:30, traffic on Raymond was briefly closed for a chase scene. Members of the crowd who gathered outside the law school to watch the scene were invited to become participants in its creation by yelling "Rolling!" and "Cut!" Among them was professor Brian Sheppard/ When asked for a comment about the chase scene, Sheppard joked: "It's a good thing I knew there was a movie being filmed. Otherwise, I would have thought, 'Whoa. I'd better get home fast!'"

The crowd also included at least a few aspiring directors. Two production assistants for the film, who asked to be quoted simply as "Jack" and "Oswald," said the movie offers them an opportunity to break into the entertainment business.

"When my mom saw 'Inception' for the first time," Jack recalled, "there was a moment in the movie when she literally jumped out of her seat and said, 'Wow! That was incredible! I want to make people feel like that.'"

Also in the crowd was Mike McDonnell, a 1995 graduate of the law school and the director of "Big Guns," a comedy about the world's worst detective which was filmed in Red Bank, Asbury Park, and Middletown, New Jersey. The film, directed by McDonnell and his brother Christopher, received an award for Best Comedy at the Philadelphia Independent Film Festival and an award for Best Comedy by a New Director at the Downtown Boca Film Festival.

"The Dark Knight Rises" will open in theaters in July 2012. Visit thecrossexaminer.com/gotham for more exclusive set photos and video of the action sequence filmed right outside the law school's doors.

