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by Dan Avila

On November 12, Professor Richard Sth of Valparaiso University School of Law, was before the Senate Judicature Committee’s Subcommittee on the Constitution. He spoke in favor of Senator Orrin Hatch’s (R-Utah) proposed amendment to the Constitution that would allow both Congress and state legislatures to enact anti-abortion legislation. Many observers, including Prof. Sth, feel that SJR 110 is the only non-abortivle amendment capable of passing Congress.

The amendment is not without its detractors, however. In fact, a battle of sorts has taken place between the two; a battle many liken to the ingenuity of Matt Downs and Julie Wesemann Hall hasn’t seen so much color and culture in years. Thanks to the ingenuity of Matt Downs and Julie Blackburn, the law school has recently been transformed into an art gallery. On display are the oil paintings of Valparaiso artists Pamela and John Redick, Matt Downs and Ms. Blackburn first saw the Redicks’ paintings at a local art fair last summer, and were so impressed with them that a continuing development. They arranged the exhibition here at the law school.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Redick attended Valparaiso University. They have exhibited extensively throughout the East and Midwest and collectively hold numerous awards for their work. Mrs. Redick is the director of art collections of Standard Oil of Indiana, Kemper Insurance Company, the University of Southern California and others. Continental Bank of Chicago, American Hospital Association, and Borg-Warner are Hugo Stinnes, among other corporations which own Mr. Redick’s paintings.

At an opening reception on November 19, members of the Valparaiso Law School Gets Culture by Susan Hay

and law school communities met Mr. Redick and viewed the collection displayed in the library and courtyard. Mr. Redick explained the reception that his style is the result of a continuing development. He creates a painting by first priming the masonite, moving the masonite and quickly using a brush to shift and blend the colors into his very distinctive abstract landscapes. A graduate in music from Valparaiso University, Mr. Redick creates his nature and music as significant influences on his style. Mr. Redick was proud to point out that “Image,” one of his works, the lithograph in the hall between the old and new parts of the library, is currently on a national tour. It has been shown at the Art Institute of Chicago and will soon be on display at the Smithsonian Institute. After this exhibition closes here January 8, the Redicks are taking their works to several exhibitions and art fairs in Florida, Mr. Redick said.
Lockers Stuck To Carpet

On the last Sunday of Thanksgiving break, I became very excited. No, I hadn't just seen the movie "10." I was excited to hurry over to the law school and to get rid of the casebooks in my locker. I had spent nearly a full week with them (minus a few days to visit the parents) and I had grown very tired of looking at them. I do not mean to cheapen the efforts of all the students who have books in their lockers. This was to facilitate the relocation of the lockers to the front entrance of the law school.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude to the Honor Code as it has, in my mind, been one of the most important components of our legal education. The National Legal Honor Code means more to me than just the words which make up the Code. It's over. Three years of law school are behind me. It is a learning process, and I'm out in the rain falling in the parking lot looking for my locker, as I stood there at the law school student body, the faculty or the administration have a moral and ethical obligation to ensure that the interests of both present and future students are protected. The problems that I see in the legal education system are the result of my personal observations in our personal and professional lives. The same practice ought to be done. A few finals to slide through was excited to hurry over to the law school, stop, and sit down to the landing, and I became very excited. No, I didn't move over to Lembke Hall. The principal was not the Dean's office, but it was exciting to hurry over to the law school. I had spent nearly a full week with them (minus a few days to visit the parents) and I had grown very tired of looking at them. I do not mean to cheapen the efforts of all the students who have books in their lockers. This was to facilitate the relocation of the lockers to the front entrance of the law school.

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Strange coalitions of opponents have formed and deep splits between allies have sprung up for and against the Hatch amendment. Supporters argue that Roe v. Wade is not a good law even for those who support the right to abortion. They claim that the amendment could garner the second-third vote needed to pass Congress (unlike the other amendments) and could be ratified by 38 states because it avoids common objections based on rape, incest, abortifacients and contraception.

Opponents include those who believe that the freedom of choice would be endangered by any amendment that overturned Roe v. Wade. Pro-life opponents argue that the amendment will not be supported by pro-choice congressmen and that there are not enough pro-life votes in either house. Also, the "federalism" approach is regarded as unacceptable in principle because it does not affirm the personhood of the unborn and leaves the "right to life" to the discretion of legislative bodies.

When the U.S Catholic Bishops recently endorsed the Hatch amendment, reaction was swift and varied. Many hailed the decision as a step forward for a group who had until now refused to officially support any pro-life amendments. Judith Brown, president of American Life Lobby, the largest political action committee for pro-life, had different thoughts: "It's a disgrace to the Catholic Church ... the Bishops shouldn't be concerned with political realities. The teaching of the church is clearly against such an approach to protecting life."

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Where To Find LSD In Valpo

The Law Student Division (LSD) continues to be a presence at the law school. It is one of the 300 chapters of the American Bar Association umbrella, a non-profit organization which represents the interests of all law students across the nation before the organized bar, the Association of American Law Schools, and the Federal Government. The Division's membership is over 44,000, and it sponsors programs like Client Counseling, VIITA, Legislative Research and Writing, and the Appellate Advocacy Competition. It also publishes numerous publications, most notably the Division newsletter.

Having introduced each of you to the Division membership, let me now introduce those individuals who represent the Division, and established an appreciation for the outstanding leadership, scholarship, and service that has been a hallmark of the Division. We have been most fortunate to have the following leadership in the Division.

The following lawn welcoming banquet was held December 7, 1981 at the Hotel: Hors D'ouevres and cocktail hour were held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on the main lobby at 8:00 a.m. on the morning of January 12. Students will need to sign their class cards, make necessary corrections on the official registration form, and sign it before taking the packets to Christ College.

The deadline for adding or dropping courses is January 22, 1982. Many hailed the decision as a step forward for a group who had until now refused to officially support any pro-life amendments. Judith Brown, president of American Life Lobby, the largest political action committee for pro-life, had different thoughts: "It's a disgrace to the Catholic Church ... the Bishops shouldn't be concerned with political realities. The teaching of the church is clearly against such an approach to protecting life."

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by Dan Banina

... He's making a list, and checking it twice. Gonna find out who's naughty and nice...''

While Santa is making his list, law students can make sure they are good boys and girls by checking the list below. While second and third year students may scoff at the need for such a list, first year students should find it helpful. I remember after my first semester here, it took me a while to adjust to the realization that during Christmas break I had nothing to do for the first time since August. Moreover, I was a little confused as to how I should act as an up and coming ''professional.''

So for first year students and any other students who might need guidance, I offer the following list of do's and don't's for proper conduct during the holiday break.

Rocks In The Sock for These:

1. Do not get too upset worrying about grades. It is too late to worry; there was plenty of time during the semester for that. Also refrain from jumping off buildings and from other acts of desperation. Most people do return for at least the rest of the semester.
2. Do not call the school or waste your time calling over hoping to find out your grades. First year grades always seem to be the last posted, with P&P being the last one.
3. Do not go home and bore the family to death with stories of hard work and hairy hands. I have found that telling law school stories is the quickest way to put the family or a date to sleep.
4. Do not alienate your friends (non-law) by becoming a snob. Friends are a precious asset. Besides, friends often prove to be a valuable resource of future clients.
5. Do not freely give legal advice during break. The temptation to apply newly learned legal principles is great. But to prevent ending up stranded out on a limb and exposing yourself to embarrassment, bite your tongue when discussing legal matters.
6. Do not go out and buy five new three-piece suits or have personal business cards printed. Such action is very premature. By the time these things can be put to use, the suits will be out of style and the cards yellow.

Happiness and Goodies for These:

1. Do be proud of yourself. No matter how bad finals seemed to be, most students have completed the demanding requirements preceding finals. Indeed, these requirements were tough and all students should feel some sense of accomplishment.
2. Do be humble. Although the trek through law school is well on its way, the journey is far from completed. Also, no one likes a braggart.
3. Do give a progress report to the people who are helping to pay your way through school. These people deserve to know how their investment is coming along.
4. Do go out and do something different with your friends. Try skiing, go to a museum, or to a concert. Believe it or not, there are many wonderful things to do beyond the hallowed corridors of Wesemann Hall.
5. Above all else, do have a joyous holiday break and a Happy New Year. And do not forget--be good for goodness' sake.

What's on your list?

Pictured above are Moot Court team members Leane English, Bill McMaster and Ray Merritt (l-r). This team started with the petitioner position at the recent national competition in Indianapolis, where they fared well in the first two rounds, and were beaten by Notre Dame in the third. Professor Gromley, the team's advisor, looks on.
Café
by Cynthia Pitts

Someone else is smoking again
his back to you
at a table where he opens a book
that will tell him something he doesn’t
care to know,
the air-life of birds that fly, nest and
die
the slope of a line whose number is
greater than
the number of times he looks up
&
drags on his cigarette
and his hair agrees with the comb
the chosen way
when he turns
his face older than you expect
the brows fuller
foreign
like a shaggy old man’s
the cigarette on the way to his mouth,
his nose a ridge
weathered by wind
the quiet life of his collar
it’s a grey day
smoke will not follow,
like words on the page that drift
away from themselves
and blur around him,
the air graying in grey

A friend approaches your table
and disappointment fills the creases
of your hand
that one writes
comfortable with the blue assurance
of his back
that waits as you write
something for him to read
and fold into his book

Where were you when the lights went out?
The SBA meeting on Tuesday, November 10th, was cut short
by the darkness which descended upon the University. Perhaps
it was a message to Captain Ed Biornid
who chaired the meeting. Or maybe it
was Maggie Mawby who decided that
since her issue had been discussed nothing important was left to decide.
Who knows? Anyway, it was reported
be the world’s shortest (best?) SBA
meeting thus far, but alas, another is
soon to follow on December 1st to pick
up where we left off. Bring your flashlights and candles. Be there.

Along with the donation, SBA
will send a letter to the administration
that nothing important was left to decide.

In spite of the brief meeting, a
motion was passed to donate $200 of
SBA funds to Mock Trial.

Stevenson, sponsor of Mock Trial,
pays expenses for the team out of his
own pocket. The administration re-
 fused to budget money for them as it
does for Moot Court.

Along with the donation, SBA
sent a letter to the administration
that Mock Trial and that
be considered precedential.

1. What was the name of the two
turtles and the dog owned by the lead
character in the movie “Rocky?”
2. Who was the author of the famous
saying, “Nice guys finish last?”
3. What is the best selling album of
time?
4. What rock star appeared on the
covers of both Time and Newsweek in
the same week?
5. What was the name of the boat
Charles Darwin used to sail to the
Galapagos Islands?
6. What was Marilyn Monroe’s real
name?
7. When Joe Namath was quarterback
for the N.Y. Jets he was told by
Commissioner Pete Rozelle to sell his
interest in a particular nightclub or
quit football. What was the name of
the nightclub?
8. Name the planets in order.
9. Who built the first “sound machine”
and what song was the first
to be recorded on it?
10. Who was the inventor of bifocal
eyeglasses?
11. What defunct singing duo was
originally known as “Tom and Jerry?”
12. Ben Franklin tried to name a
different bird than the bald eagle as
our nation’s symbol. What bird was
it?

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T M A N G E R O W Y S E E
S T F I G G Y H E O G E
I C I C I L E E A C N N O R
M M Y R R H R C A R D S T

HOLIDAY FUN!!

Above are 35 objects connected with the
"Holiday Season." Have a jolly 'ol
time trying to find these words.
MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

ALE
ANGEL
BELLS
CARDS
CHAMPAGNE
CHEER
CHRISTMAS
COAL
EGGNOG
ELF
GARLAND
GIfts
HAN
HANGOVER
HOLIDAY
HOLLY
ICICLE
KING
MANGER
MISTLETOWE
MYRRH
NEW YEAR
NOEL
ORNAMENT
PARTY
ROSE BOWL
SANTA
SING
SLED
SNOWBALL
SNOWFLAKE
STAR
STOCKING
TREE
YULE
Dear 3rd Year:

As a first year student, I find law school to be a very challenging experience, not unlike a football game. The game has been a tough one, though. Whenever I manage to do an end run around Ivan's reading assignment, Marcia flies up and floors me with a new writing assignment. So far I've managed to stay in bounds and gradually gain yardage. Do you think I can score?

Signed,
Gas Mask

Dear Piggy:

You'll have your opportunity to score on the final. Whether you can be successful depends on how well you've covered your assignments this semester. Keep plugging away and you should have no problem passing the exam. Also, don't watch too many Bear games or you may never make it to the second semester.

Signed,
Piggy Skin

Dear 3rd Year,

I noticed Professor Bartelt was chosen to occupy the Seegers Faculty Chair. I can't understand why this is such a notable event. Big deal, so Louie finally gets to sit down and relax a bit. At least he deserves after many fine years of service and dedication. Don't you think he deserves something more than a measly chair?

Signed,
Curly

Dear Curly:

Louie Bartelt certainly deserves more than a single chair for accomplishments. I am currently forming a committee to solicit funds to buy him a matching sofa, table and lamps. Anyone interested in contributing to this worthy cause should send their contribution to Dear 3rd Year in care of the Forum. Louie will appreciate your generosity and so will I.

Signed,
Markie Gaylord
Orifice City, IN

Dear Mark,

I am six feet four inches tall and weigh 400 pounds. I smell like a swine except for my mold-encrusted blue jeans which emit a distinctly rotten stench. I enjoy getting blasted at the bar and punching out cutie-pie dishrag faggots like you. Any more questions?

Signed,
Ed McMahon

Dear Ed:

What's the difference between a snowman and a snowwoman?

Signed,
by Deb Wildhage

Scientists at the esteemed Wildhage Institute of Technonoly (W.I.T.) released the results of a two-year study which conclusively proves that law school is the leading cause of pre-mature senility. The findings, embodied in a more than five to six page memorandum of law, are based solely on the observations of Insti­ tute founder Deborah S. Wildhage, who enrolled at the Valparaiso University School of Law in 1979 for purposes of the study. Wildhage's report was supplemented by a video­ tape that most inability to show to reporters because she had misplaced it.

The onset of senile dementia legalis (SDL) often occurs soon after the subject enters law school. Airhead extremis is one of its earliest symptoms. The subject is unable to master such simple tasks as getting through the front doors of the law building or opening a simple combination lock.

Another common manifestation of this malady is an almost obsessive attachment to animate objects. Many subjects, in the 1-L stage of the disorder, have an almost slavish devotion to Xerox machines and Harvard Citators. Those in the 2-L and 3-L stage exhibit this behavior as well, although the objects of dependency are headnotes, Case­ notes, and Nutshell. Their attachment to these things is more diversified than individuals in the 1-L phase, but more frantic, especially, at the end of a school term.

A phenomenon, known generally as the "senile dementia legalis syndrome," is one of the more common terms that being a law student afflicts all sub­ jects (with a year). Adherence to animate objects increases, even in those whose affinity for academic

Dear 3rd Year:

Twas the night before break

And all through the school

Not a 1-L was stirring,

They're out drinking, you fool!

I-L memos given

To T.A.'s with great care,

In hopes that Marcia

Will grade them quite fair.

The law review notes

Had been put to bed,

While their proud, tired writers

Slept like the dead.

And in the library

And the lounge, as well,

There was no more chatter,

No voices to quell.

A noise loud enough

To scare life out of man

With a sizable Marge emptying

Another trash can.

Homeward this poet

Must take her flight.

There's more to the poem,

But forget it—all right?

by Deb Wildhage

Traditions

by Sally Schalk

Little brother

Different light in your eyes

are they as mine were once?

When I too found oyster stew unbearable

on Christmas Eve?

you sit off at walls, ceilings

and spoon it into itself

waiting—

for the green light smiles

of Mom and Dad

to free one gift

of its wrappings

last

The one chosen—days ago.

Which one did I pick?

I haven't yet.

But then,

I didn't even like oyster stew—

THE LAMENT

It is ironic:

the folks here for 2 1/2 years

And each day that passes

I feel more and more

stranger in this place.

My Life

Is less and less a part of this school

And often I wonder

Am I here at all.

It has nothing

To do with becoming a lawyer

It has to do with this place.

It has never been a home

And now feels less so.

Even the people seem distant

And without them

This place ceases to be at all.

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