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1Ls Dominate Cardozo Cup

By Bill Long
Contributor

The annual Cardozo Cup softball tournament was played on Friday, September 26. Repeating as champions, the faculty team walked away with the trophy. The surprise of the day was the strong play of the 1L team, which advanced to the final round by defeating the 2L and 3L teams.

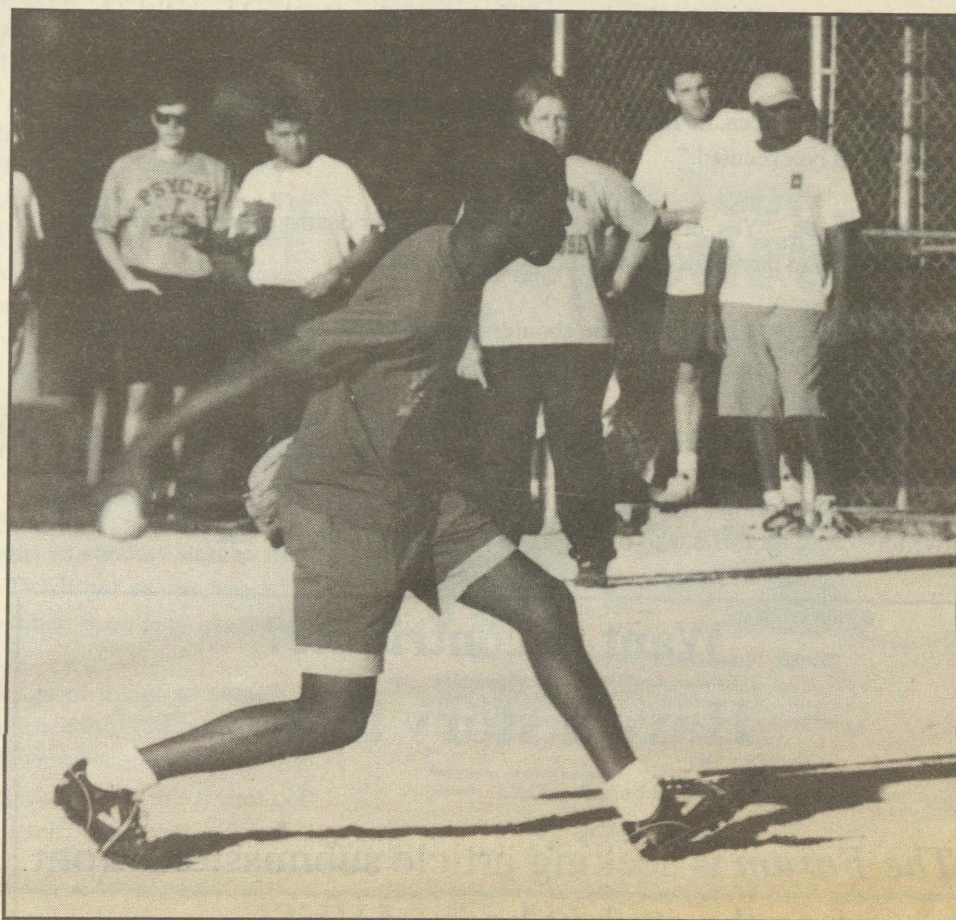
The first game, between the first-year class and second-year class, was played before a sparse crowd. The 1Ls jumped out to a big lead and held off a strong 2L rally. I don't know the score or the names of the players who did well. This is because I am a really bad reporter. All I know for sure is that the 3Ls and Faculty who showed up late missed a good game. They also missed the first keg and the first batch of pizzas. Not me boy, I may not be a good reporter, but I am a good freeloader!

The second game took place between the 1Ls and the 3Ls. The class of '98 had advanced to the final round of the tournament both years it had played, and most third-years expected to do it again this year. The class of 2000 wasn't intimidated. At least, if they were,

they did a good job of hiding it. The 1Ls jumped out to a big lead, and unlike the 2Ls, the 3Ls weren't able to make a close game of it.

I'm a third-year student, so this is the game I paid the most attention to. Some people might expect me to be upset that my class didn't win, and it was a little disappointing, but since I bet \$20 on the faculty to win, I survived. Not all 3Ls handled the adversity so well. In his grief, 3L Dave Szumski heckled the players, the umpire and even the crowd.

After dismantling the 3Ls, the 1Ls faced the faculty team. This was the closest game of the day. Normally the faculty just stomp the students like a narc at a biker rally, but this time the first-year students put up a fight. They were ahead for a while, and even made a comeback, but in the end the faculty won by a run. I'm not sure how the game went or how it ended, because by that time three hours had passed. You know the old saying, "You don't buy beer, you rent it." Let's just say I was indisposed when the game ended, apparently due to darkness.



Patrick Stallworth pitches for 1L team in Cardozo Cup.

Scott Newman: Indy's Top Lawman

A Forum Feature Exclusive
By Mark Pappas
Editor

The Marion County Prosecutor's Office is a busy place. A staff of 100 deputy prosecuting attorneys handle approximately 12,000 felony cases and 25,000 misdemeanor cases every year. The man in charge of this enormous crime fighting operation is Prosecutor Scott Newman.

Newman, a native of the Chicago suburb of Lincolnwood, has been at the helm of the Marion County Prosecutor's Office since his election in 1994. Newman began his legal career as a public defender in Ottawa, Illinois. The Princeton alum and Michigan law school grad later moved to Indianapolis to work with then Prosecutor Steve Goldsmith. Newman spent three years as a deputy prosecutor in Marion County. He later moved on to work with the Justice Department as an assistant U.S. Attorney in Indianapolis. Following five years with the Justice Department, Newman ventured to the private sector and worked with Anthem Insurance.

Many challenges face Newman and his staff of attorneys as they battle a rising homicide rate in Indiana's capital city. The greatest challenge facing Indianapolis is a growing crack cocaine epidemic that threatens the peace and security of many inner-city neighborhoods. Citing examples from cities like New York, Washington and Philadelphia during the late 1980's and early 90's,

Newman believes that Indianapolis may continue to see crack related homicides increase before a decline takes place. But Newman is optimistic that the crack problem may be close to a climax. While East coast cities are currently seeing dramatic reductions in homicides, Indianapolis is on pace to surpass its 1996 record of 120 homicides.

This past June, with Indianapolis facing a wave of violence, Newman and Indianapolis Mayor Steve Goldsmith embarked on a project to help quell Indianapolis' escalating homicide rate. Newman and Goldsmith called on leaders from the Marion County Sheriff's Department and the Indianapolis Police Department to unite without regard to jurisdictional boundaries for the purpose of forming an elite task force of homicide detectives dedicated to solving cases in Marion County. This new homicide task force will work with a team of experienced prosecutors to bring a growing number of murderers to justice.

When Newman breaks away from his busy schedule overseeing his staff of attorneys, he often finds his way back to the courtroom. This past month Newman successfully prosecuted a triple homicide case that has been described as one of Indianapolis' worst ever. The defendant in the case murdered three young children. A jury convicted the man of the murders and sentenced him to death.

As part of Newman's administrative plan, the Marion County Prosecutor's Office is currently working with

local hospitals to provide increased care for the county's rape victims. Newman says five "Center of Hope" locations are in operation across Indianapolis. These centers are separate facilities within a hospital in which a rape victim can be treated and cared for by medical personnel. "Center of Hope" provides an alternative from the traditional emergency room treatment that rape victims receive. Newman says the new centers offer a more caring environment than emergency rooms because there is a specially trained staff to care for the women. The new centers will also aid law enforcement in the process of evidence collecting and investigation.

Newman also points to some other practical ideas being implemented by his office. He established a Child Support Hotline where attorneys from his office answer phone calls on designated evenings from women who are trying to collect child support from deadbeat dads. Also, a children's play room-waiting room is being built in the City-County Building adjacent to the domestic courts. The room will provide a much needed resource to help women who are in court as part of child support proceedings or domestic violence prosecutions.

The rewards of being Prosecutor come in many ways for Newman. He feels great satisfaction in helping victims find justice. He enjoys the common bond and team effort shared by his staff of deputy prosecutors. And Newman also finds fulfillment in his leadership position as he mentors the young attorneys that make up a large part of his staff.

A Tribute To Mother
Theresa

Remembering Cambridge

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Should Timothy McVeigh be executed?

Jane Kamm, 2L "Yes, Constitutionally, I believe there is a right to execution. He got his Due Process and if there is anyone who deserves to be executed, it's Timothy McVeigh."

Patty Cintron, 2L "No, I don't believe in the death penalty. You can't justify one human life for another. I value human life too much. He should get life in prison instead."

Anonymous, 2L. "Yes, he took too many lives. It will set a precedent that says, 'if you do this you'll be executed.'"

Tami Napier, 1L, "Yes, definitely. He's responsible for deaths of innocent people. We shouldn't have to pay taxes to keep this guy in prison."

Aimee Janson, 1L "No, I think he should rot in jail. He should suffer. Execution is an easy way out."

Anonymous, 3L "No, I don't think the government has the right to kill someone. He has family members who will be punished for what he did. All the victims' family members are suffering. Why should we make Timothy McVeigh's family members suffer too? And for those who think it should be on T.V., they're sick!"

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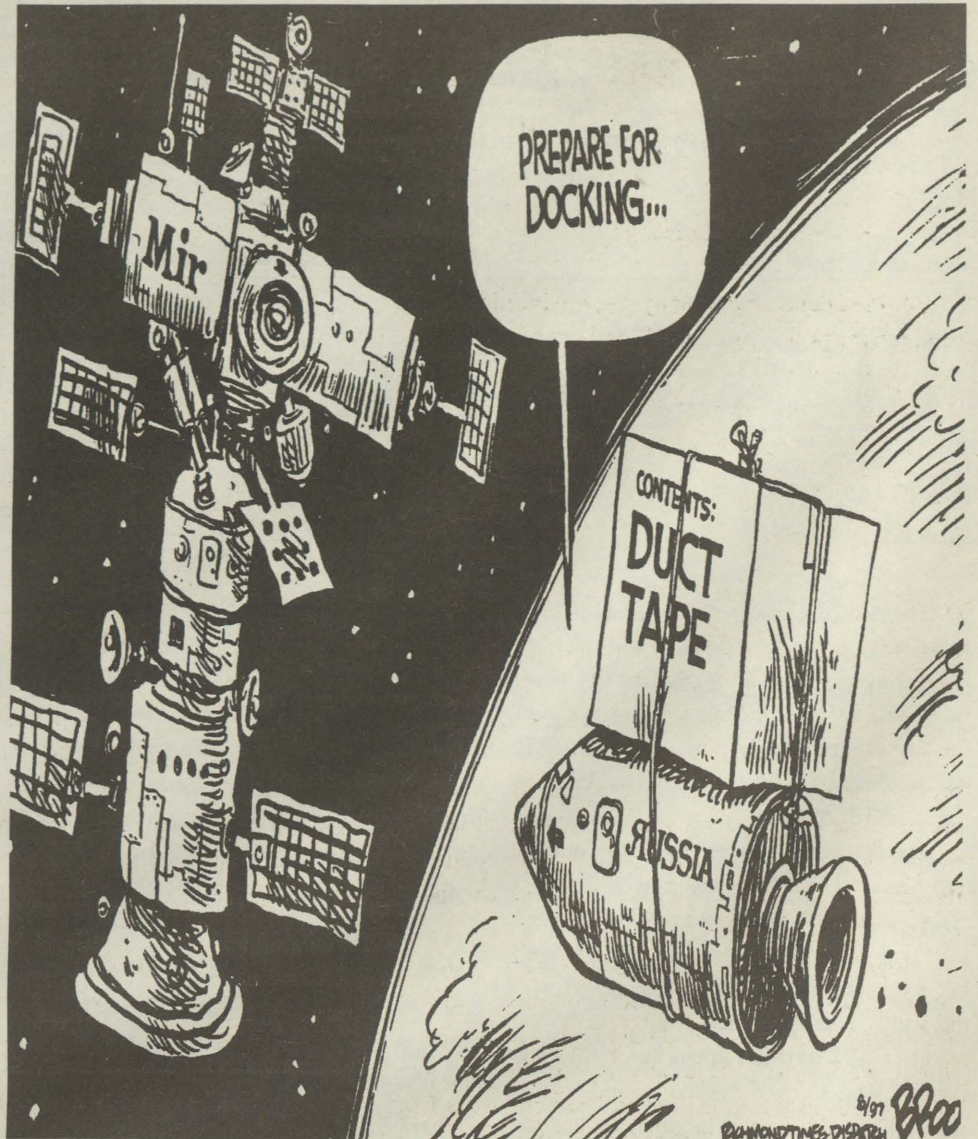
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A Brief Argument Against Capital Punishment

By Professor Richard Stith
Contributor

The purpose of law is to provide a framework for the fulfillment of everyone in our community. We can disagree, debate, and vote about how much each of us should give or get to reach this goal. But we cannot begin to debate or doubt the wisdom of considering each human being an end rather than only a means. We as a community *have* problems, but none of us *is* the problem. Our problems are *defined* by the goal of universal human flourishing. To call that goal into question is to make coherent public discussion impossible. If people can just be used, for whom are we going to use them? Reason becomes at best a weapon for each faction to use to achieve domination over others.

The above principle means that we can only give or take *things* from others, based on how well or poorly they serve our common goal of human fulfillment. If our neighbors do wrong, they may deserve a certain punishment, and it may be imposed on them insofar as necessary to deter future evil of like or greater magnitude. But they cannot be stripped of their basic human inviolability, their basic right to be treated as a fellow-subject in our community. Thus it is appropriate to punish criminals by depriving them of money or liberty, but not by intentionally maiming them, treating them as animals, or killing them. Killing is not just taking the greatest *thing* away from a person, as "capital" punishment may seem to claim. It is the destruction of the person himself. It does not deprive a person of a good, as retribution for a crime; it does not make him "pay his debt to society." No. It is qualitatively different. It doesn't pay a debt, it kills the debtor. It violates his being and the foundational assumption of our community.

Some may argue that by committing a serious crime, the criminal "forfeits" his right to be a member of our community, voluntarily chooses to become an outlaw. But human dignity and inviolability are not a matter of choice. We cannot forfeit or waive our humanity. We cannot legally consent to be enslaved, maimed, or killed. Voluntary euthanasia and capital punishment are wrong for the same reason: There is nothing any person could say or do that could negate the equal and intrinsic human inviolability which is the axiomatic starting point for public life. Someone's suffering or his evil deeds are horrors we face *with* him. His existence is not itself a horror, even if in his despair he begs us to treat him as expendable.

Note that the above argument is entirely non-religious. There could in theory be convincing religious arguments in favor of capital punishment. This is so because from a religious point of view we are joined to each other primarily through God. If God permits capital punishment, doing as He says does not undo the fundamental principle of a religiously-based community. But whether the God who died on a cross in fact permits capital punishment is open to doubt.

Follow the Yellow Brick Road

"The Devil went down to Georgia, he was looking for a soul to steal..."

Charlie Daniels

As President I have many responsibilities. I am representative, politician, friend, and problem solver. It is this last role which I have recently played in abundance. It has come to my attention that there is a malady in this community, one that is spreading like wildfire. The problem? It's name spreads fear in the hearts of young children and munchkins everywhere. The problem: Witchcraft. Yes, the dark arts.

With the rain cancellation of the much anticipated Cardozo Cup, I was forced to find entertainment elsewhere on the weekend of September 20-21. What I found horrified me. Located a short distance from our sheltered school, the town of Chesterton, Indiana fills its streets every year with long black hats, long wooden brooms, and even children dressed up like lions or scarecrows. The participants even have the nerve to hold this event out in the open, inviting the world to come and see its debauchery. They even have a name for their black mass, "The Wizard of Oz Festival".

Now I know some of you are out there saying "Marc, this is clearly a case of a good community activity, one that furthers the acknowledgment of a classic film. Why should we fear it?". You only say that because you have been lulled by the seductive evil which stems from this clearly deviant event. To some, the 1939 MGM film signaled a time of imagination. To others, the enlightened group, it showed that there is really a dark side to the film industry, one that concentrates on brainwashing the innocent. Who can honestly say that they were not creeped out by the possessed performance of midget

Billy Blecher as the uninhibited leader of the infamous Lollypop Guild. Who can say that images of stark evil and maniacal fury were not brought on by the hundreds and hundreds of winged monkeys that were forced to "act" in this seedy piece of celluloid?

Sure, I like a good musical (Starlight Express comes to mind), but who's kidding who here? This film, and all of its descending festivals (especially the one just north of here) are the tools of Mephistopheles himself. If you think I am wrong then read this next part very carefully, as it provides the requisite proof. Did you know that Buddy Ebsen was actually the voice of the Tin Woodsman during the "We're Off to See The Wizard" numbers? Yes! Its true. Why don't you know this fact? Because it has been hidden by MGM for the purposes of spreading deceit amongst communities everywhere. The fact is that Buddy Ebsen is a acronym for Debdu Benys. Yes, Debdu Benys, the famed notorious scoundrel who was known to roam 17th century New England in search of men and women who would join his coven. If they did not join, they were eaten. But I digress. Witchcraft is here. It must be stopped.

One local coven member, the enforcer of the group, who I will call "Marc Gums" (That is not his real name), told me "Yeah, we're here, and we're not gonna go away. It is our right as students to conduct strange rituals and make it rain toads. Don't get in our way or a house will fall on you. Remember, there is no place like home, so stay there."


Is Mr. Gums's attitude a sign of things to come? I hope not. I, along with my fellow SBA brothers and sisters shall quash this threat and make this school safe for all who attend. Am I being ridiculous? Is this a waste of Forum space? Judge for yourself. The truth might be

that everything is going well, and I needed something to fill this column. Or there might something else, something growing on the underbelly of Valparaiso that no one wants to talk about, least of all, "Marc Gums". I shall stop for now, as I fear that I might put the school in grave danger. Let's move on. I would like to congratulate the new SBA members on their new positions. I am sure they will make everyone proud. Until next time.

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Marc Rothenberg
SBA President

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The Great Divorce Coverup

By Cal Thomas

Los Angeles Times Syndicate

The biggest cover-up in the last quarter-century has nothing to do with Richard Nixon, Bill Clinton or even politics. It has been the cover-up about the impact divorce has had on a generation of children. Now that cover has been blown by the release of a lengthy study of middle- and upper-middle class families from Marin County, Calif., by psychologist and divorce research expert Judith Wallerstein and Julia Lewis, a psychology professor at San Francisco State University.

The folks who gave us no fault divorce and tried to persuade us that it mattered not how we lived, only that we be happy, have inflicted profound unhappiness on countless children abandoned by their parents.

The report, the result of a 25-year study, traces the effect divorce has had on 60 families, including 26 very young lives — children aged 2 to 6 when their parents broke up. Far from just the initial impact on children, divorce is a cumulative experience that produces stark emotional scars and shapes the attitudes, behavior and relationships of children into adulthood.

Half of those studied became seriously involved with drugs and alcohol. Many of the children, especially the girls, became sexually active early in adolescence. Though many fathers held degrees in professions that allowed them to make a good living, not

one father provided full financial support for his child's college education, and one-fourth stopped sending any financial help after the child turned 18.

Lewis noted that the long-lasting effects of their parents' divorce caused adult children to become "very, very, anxious about marriage (and) fidelity."

They don't trust their own picture of marriage, remembering how unhappy one or both of their parents were (and) the infidelity, the depression and sadness.

Wallerstein says about the divorce experiences of the group studied: "There was no transition, no cushioning of the blow. Their loneliness, their sense that no one was there to take care of them, was over-whelming. Such are the core memories of these adults 25 years later."

During the period that Wallerstein and Lewis conducted their study, the major media and various interest groups were telling us that divorce is normal and that few are profoundly affected. If ever there was a case of denial, this was it. Many who wanted us to be "sensitive" about the feelings of other categories of humanity (and the animal and plant kingdom) were far less concerned about the impact of "the divorce culture," as author Barbara DaFoe Whitehead calls it in her new book of the same name. Children in single-parent families are six times as likely to be poor, she notes. And children of divorce are two to three times as likely as those in two-parent homes to have emotional and behavioral problems.

Some still deny divorce is a catastrophe because many cannot stand to face the reality and consequences of what they've done to themselves, their children and their nation.

If the report by Wallerstein and Lewis had been about business rather than family, the children of divorce would have the right to file a class-action lawsuit — citing breach of contract by their parents.

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A Tribute to Mother Theresa

By Kevin McCoy
Contributor

"There are many in the world dying for a piece of bread but many more dying for a little love. The poverty in the West is not only a poverty of loneliness, but also of spirituality. There's a hunger for love, as there is a hunger for God."-Time Magazine.

"She was the closest person to a living saint many people may ever know, a woman who transcended religious and political differences wherever she set up an AIDS hospice or a homeless shelter."-Vidette Times.

"...Poverty and distress...constitute a threat to peace. We need to tell the poor that they are somebody to us, she told the audience of rich and honored guests."-Time Magazine.

If I were to tell you that these were all statements made by a well known, but now deceased woman, who would you guess made them? I dare say a good many people would say: "why, it must have been Princess Diana." Those people would be mistaken. You see the author of the above exerts was not cosmetically beautiful. She was not once married to the heir of a royal family. She didn't wear expensive jewelry or drive an expensive car. In fact, I'm not sure the author of these quotes even owned a car. The author was Mother Theresa. And I feel certain that if she is watching us now, she is shaking her head wondering if her time and energy wouldn't have been better spent raising wild flowers. At least flowers appreciate it when you water them.

Upon hearing the news of Princess Diana's death, I was saddened. It seemed like such a waste for a person so pretty and relatively young, with two young children and a man she seemed happy with, to suddenly die. My sadness lasted about five minutes. Then I realized, "hey wait a minute," this lady was nobody special. She was beautiful, and popular, but not that special. You tell me what is special about a young woman who gets married too young, has two children she's not ready to handle emotionally, tries to kill herself (yes, I know they were only cries for help), cheats on her husband who is the Prince of England, divorces him, and ends up with a high rolling, high flying, Egyptian billionaire's son who leaves a trail of unpaid bills and lawsuits wherever he goes. Is that what we now consider to be special? If that is the case, then perhaps we should anoint as "special" all the people in the world who spend money frivolously, who neglect their children (oh, don't even try to say that she didn't), who frolic in countries all over the world on a whim, and whose faces are pretty enough to sell magazines. I should think that Diana was only one of a whole slew of "special" people. In fact, perhaps it would behoove us "non-special" people of the world to hire a research firm to find and point out all the "special" people in the world that we currently are not aware of, so that when they die, we can all mourn incessantly their passing.

I do realize that Diana was a famous person. And yes, her death was tragic. But is her death any more tragic than that of a child who was shot to death? Or is it more tragic than a woman getting raped, or physically abused by her husband? Perhaps it surpasses children starving in Africa, or even in our own back yard? (I know you all have seen the homeless people with shopping carts walking around town from time to time.) Was her death more tragic than the death of Mother Theresa? Logic and Morality should tell us that the death of Diana was not more tragic than any of these things. Yet, I wonder why it is that her death was the biggest world-wide spectacle in recent memory. In particular, it is hard to stomach realizing that each of the things I mentioned happened at least once in the span of time between Diana's death, and the moment her funeral ended. Does anybody know the name of a person who was raped or abused or murdered, or starved to death or contracted AIDS during the last two weeks? Why not? There were probably several hundred (maybe even several thousand), if we lump them all into one group, that fell victim to these troubles, in this country alone during that span.

I will assume that most civilized people will grant me that these awful afflictions do represent something more tragic than the death of Diana, which is perhaps a little dubious on my part. Yet, I have to wonder in utter amazement why the same people who admit these afflictions are more tragic, showed so little sympathy, caring, and concern when the world's greatest champion of the sick, injured, and poor died? The death of Mother Theresa was not only tragic, it was cataclysmic. I have to wonder if people actually realize what this woman did for the world. Put aside the fact that she was a winner of the Noble peace prize. This woman was a nun from a small convent in Calcutta, India, who spoke out on the issue of contraception in the sixties, trying desperately to bring the church into the twentieth century. She worked from the time she was 18 years old until her death at age 87 a few weeks ago, to "the care of the poor and needy who, crushed by want and destitution, live in conditions unworthy of human dignity." She founded her own religious order, the Missionaries of Charity, which devoted it's entire efforts at furthering this cause; and that was only possible after receiving permission from the Vatican to do so, when she (along with several other sisters) proved there was a vast need to help such people by living in the streets and begging for food on a daily basis for two years, just so they could live in the same environment as these needy people were accustomed.

Today there are over 4,000 sisters of the Missionaries of Charity, all adorned in white saris with the universally recognizable blue borders, who carry on Mother Theresa's vision. Now too, there is a corresponding male order that works tirelessly toward the goals set out by her. She created a network of 569 missions over 120 different nations that operate food centers, orphanages, leprosariums, workshops for the unemployed, and refuges for the insane, retarded and aged. And as her work became well known throughout the world, generous donations began to pour in enabling her to

greatly expand her order's efforts. Indian Officials say the groups assets today exceed \$41 million, which is primarily in real estate.

From the time I was a kid, I remember hearing the name "Mother Theresa," and thinking that she was some great person who lived in the middle ages, someone who knew Joan of Arc, or something. It was not until I was in high school, I am ashamed to say, that I realized that she was still living and working. I actually got to see her one day in a scene that I play over in my head from time to time. I was living in Atlanta, Ga. and driving down the street one day near my apartment, which was near Piedmont Park in the downtown area, when I came upon two police cars and a few bystanders with television cameras. As I drove by where they were camped, I looked to my left up the driveway of one of the many houses along the street to see a small elderly woman dressed in a white outfit trimmed in blue, walking down the driveway with her hand raised or outstretched as if she was gesturing to me. I had no idea who it was. But when I got home that night I saw on the news the exact snapshot that I had seen of her that day, walking down the driveway with an outstretched hand. It was really quite eerie.

It is simply appalling how the world has shown so little remorse for the loss of this great woman. It is even more appalling that we as law students failed to appreciate it. In the Sept.12-26th edition of The Forum, there was no article on the death of Mother Theresa. There was not even so much as an announcement. (Although, I do applaud Malini Goel for injecting a dose of reality with her comment comparing the deaths of Princess Diana and Mother Theresa.) Yet, there were two whole articles, and a column of student reactions to the Princess' death. Where was the column of reactions over the death of Mother Theresa? Was there not enough interest? Did not enough people know who she was? What? The September 15th edition of Time Magazine was truly a brash wake up call to what the world considers important. Of a magazine composed of 117 pages, the first 76 were devoted to Princess Diana (oh, and of course advertisements). It entailed 6 full fledge articles dealing with Diana and issues surrounding her death, and 5 short reflection articles that served as kind of Time's own commentary on the articles that they had written! Mother Theresa...1 article, and a viewpoint statement. Mother Theresa took up 7 pages. The September 7, Sunday edition of the Vidette Times had an entire section of the newspaper devoted to Diana's death...an entire section! Mother Theresa got 3/4 of a single page! Am I the only person who sees something wrong with this picture?

The television was much worse. Every single morning for almost a week, the Today Show was broadcasting from London so they could keep us up to date on what was transpiring. I do recall seeing a little segment about Mother Theresa during the news portion of the show. Even CNN was preoccupied with Diana and the uproarious events surrounding her death and funeral. I did finally get to see more than just a headline about Mother Theresa though. It was on the History channel, if I recall correctly, at about 11pm. None of the networks ever had more than simple news information about her or her death. There was no live coverage. There were no in-depth interviews. News anchors were not sent to Calcutta to host their shows from there. Her death simply came and went, as if it never happened.

As far as I am concerned, Mother Theresa is far and away the greatest person of our times. Nobody even comes close to matching her courage, generosity, sheer will and her undying commitment to help all others first, before helping herself. Princess Diana is not even a distant second. It is truly a shame the way Mother Theresa's work has thus far been remembered. I am not a religious person by nature, and I do not believe that Mother Theresa's work should be seen as such. Regardless of whether you are Catholic or Protestant, Jewish or Arab, Agnostic or Atheist, you must appreciate the unbelievable accomplishments of this small woman from Calcutta.

As a final note, this whole episode has been made more distasteful by the noticeable lack of one simple phrase that seems utterly appropriate in light of Mother Theresa's death. I have not heard one person, newspaper or magazine article, t.v. program, or even oddly enough any religious spokesperson or activist utter this phrase. So now let at least me say it, not that it makes up for the way people in general have behaved, or for an appalling lack of respect and reverence for what Mother Theresa accomplished, but because it is what you say to someone who has given you something for which you are truly appreciative. Mother Theresa...thank you.

Editor's Note: *The Forum* regrets the fact that Mother Theresa's death was not covered in the last issue. However, at the time of her death, *The Forum* was already in production and time constraints prohibited any change to the publication. *The Forum* recognizes Mother Theresa as a woman of charity, kindness, and compassion. We would welcome additional submissions reflecting on her life.

Cambridge: A Summer to Remember

By Amy Alderink
Contributor

For more than a month now, I have been trying to write an article that expresses to the rest of the VUSL how amazing my experience in England was this past summer. But every time I sit down to type, I get a whimsical smile on my face and can't think of a thing to say. I asked my fellow travelers for their thoughts and impressions and got much of the same response. To write about everything we did, saw and learned would take volumes, so I will attempt to recount a few of the highlights.

We began our summer in London England comparing the history of English law and our own legal system. From the moment our planes landed Ed Gaffney began leading us on a whirl wind tour of London beginning at the American Embassy. Our studies of English law were enhanced by visits to Parliament, the Old Bailey, the Inns of the Court (to which all attorneys must belong) and various other Legal institutions. I particularly enjoyed the Old Bailey, the Criminal Court, where the lawyers wear the traditional powdered wig and robe and the judges wear a suit. I tried to snag one of these wigs as a souvenir, but the price tag was a little too steep for this shopper. Other highlights of our week in London included a Bill Cosby Show, a Shakespeare play, much shopping, sight seeing and trips to the dorm pub and the Firkin.

After the hectic week in London we (over) packed up the bus and moved on to Cambridge. Our first week involved a lot of class time with Professor Levinson, as she tried to prep us for the coming lecture with Justice Ginsberg. Justice Ginsberg lectured on the evolution in sexual discrimination cases and gave a personal twist to the cases we have read, as she had gotten very involved with the people for whose rights she had fought.

For the rest of our stay, we attended class Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with the rest of the week to travel. As each weekend rolled around, Valpo students departed for destinations all over Europe and the British Isles. Scotland, with its awe inspiring scenery and the oldest golf course in the world, ranked high on everyone's list of favorite destinations.

The city of Cambridge with its ornate colleges and chapels, museums, parks, pubs and the River Cam was a great setting for our studies. As much as I enjoyed traveling, some of my favorite memories of the trip are from the fun we had in Cambridge. Watching Jeff Barks fall in the river, a 4th of July game of American football, an organized debate over which was the best pub in town, daily shopping trips and hanging out in the park are all memories I will cherish forever.

Here are a few of the response I received when I asked others about their Cambridge experiences.

Rita Wiess.- "It was a wonderful experience, I'd recommend the trip to anyone."

Kevin "the Rabbi" McCoy- Much can be learned in law school, but a great deal of knowledge can be found between the lip and the bottom of a beer glass."

Scott "Pillow" Andresen- "It is amazing how much can be learned while sitting on a stool in a pub." (referring to local culture)

Carri "Critter" Crider- "You never know who is going to have to go to the Betty Ford clinic. Cheers."

Professor "Gun Slinger" Geisinger was unable to make a statement as he is still recovering from the trauma of the trip.

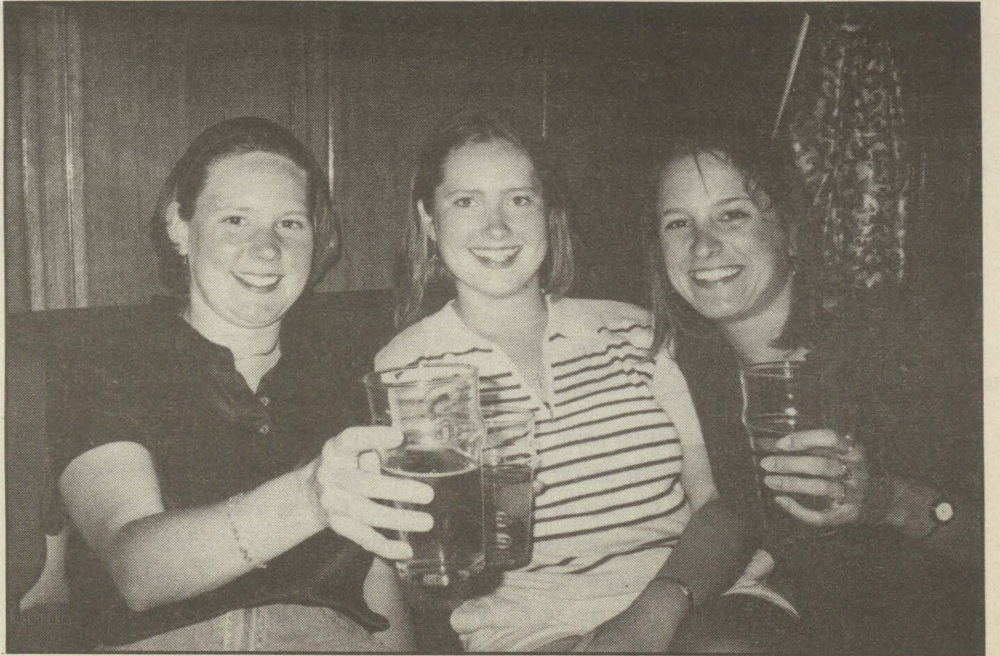
"What did you like most about the trip?"

Susan "Euchre Nazi" Gainey- "Being able to talk with Ruth Bader Ginsberg is an experience I will never forget."

Sara "Squirt" Quirt - "Studying in the park."

Andrew "little town man trying to be big city man" Grossnickel - "Amsterdam."

Matthew "Jethro" Hatfield- "Getting to know many of my classmates and professors."



Nikki Himebaugh, Amy Alderink, and Raylene DeWitte toasting Prof. Geisinger for the first round.



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Ode to the Commuters

By Andrea Welch
Staff Writer

When I was in high school I would complain about the 45 minute bus ride to get to school everyday. My parents would tell me to shut-up because I was complaining for nothing. When they were my age they had to walk three miles to school and back, through rain, snow and ice. Echoes of this past era resonate today. Most of the students attending Valparaiso's law school live off campus and travel daily to get to class. Of those individuals who travel, a significant portion of them travel more than thirty minutes each way every day. Empathy for the long distances commuters and a curiosity in the statistics prompted a trip to the Registrar's office for information.

According to the Registrar's statistics approximately 115 of the 406 students attending law school commute more than thirty minutes from home to school. The statistics break down like this:

1Ls: 30 of 120 or 25%
2Ls: 31 of 124 or 25%
3Ls: 24 of 124 or 19%
Part-time students: 30 of 38 or 79%

Students travel to Valparaiso from three surrounding states: Illinois, Michigan and Ohio. Individuals travel from as far north as McHenry, Illinois to as far south as Indianapolis, Indiana and as far east as Antwerp, Ohio. On the average, these 115 students travel approximately one hour each way. If you were to calculate the average number of hours that a student spends traveling during the week and subtract it from the average number of study time per week, you get a glimpse at the organizational and planning skills that it takes to study and commute.

Commuters with long drives are extraordinary individuals because they have to be organized, responsible, and tenacious. Commuters attending law school need fully developed planning and organizational skills. They have to organize their classes and appointments by incorporating their traveling time into the equation. There is a real art form in manipulating your class schedule so that you are not starting your first class of the day too early and ending your last class of the day too late. The reasoning behind this is so that you can maximize the number of studying hours in the evening.

A majority of the commuters decide to commute because they have families and homes which are more permanent than the three years of law school. They have to be responsible for the up keep and maintenance of household duties as well as make accommodation and concessions to family members. Often this means taking time out from studying. Another factor, is being responsible for deadlines and due dates on schools projects or papers. Often these commuters may have to make the long journey to school just to hand in the assignment or try to make prior agreements with the professor to make alternate arrangements such as faxing or mailing. Lastly, commuters are tenacious. They make a commitment to traveling and they just do it. If you talk to any one of the commuters they will tell you some tales and horror stories about their drive and what they had to endure to make it to class.

Most of the commuters would agree that the driving is not so bad during the spring, summer and fall months. The worst time is during the winter, which in this part of Indiana is approximately six months out of the year. The following is a list of helpful hints about traveling from commuters:

1. If you are traveling more than one hour every day, on major highways or rural deserted roads, a car phone should be mandatory (it is worth the investment, better than cable TV).

2. Make sure you keep up on the maintenance of your car, changing the oil and filter and getting a tune-up as suggested by the car's manufacturer.

3. Keep the following in your car: tire gauge, tire repair kit, jumper cables with instructions, a blanket, sand or kitty litter, small shovel, flash light and a large sign that says CALL THE POLICE. If your ever stuck on the road for any reason these items will always come in handy.

4. Sign up with an automobile club like AAA. They have a toll free number you can call and they will come out to where ever you are and help.

5. During the winter season check weather reports and if the roads are closed don't go out. If you call the toll road office they can tell you if the highway is closed. Also, when the weather is bad, keep the radio on to be informed of major accidents or potential dangerous storm fronts.

6. Always wear your seat belt. Not only will it save your life but it's the law.

7. Car pool if possible. It will not only lessen the monotony of the drive, it will cut down on pollution and adds companionship. Sometimes, its better than a therapist. Most commuters would agree that if they could car pool with another law student, just once or twice a week, it would give a little relief from the daily stress and strain of the long drive.

I really believe that commuters with long drives to and from law school are extraordinary and they should be able to put this experience on their resumes. I would think that any employer would want the kind of skills in an employee that commuters have in order to make it through law school. What better evidence of these types of skills could there be! If these individuals are willing to travel more than thirty minutes every day to get an education, can you image to what extent these individuals would go to for employment or for a client?

If any commuter thinks that a small section on the student activities board dedicated to car pooling request, traveling tips, and various other helpful information would be of value, please drop me a note in locker # 398 or e-mail me at Andreawelc@AOL.com.

Alec Fest '97

By Alec Palsgraff
columnist extraordinaire

Did you miss me? I figure either you did or this Kevlar vest really works.

Sorry I missed the last issue. The funniest thing happened on the way to *The Forum*. I was reading through the newspapers looking for a legitimate columnist to rip off when I happened upon the most interesting tidbit of news: Kouts was having a pork fest. Needless to say, this denizen of the Midwest could not miss a celebration of the much ballyhooed other white meat.

Pork Fest was a marvel. I had great fun just walking around ticking off townies by pronouncing the town "Koots," and using it in phrases like "Koots is a hoot," and "Kootsie, Kootsie, Koots." The doctor says my bruises should clear up in a day or two. (Don't go knockin' Koots.) I don't mind, I still can't see since my eyes swelled up from bee stings incurred at Popcorn Fest.

I love the American Festival phenomenon: Double the population of a town for a

day, cram everyone in a four block by four block square and eat fried food in the name of a local agricultural product.

Not that eating fried food alone isn't a good enough reason for getting together, but why the pretense? We don't care about popcorn or pork, unless we're at a theater or a barbecue. (I do love a good ham hock at the movies.) Let's face it, how many popcorn booths did you see at Popcorn Fest? I propose a change of title to "Dried Flower Fest." Maybe "Elephant Ear Fest" would be even more appropriate. There were more elephant ears in Valparaiso than in the entire history of the Serengeti.

Finally, let me ask a simple question: Fried Vegetables? Hmm, they *were* healthy just a minute ago. Yeah, I washed those right down with a Diet Coke and felt like kicking sand in the face of Charles Atlas, Joe Weider and The Juice Man.

Beef: It's what's for dinner. Pork: The other white meat. Shark: It tastes like swordfish.

Some Job Hunting Strategies

By Gail Peshel
Director of Career Services

The Cattle Herd Approach (Not recommended.)

Anxious and concerned about being left behind, you follow the rush of students signing up for on campus interviews without considering whether the employers, employment conditions, or types of employment really appeal to you.

The Shotgun Approach (Not recommended.)

Applying to any and all employers in many cities in the hope that a job offer will be made.

The Ostrich Approach (Not recommended.)

Ignoring or putting off the job search in the hope that the employment market will improve or a suitable job will suddenly materialize.

The Focused Approach - Recommended!

Follow a career plan that leads to a focused job search. Forming such a plan requires:

- **identifying** your strengths and weaknesses, likes and dislikes, interests and needs,
- **researching** types of work and kinds of employers by:

- talking to Anita, Lisa and Gail in Career Services,
- attending career seminars,
- talking with attorneys about practice areas (attend the Practice Tracks Program on November 8),
- talking with your law school professors about attorneys they know, and
- reading job postings on the bulletin board and in periodicals (in career services),
- **assessing** your target market by:
 - talking with practitioners and friends in your targeted area,
 - reviewing career services materials about cities
 - talking with Career Services staff,
 - talking with your law professors, and
 - reading newspapers published in your targeted area.

Devoting the time to thoroughly assess your interests will pay dividends in your job search. Your cover letters will be targeted to particular employers and your letter will specifically state why you are writing and why you are the best candidate for a position. In an interview you will be prepared to communicate your specific interest and convince the employer that you are well qualified for the position.

THE FOOD DUDETTE

RESTAURANT NAME: Strongbow Inn

RESTAURANT ADDRESS 2405 US 30 East, Valparaiso

RESTAURANT PHONE #: 219/462-5121

OVERALL RATING: A-
FOOD QUALITY: A
VALUE FOR \$: B
ATMOSPHERE: A
SERVICE: A

AVERAGE ENTREE PRICE: Lunch: \$6-8, Dinner: \$11-15

COMMENTS: The first thing you'll notice about this local favorite is the cleanliness of the place. Even the most finicky patron would be hard-pressed to find so much as a water spot on a fork here. The wait-staff is friendly, accommodating, and very efficient. Strongbow's is known for its turkey dishes, which make up the majority of the menu. There are turkey pot pies (which seem small but are more filling than they look), traditional turkey dinners, and even a turkey schnitzel (my personal favorite). However, even if you don't like turkey there will probably be something here to please you. There are some great-looking seafood and veal choices. The restaurant itself is large enough for private parties, and there is an ample non-smoking section. My only criticism is that many of the entrees do not come with appropriate side dishes. If you order turkey, make sure to order a separate side of mashed potatoes and corn (fresh off the cob) if it doesn't already come with your meal; it's well worth the extra couple dollars. Dessert specials are great and usually include something for the chocoholic in all of us.

RESTAURANT NAME: Pass Times

RESTAURANT ADDRESS 175 W. Lincolnway, Valparaiso

RESTAURANT PHONE #: 219/462-3786

OVERALL RATING: B+
FOOD QUALITY: B+
VALUE FOR \$: B+
ATMOSPHERE: B
SERVICE: A-

AVERAGE ENTREE PRICE: Dinner - \$6-9

COMMENTS: This hard-to-find bar/restaurant has an extensive beer list, and great casual food. Pass Times is uniquely located right inside a quaint office suite. The menu itself could be a little more diverse. It seemed like the list of appetizers was longer than the entree menu. But then this is more of a bar than a gourmet restaurant, and the food they do serve is delicious. The no-frills grilled chicken sandwich is top-notch, as are the steak sandwiches. If you're not expecting anything fancy but just want great, simple food you'll love it here. The bar features a wide assortment of domestic and imported beers for any occasion, and this is what Pass Times is really known for. There are sometimes specials on appetizers at the bar, which is small but usually not very crowded. The service is great, both at the tables and at the bar.

Visit the Food Durette online at: <http://www.geocities.com/NapaValley/6447>

Law students and their animal friends

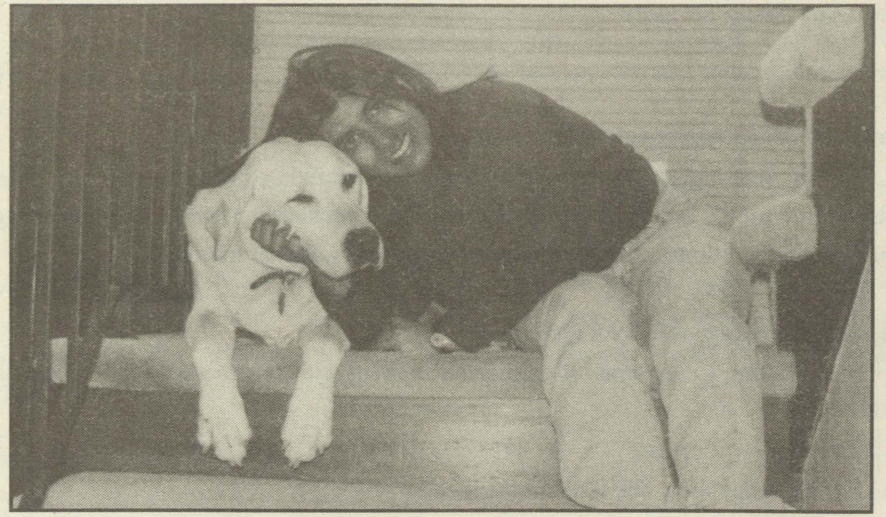
By Marianne Manheim and Malini Goel

Meet "**Alexander the Great**", Trish Tolley's Great Pyrenees (95 pounds of dog). Born to father, Philip II, he was one of eight canine sons born to the great ruler. Alexander's mother died in child-birth, which forced him to be strong and "great" on his own. When Alex was a pup, the family children where he lived used to sleep in the same bed as him and his siblings. So until this day, Alexander loves children and goes out of his way to pay attention to them. Alexander is as great as his name implies.

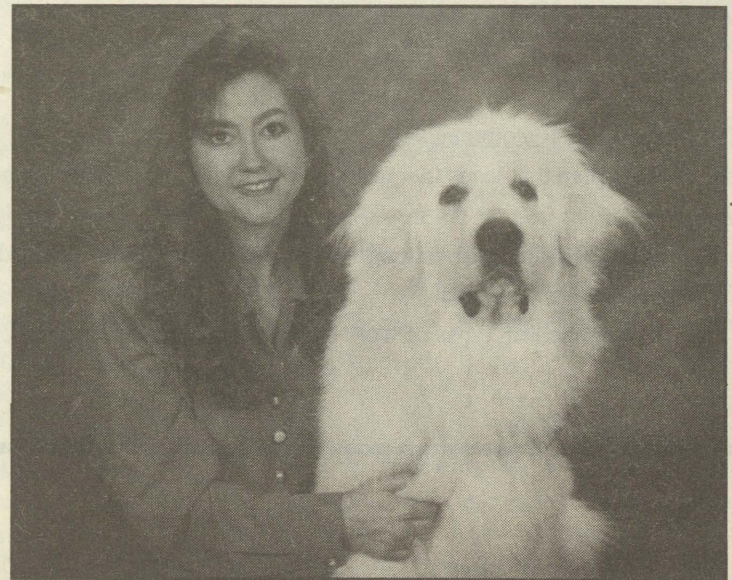
Meet Caesar, **Julius Caesar the Conqueror**, to be precise. (That's the name on his birth certificate.) Caesar is Malini Goel's Yellow Labrador Retriever and was born to Mom, "Lusty Lily" and Dad, "Buckwheat." Caesar was always a good friend. When I was in high school, we played softball and frisbee. He also used to be a great swimmer and good dive down 9 1/2 feet in the pool to get a flipper. He should have been on David Letterman's Stupid Pet Tricks. Caesar and I weighed the same (93 pounds)...until Law School. After 13 years, he is now becoming a stately old gentleman. At the human age of 91, he is the old wise man of the family. He sneaks in our beds in the night, especially when it thunders.

Incidentally, Caesar was married to my brother's dog, "Bybis" (don't ask) who died in September 1996. It's important to mention Byb because she was a legend. Byb went to college with my brother so she technically has a degree in Economics. Caesar and Byb, like all married couples had their own distinct personalities. You were lucky if, after screaming Bybis' name ten times, she glanced at you and maybe lifted her tail half an inch. During other moments, she could get quite excited, like the time she went straight for the mailman's.....well....you know. When Caesar was young he used to get so excited he would knock coffee cups off the table with his tail.

If you would like to appear in *The Forum* with your pet and tell about a funny story about the two of you, drop a note in locker #248 or #123.



Malini Goel with lovable Caesar.



Trish Tolley with her pal Alexander the Great.

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