Faculty prevail in Cardozo Cup -- again

By Wendy A. Compton
Features editor

The Cardozo Cup Softball Tournament was held on the rainy Friday afternoon of September 20th at Bicentennial Park. The first game involved the disinterested IL's against the motivated 2L team. Only about three players on the IL team were actually members of the IL class, the rest were volunteers from other classes. The 2L's easily won by a score of 7 to 1 (the IL's only run was scored by a volunteer 2L).

Next, the 2L's played the only slightly more interested 3L's. Although the score was a little closer, the 2L's prevailed again and went on to play the hard-hitting faculty team led by Bruce Berner. With the help of some 3L ringers and umpires that feared for their grades, the faculty team was able to pull out a victory. No casualties on either side were reported this year.

Scandal rocks V.U.S.L!
Cardozo cup fixed again

By Bill Long and Dave Szumski
Contributors

Once again, the Cardozo Cup Softball Tournament has taken place, and once again, the Faculty team has walked away with the championship. However, in the aftermath of their defeat of the 2L team in the final game, questions arose concerning the eligibility of certain members of the Faculty squad.

In a controversy not seen in baseball-like sports since the 1919 "Black-Sox" scandal, many fans claimed that the Faculty team was loaded with ringers. In a classic blunder brought on by overconfidence, several members of the Faculty team tipped their hand by actually wearing black socks.

The Faculty roster featured several players who claimed to be instructors at the Law School could not name the numbers of their offices or even what building those offices would be in. The players in question did offer the courses they taught. Professor Roger Clemens (Pitcher) claimed to teach Con. Law III and to be co-author of the book The Brushback Pitch: Constitutionally Protected Free Speech or Simple Playground Hissy-Fit, with Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Professor Ryne Sandberg (Second Base) stated that he taught a class titled Retirement, return to the workplace, and the art of renegotiating your contract. Professor Frank "Big Hurt" Thomas (Firstbase)-Torts. Professor Darryl Strawberry (Outfield) declined to name any courses, but would only admit to "... some experience with the legal system."

Some mutterings overheard from the fans were: "It's not right!" "This can't be happening!" "My beer went flat!" Some fans rioted, burning buildings, overturning cars and tearing down the goal posts. (Wait a minute, that was the last time Purdue beat Notre Dame in football... never mind.)

An anonymous source in the Law School administration, going only by the code name Dean E. G., claimed that all Faculty players were legitimate. He then stated that it wasn't that the Faculty players were so good, but that there had simply been a concerted effort over the years to recruit students who couldn't play softball.

Some readers may wonder if this article was merely a case of sour grapes on the part of the authors. We categorically deny this. The only reason we wrote this story was to expose the truth, and it had nothing to do with the fact that we put twenty bucks on the 2L's to win. Hopefully this controversy will result in a reversal of the results and we will be able to eat something better than macaroni and cheese again.

(Seriously folks, congratulations to the Faculty team, and to all the players in the Cardozo Cup. Everybody had fun and only a few people got hurt. It's a great tradition and we look forward to next year's tournament.)
This past week, Republican Presidential Candidate Bob Dole labeled Bill Clinton a LIBERAL. Is this sooo bad? Do you remember just last year, when day after day, Bill Clinton and his fellow LIBERAL friends in Congress claimed that the various Republican proposals were extreme, would force old people out of their homes, would starve children, would pollute our drinking water, would raise the deficit, would take the medicine out of the mouths of senior citizens? Did the press jump on the LIBERALS, asking them where their facts were? Did the press ask the LIBERALS why they were sooo confrontational and irrational? Of course not. The press that reports our news is just an extension of the LIBERAL Democratic National Party. If they are not, please explain why it is acceptable to label someone ultra-conservative or a radical and not a LIBERAL. This is just one more example when the press is showing its true colors.

Did anyone hear the "rumor" that Mr. Clinton may pardon his good friend Mrs. McDougal in the near future (she is one of the Clinton's Whitewater partners and not a LIBERAL. This is just one more example when the press is showing its true colors.

Mr. Clinton has the most ethical and moral admin­istration in the world. Mr. Clinton is in office, it is just fine to mention of pardoning Oliver North for his impudent, unfair, impolite, political and down and would have called for his impeachment or resignation from office, and the story would stay on the front page for weeks and weeks. But now that Mr. Clinton is in office, it is just fine that Mr. Clinton, who was supposed to have the most ethical and moral admin­istration ever, is considering pardoning Mrs. McDougal, a convicted criminal.

But if he is called a LIBERAL, this is a high crime?

But remember once again, this past summer. The city, Chicago, Illinois. The place, the Taste of Chicago. Mr. Clinton was in Chicago raising cam­paign funds and decided to get lunch at the Taste of Chicago. As he was walk­ing through Grant Park, a husband and wife watched. As Mr. Clinton went past them, he made eye contact with the wife, at which time she said, "You suck." She did not scream it, it was spoken in a normal speaking tone. What happened next?

Well, the First Amendment no longer applies, just so you know. Mr. Clinton said something to his secret service agents and then whom, both the husband and wife were arrested for threatening the life of the President and sat in jail overnight. They sat in jail for saying two words - is this right? I would understand jail time if things were thrown, if obscenities were screamed, but this woman just calmly said what jumped into her head - her own little protest against the government. Did the press make a big deal over this? Of course not. Did civil liberty groups come to her defense? No. But when Bob Dole in a campaign speech labels Mr. Clinton LIBERAL and further states that if Mr. Clinton receives another term for his impudent, unfair, impolite, politi­cally untrue statements. Maybe, just maybe, the truth will come out, or will finally be discovered, not only that Mr. Clinton is LIBERAL, but he is an ULTRA LIBERAL, because "the truth is out there.

David Novak
Valparaiso University School of Law

Changes in the Student Computer Lab

Current Status of the Computer Lab

The computer lab has been a hot topic since the first day of classes this semester. Back in August, the computer lab consisted of only eight computers for the approximately 465 of us. For the several students who simply can not afford to dish out two-thousand dollars for a new computer, especially if you're on loans this year, this was an unbear­able situation. Due to the extreme num­ber of complaints by students, the Student Bar Association felt compelled to “respectfully” submit a resolution to notify the administration and faculty of the problem. Hopefully, with compas­sion for the gravity of the situation, it could be resolved.

The computer lab, as it stands now, has sixteen computers that are up and working. Of these sixteen, four are brand new Pentium 100s with CD­ROM drives, while the other twelve are networked. Therefore, your connec­tions to the Internet are much faster than what you can achieve at home over a modem. Hopefully, by the end of this week all of the computers in the student lab will be up and running. As a student myself, I sympathize with your frustra­tion, but rest assured that there is a con­certed effort by several people to resolve the problem. I personally would like to thank John Obermann, Dean Gaffney, Assistant Dean Cichowski, Professor Persyn, and the SBA for their support in this matter. As for myself, I can say that I will continue to do whatever I can to help improve the computing resources available to the students.

In addition to the technical changes, the school has also staffed considerably more student technicians in the comput­er lab. A sign is posted in the lab with the hours and name of the person who is on duty. The student technicians are there for you. They should be able to help you with anything from getting print-outs to finding the "a" drive. Their job is to help you, so let them do their job. Thanks is owed to Warren Rees, who has been working with the student technicians this semester. I think in the coming weeks you will be able to notice some significant changes. Plans for the future.

Besides maintenance, which is necessary in any public computer lab, we will continually work toward improving the computer lab during the course of the semester. Sometime soon, we should be able to have the second printer attached to the network. Also, another idea that I am excited about is the possibility of running Lexis and Westlaw over the Internet. This would allow you to run both a word processor, such as Word or WordPerfect, and simultaneous­ly check cases on Westlaw or Lexis.

What you can do to help yourself

Aside from the efforts that the school has taken to improve the comput­er lab, there are a few things you can do to help make your use of the computer lab easier.

1. Take some time to find out how the lab works. We have made signs and handouts available. The substance of these materials will help you resolve issues to common problems.
2. Ask someone for help. During most of the day, there are technicians working in the lab who will be glad to help.
3. Save your document to disk often while working. If something catastroph­ic happens, you won’t have to start from scratch.
4. Don’t carry the world around on one disk. Having more than one disk or making a copy of your disk would be advisable since disks can go bad or become missing.
5. Try to use the lab as often as possible during off-peak hours, such as on weekends and in the morning during the week. The lab becomes extremely crowded the night before 1L assign­ments are due, so avoid these evenings at all costs.

Timothy A. Nathan
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BAR/BRI is pleased to announce that the American Bar Association has selected BAR/BRI Bar Review as a membership benefit for the Law Student Division.
From the Dean's desk

Edward McGlynn Gaffney, Jr. 
Dean, Valparaiso University School of Law

This is leap year, and that calls to mind a few things that only happen in this year. For example, this is the year in which we started a new project to renew our commitment to the excellence of our clinical programs. Last spring we staged a production of *The Pirates of Penzance* by William Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan as part of a fundraiser for the Law Clinic.

What's this got to do with leap year? Those who took part in the operetta or who saw it at the new VU Center for the Arts will recall that the plot involves a contract dispute between the pirates and one of their indentured servants, young Frederick, who has the misfortune of having been born on February 29 (which obviously falls only in leap year). Frederick thinks he is 21 and free to leave the piratical band, free to destroy the "pestilential scourgery" they represent, and free to marry Mabel, the fairest maid on whom his innocent eyes have fallen. But the king of the pirates and little Ruth produce the bond of his indenture and insist on a literal reading of its terms, and bind him again as a "slave of duty" until his 21st birthday (when he will be 84 years old). As in all Gilbert & Sullivan plots, a deus ex machina assures that things turn out well in the end. As Gilbert wrote in another operetta, "We do not heed your dismal sound, for joy reigns everywhere around." Like last week's lunar eclipse, *Pirates* will come around again — we hope — in the next second week's lunar eclipse, leap year. I guess that would make it the year? Well, there's the old tradition that "slaves" was reserved for the white colonists up and down the Atlantic seaboard, including brutal slave masters like George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and James Monroe (the only one of the first five Presidents who was not a slaveholder was John Adams). In late 18th century America no thought was given to including the African slaves in any meaningful sense within the political community described in the Preamble as "We, the People..."

The Civil War was fought essentially as fields where rivers of blood were shed over the liberation of the African slaves. The Fifteenth Amendment proclaimed in 1870 that the former slaves were free to vote (at least if they were male). But that amendment was muzzled in 1877, when the Reconstruction was called off in an inglorious compromise that gave the White House to Republicans who had forgotten about Lincoln, and the Statehouses in the Old South to ungenerate hate-mongering Democrats. Through various devices such as fake literacy tests, abusive poll taxes, and brutal violence that lasted right down to Selma bridge in 1965, the right to vote secured by the Fifteenth Amendment was a mockery in the land of the free and the home of the cowardly Ku Klux Klan.

The landmark legislation known as the Voting Rights Act of 1965 has not guaranteed that our experiment in democracy will succeed. It has only given us legal tools to go to work to achieve that end. Several members of our student body are doing just that this fall. They are going over toGary to register people to vote. I commend these students for this effort, and I challenge each and every one of you to register at least one other potential voter to take part in this year's election. If you get involved in a voter registration project — even if the only person you register is yourself — you will have done something very important for the survival of democracy in our country. And for years to come you will be able to look back on this leap year as one in which you made a significant contribution to the well-being of our republic.

SBA election results announced

By Peter B. Buikema
Contributor

The four recently elected members of the Student Bar Association representing the class of 1999 come from diverse backgrounds to espouse common goals for their respective terms in office. Hailing from four different states, the 1L Faculty Rep., Peterman, is involved in supporting our Clinic. On February 27 and 28, 1997, we will stage a production of *H.M.S. Pinafore*, with a similar cast of characters drawn from the faculty, staff, and student body. This year we will have a stronger assist in direction from Jason Glick, a very talented 1L who has had many years of experience on the stage before coming to the VUSL. We will also have a strong accomplice in the person of Audra Wilson, a very talented 2L who turned down a career at the Julliard School of Music to join us here.

We are already at the point where we need volunteers for the chorus. So if you have a decent singing voice and would like to help out in this project, please contact Anne Levinson Penway, the Director of Admissions and Student Relations, who will be conducting the casting call. I can guarantee three things you will enjoy if you join the theatrical company of the VUSL this year: you'll have a lot of fun; you'll help us raise a lot of money for the Clinic; and you'll get a personal invitation to one of the hottest events in the Valpo social calendar — the cast party at my house after the last performance.

What else is big that happens in leap year? Well, there's the old tradition that women get to pop the big question, "Will you marry me?" I won't comment on this tradition here because I suspect that the rise of feminism has caused this custom to fall into what the international community described in the Preamble as "We, the People..."

The Civil War was fought essentially over the preservation of the Union. But one can also think of Antietam and Bull Run and Fredericksburg and Gettysburg as fields where rivers of...
The President's column

Full speed ahead

By Bart L. Arnold
SBA President

I would like to take the time to inform you that the SBA is now at full strength. Congratulations to the new SBA representatives and Honor Court Judges and Commissioners. We recently held our first SBA meeting with the new representatives and we in the SBA were encouraged and excited about the new members' eagerness and input. I am confident that this Association now has seventeen members that will represent the wants and needs of the students very well.

Speaking of representing the students' needs, what have we done thus far? As a result of our resolution to increase lighting in the front of the law school and in the parking lot, I am pleased to inform you that it is a go. We have been told by the Administration that a new lighting plan is now in the works. We will get at least one emergency phone box as well. Please take the time to thank Dean Gaffney, Dean Vancorey and Dean Cichlowski for their support in this matter. We could not have accomplished our goal without their help, and help us they did.

Also, in response to a 3L objection to Trust and Estates class being changed from a 3 credit course to a 4 credit course, your respective Faculty Rep's and I presented your case to the faculty and we successfully delayed that change until next year. When we explained to the faculty that scheduling problems would probably occur, the faculty was very sympathetic and voted to delay the change.

Finally, we believe we will also be successful in our attempt to get the computer lab running at 100% as requested by so many students. We are very close at this point, and by the time you read this article, I believe it will be accomplished. I must let you know that Tim Nathan, our 3L Computer Committee Chairman, has spent many hours to accomplish this goal. He has gone above and beyond the call of duty, and we all owe him a great deal. Thanks Tim! We would also like to thank Jon Obren for being responsive to our needs. Jon was dealt a bad hand because of the carpet installation over the summer, but has worked quite diligently to meet our needs, and he is greatly appreciated for that. If we can help YOU in any way, let us know. That is why we are here.

Upcoming events

Negotiation Competition

Want to meet people from other law schools, bond with faculty and judges, and just generally have fun?

Volunteer for the Regional Negotiation Competition, November 9-10, 1996. Valparaiso University School of Law is hosting the event this year, and we can't do it without you!

We need people to set up negotiation tables, register participants, monitor rooms, and coordinate judges. If you have even a few hours available, either 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, November 9, or 8:00 A.M. to Noon on Sunday, November 10, please sign up in the SBA office, or leave your name and phone or locker number in locker number 447. Questions? See Professor Vance or Julia Spoor!

Valpo to join Life Chain

People from V.U. will again be part of the national Life Chain protest against abortion, this year scheduled for 2:30 to 3:30 P.M. Sunday, October 6. Beginning at the corner of Roosevelt Road and Lincolnway in Valparaiso, pro-lifers will stand peacefully in a silent line stretching west along Lincolnway. A simultaneous and similar demonstration will be held in Portage, beginning at the intersection of Hamstrom Road and Central Avenue, extending west on Central Avenue. The protestors will hold signs reminding us that "Abortion Kills Children."

Local organizer Dr. Richard Stith commented, "Every abortion stops a beating heart. But [the] protest this year is particularly appropriate. President Clinton's April refusal to permit protection even for babies in the process of being born was a giant step toward legalized infanticide. Now more than ever, we need to stand up for the equal rights to life of all human beings." For further information, contact Dr. Stith at 464-2351.

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Presidential election: uncommonly inconsequential

By Charles Krauthammer
Washington Post Writers Group

Washington -- This could have been an important election, until the Republicans lost their nerve. They once thought they had a mandate for the assault on the welfare state they had promised in their smashing electoral victory of November 1994. Then came 1995 and three things happened. First, the Republicans misplayed their hand, with tactical blunders culminating in Gingrich's gripe that he'd shut down the government in part because Clinton had made him use the back door of Air Force One. Second, Clinton/Morris moved rhetorically to the center. Third, and most important, the people, sovereign and infallible, let on that they'd been bluffing all along about cutting government. That was the key. The people, it turns out, really don't want smaller government. They want talk about smaller government. Indeed, they want their politicians to inveigh against it with passion. Best of all is a Democrat doing the inveighing, as did Clinton when he declared in his 1996 State of the Union Address that "the era of big government is over." The claim was hollow (he then went on to list about two dozen programs that he would impose regardless); the applause, thunderous.

W h y ? Because times are good. Post-Cold War America is dominant, prosperous and at peace. A people in such conditions is in no mood to be challenged.

For all of the pop sociology about some vast "anxious class," this is the least anxious era since at least 1930. For all the hypochondriacal griping to pollsters, by any real measure -- strikes, marches, protests, political radicalism (the country's No. 1 political radical, by all accounts, is speaker of the House) -- today's electorate is if not profoundly satisfied, then profoundly pacified.

Such an electorate is wary of social experiments. Bill Clinton was punished severely for his hubristic attempt to remake the entire U.S. health care system. And a conservative Congress was in turn slapped down for seriously trying to act out its pledge to dismantle the welfare state.

The Republicans read the polls, saw what a debacle they suffered in the great Medicare-reforming, budget-balancing government shutdown, and promptly gave up. Gave up ideologically, that is. They have ever since resolutely avoided ideological combat -- witness the festival of mush that was the San Diego convention, followed by Dole's effective abandonment of California's anti-racial preferences referendum -- and by so doing, they have turned this election into one of the most unimportant in postwar history.

The differences between Clinton and Dole require a microscope. Dole will cut your Medicare by $26 billion per year, Clinton by $19 billion. Dole wants smut and violence out of music lyrics; Clinton wants to V-chip it off of TV. Dole rails against marijuana; Clinton against tobacco.

How low have the stakes gotten? Several days were taken up recently with the great question of the President's medical records. That Clinton is obviously -- and by medical testimony -- as fit as any man who has ever held office did not stop Dole from demanding full disclosure. What can one say about a presidential campaign one of whose main themes is a hunt for herpes?

Once Republicans had given up on trying to reshape a real conservative agenda -- a 15 percent tax cut is an inducement, not an agenda -- they had given up the game.

What was left to talk about? Character? The American people know everything about the characters of Clinton and Dole and have decided that it does not matter. In fact, they've seen this movie before. In 1992, when the character issue loomed much larger because Clinton was the unknown challenger, they decided it didn't matter. And they were right. The last four years have shown that presidential character and national well-being can be quite independent variables.

The Republicans, perplexed by the country's ideological lurch, have acquiesced to it, running a cloying "we care too" convention followed by a feeble "Cut Medicare? Who me?" campaign. Clinton, for his part, has offered "a bridge to the 21st century," a campaign vision of consummate banality. It is constructed of an endless array of the tiniest of welfare state tinkering, up to and including flex-time to take Fido to the vet. And it is working splendidly.

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One of America's most well-known political prisoners, Mumia Abu-Jamal, may be receiving a new trial. Abu-Jamal, like every black man in America's penal system, is a political prisoner. The social forces that exist in America's urban communities, which were created and are maintained by institutional racism and apartheid, literally push many black men into situations where they will come into contact with the criminal justice system. As the Kerner Commission so succinctly stated, "White racism is an organized and responsible part of the explosive mixture which has been accumulating in our cities."

Abu-Jamal's incarnation is a testament to the unwritten application of justice in America's courts. Abu-Jamal personifies the antagonistic relationship African-Americans have with the criminal justice system. The violent confrontations between him and many other brothers on death row in that he is educated (he was a journalist, recognized by the Philadelphia Inquirer as an "eloquent advocate, not afraid to raise his voice, intelligent and articulate, but that is where the differences end."

Like many other black men in America's prison, it is not unusual for two brothers on death row, particularly Abu-Jamal, was convicted on shaky evidence. He was under-represented by his attorney, who has since been disbarred. He was also the victim of a poor police investigation. His circumstances are not unique to black men in the penal system. As Abu-Jamal himself has said, "I live in the fastest-growing public housing tract in America."

In 1982, Mumia Abu-Jamal was convicted of killing a Philadelphia police officer and sentenced to death despite evidence points to his innocence. He has always maintained his innocence. On the night of the shooting, Abu-Jamal was driving a cab when he saw a Philadelphia policeman beating his brother, who had been stopped for making a wrong turn on a one-way street. Abu-Jamal rushed over to stop the beating. It is still unclear as to what transpired to trial despite his injuries. During jury selection, his court-appointed attorney openly told the court that he had neither the time nor training to handle the case. He was ordered to take the case anyway. About forty percent of the eyewitnesses described an assailant more than an assailant. It is still unclear as to what transpired to trial despite his injuries.

As stated earlier, Abu-Jamal is not very different from other black men in prison, the 98% of the 500 men on death row nationwide are people of color. Black men make up forty percent of death row prisoners although they are less than six percent of the total U.S. population. Of the 245 executions carried out in the country since the Court reinstated the death penalty in 1976, only one has been in a case where the victim was black and the defendant was white. Almost fifty percent of U.S. prisoners are people of color. Most of the prisoners are unemployed or underemployed when they go to prison and, not surprisingly, most are incarcerated for economic crimes like burglary.

The recent accusation that the Central Intelligence Agency (a pillar of the corporate world), is heavily involved in selling drugs to gangs in South Central Los Angeles highlights the long history of discrimination against political activists. Politicians have long used an African-American narrative and poor people in general. Documents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Counter-intelligence Program have been made public in recent years. The documents show that the Bureau has not only been involved in harassment and surveillance of political activists, but also in the falsification and suppression of evidence, many of which lead to convictions. The Bureau's war on the Black Panther Party is well documented. One 1970s case is just a microcosm of the disparities in sentencing in America's courts, its racial policies and religious prejudices. There may be a new trial or not is unclear. What is clear is that if a respected journalist, who did not fit into the stereotype of the black man, he was intelligent, educated, and employed, can be convicted of murder, it is obvious that the chance do the countless uneducated and misjudged black men who encounter will encounter the criminal justice system will receive a fair trial by a jury of their peers?

Abu-Jamal's case may be the most clear cut case of a black man on death row, but it far from being the most unique. And as long as we, the future advocates and journalists, take a critical look at race and class in America, Abu-Jamal's case will not be the last.

Richard Allen Davis, Eric Umali, and Don Stephenson are sexual predators. These three men have been convicted of violent sex crimes against California children. Their crimes have made headlines throughout the State in the last three years. They all have past criminal records. The information that follows is merely the latest account of their brutalities toward children.

Richard Allen Davis kidnapped, raped, and murdered 12-year-old Polly Klaas of Petaluma. Polly was abducted from her bedroom while having a slumber party with her friends. Polly's body was dumped along a California highway. Davis has since been convicted of Polly's murder. He will be executed by lethal injection. Petaluma, located one hour north of San Francisco, is a city with a striking resemblance to Valparaiso. Downtown Petaluma could easily pass for downtown Valparaiso. Polly's murder could have happened down the street from Wesemann Hall or Costas building.

Umali, a convicted sex offender, stabbed 9-year-old Bertha Valencia of Redwood City more than 50 times. By the time Bertha arrived at the hospital, she had lost as much as two-thirds of her blood.
Presidential Advice on Teen Drug Use:

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M and M's Dating Game

Want a hot date or some extra fun in your life?

By Marianne Manheim and Malini Goel
Staff columnist

We thought it would be fun if we set up a dating service. Do not recycle this article, as Malini would say, hold on to this sacred piece of newspaper and answer the following questions so we can have fun setting people up. Admittedly, this whole game could lead to problems if only two people participate and know and hate each other. But, we have faith that everyone will participate who is eligible (Not Married, unless in the process of getting a divorce, and answer the questions Honestly, and nothing really disgusting, although Marianne might enjoy it).

Question 1. What is your favorite movie? Book?

Question 2. What is most important to you in life?

Question 3. What three traits, character features, etc., do you look for in a mate?

Question 4. What hobbies, interests do you have?

Question 5. If you were an animal, plant, or inanimate object, what would you be?

Question 6. Why are you in law school?

Question 7. What one or two words would you use to describe yourself?

Question 8. Where do you see yourself in 20 years?

Question 9. Sex:

Name: (optional)

Finally, pick a code name for yourself to preserve your hidden identity and we will match based on code names and contact you through the next Forum: (fill in code name:__________)

Please drop above in lockers 123 or 246 by October 9th. Thanks for humoring us, it may benefit your love life.

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### Upcoming Events

#### PAD Conference

District XIII of the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity extends a fraternal invitation to all members, interested students, and faculty to attend our District Conference on Saturday, October 26, 1996, in Indianapolis. District XIII includes the law school chapters from Notre Dame University, Valparaiso University, Indiana University—Indianapolis, Indiana University—Bloomington, University of Illinois-Champaign, and the Indiana Alumni Chapter. The Conference will run from 8:30 A.M. until 3:30 P.M.

Do not miss this fantastic opportunity to meet other alumni and students from your District and other parts of the country, to get involved, and to find out what Phi Alpha Delta is all about. For those members who wish to join us for a social gathering on the evening prior to the Conference, the Fraternity will pay the lodging costs in Indianapolis if you attend the Conference. Breakfast and lunch will be provided, free of charge, to all Conference attendees.

Guest speakers will include: Ron Winter, International Board Member and a District Attorney from Buffalo, New York; Dick Weber, long time alumni member and a Parliamentary consultant attorney; BJ Maley, Justice of the Chicago Alumni Chapter and an attorney specializing in the area of bankruptcy law; Richard Spencer, Historian to the Chicago Alumni Chapter and an attorney practicing in the area of civil litigation; James Erwin, District XIII Justice and a tax attorney from Chicago.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Jim Erwin at (312) 525-0153 or J.Erwin-Law@worldnet.att.net. Please RSVP no later than October 7.

#### Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the Regional Negotiation Competition, November 9-10, 1996. Valparaiso University School of Law is hosting the event this year, and we can't do it without you! Please sign up in the SBA office, or leave your name and phone or locker number in locker number 447. See Professor Vance or Julia Spore for more information.

#### Pro-Life Protest

Life Chain, a peaceful and prayerful legal protest against abortion, will take place nation-wide on Sunday, October 6, 1996, from 2:30 to 3:30 P.M. those wishing to stand up for the life of our sisters and brother — those still unborn — should come to the corner of Roosevelt and Lincolnway in Valparaiso at 2:15 P.M. Sunday. For further information, contact Dr. Richard Stoh, 464-2351.
First consider what is important to you

By Gail Peschl
Director of Career Services

I recently had a telephone conversation with a Fort Wayne attorney who expressed frustration over the small number of students who signed up to interview with his firm. Although his particular firm traditionally hires students with high academics, the majority of firms do not, and he mentioned benefits that may be available at other firms. I invited him to write an article for The Forum, and his message follows.

The senior partner of the firm of Stein, Ulmschneider & Betherman mentioned that it appeared to him that law students do not seem to devote the effort to understand what specific law firms offer in terms of perquisites before starting salary. In fact, he theorized that many extremely bright law students probably know more about cars they are considering purchasing than firms to whom they are considering making a commitment. Certain firms, regardless of size, have a clear market focus, have a strong and growing client base, and are growing to meet the needs of their clients. Other firms, regardless of size, can become stagnant, top-heavy, and approach the marketing of their services in a chaotic fashion. Some of the better managed firms may offer an environment that encourages the growth of the young attorney, while other organizations may view those younger attorneys as both competition and a Jacques deplorable monetary transfers from active young lawyers to older lawyers whose days are behind them. According to Mr. Ulmschneider, his firm rewards their associates with compensation no less than fifty percent of the associate’s paid billings and provides a generous benefit package. Moreover, the law firm commits to its associates financially with a base entry level salary calculated to meet the needs of the young lawyer during their transition into the practice of law. So long as law students look at their careers in law from the short-term perspective of what is the entry level salary, and not from what are the mid and long term goals of the organization as an individual, it should not be surprising that so many law students find themselves disillusioned with their career five or ten years into the practice. It would probably come as a shock to many law students to find that certain firms “promotion to partners” is no promotion at all but rather the taking of firm debt and other legal liabilities. Students should be encouraged to make every effort possible to understand a firm’s client base, cash flow, market focus, compensation philosophy, and future retirement commitments imposed on junior partners. A firm that is willing to discuss these issues indicates that the firm is capable and willing to be an employer of choice. This is not true. In fact, employers interview the fall represent less than fifteen of the hires made over the year. Although every employer does not require high qualifications, every employer wishes to hire an individual who is genuinely interested in its practice, its city, its firm! Take some time to evaluate what type of practice is best for you. When you match your interests with employment opportunities, it will be easily conveyed in correspondence and in interviews. Career Services has lots of services and programs to help you. Attend as many programs listed on the Career Services monthly calendar as you can. Review the programming opportunities for October—most will be held in Benson classroom at 3:40. Don’t forget this opportunity to ask Kimm Walton your job search questions!
October 3 – October 16, 1996

**Career Opportunities**

**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

Need: Caring, dedicated law students to work with fifth and eighth grade students in Chicago Public Schools. Interns will serve as a resource person in the classroom with a total time commitment of 10-12 hours per week. Generous benefits package includes opportunities to share knowledge and love of the law with students and to make a difference in the lives of kids. For more information contact: Vikiola Waeck in the Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago (CRFC), 312/663-9057.

**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

2L—summer associate position. Must hold strong academic credentials. Send resume, cover letter and copy of transcript to: Ken Darchen, Recruiting Coordinator, Lord, Bissel & Brook, 115 S. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60603, 312/443-0700, FAX 312/443-0336. (firm info in C.S. Office)

**EDISON, NEW JERSEY**

Legal Services of New Jersey invites applications from first and second year law students for its Summer Public Legal Internship Program during the summer of 1997 (approximately 18 positions available). More information in C.S. Office.

**HAMMOND, INDIANA**

2L—part-time school year full time summertime. Call or send resume to: Tom Rosta, Hess & P.C., 5832 Holman Avenue, Hammond, IN 46320, 219/023-6070.

**EVANSVILLE, INDIANA**

2L—need 4 summer associates—25-attorney law firm practicing in a large area. Strong academic credentials plus and hard worker a plus; good research and writing skills. Send resume and cover letter to: Tom Massey, Bowers, Harrison, Kent & Miller, PO Box 1287, Evansville, IN 47702-1287.

**ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI**

2L—summer clerk position—18-attorney firm practicing litigation, labor, real estate, tax, environment, appellate, bankruptcy, trust & estates, corp., domestic relations. Prefer top 20% of class and law journal preferred. Give resume, law school transcript and writing sample to: Joan in Career Services Office by NOON Thursday, October 3rd, 209, Shands, Elber, Gianoulakis & Gilpin, LLP, One Mercantile Center, 24th Floor, St. Louis, MO 63101, 314/241-3963.

**MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA**

Attorney seeking 2L or 3L to work one day a week as law clerk. Work includes responding to discovery and assisting in personal injury work. Contact Attorney Doug Bernacchi at 219/879-2888.

**PEORIA, ILLINOIS**

Large law firm requests that 2L’s who wish to ultimately practice in Peoria submit resumes to the firm’s law clerk for available summer clerking positions for next summer.

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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