Congressman predicts bright future for Northwest Indiana

**BY RICKEY GLOVER**  
*Guest Reporter*

On Wednesday, April 19, United States Representative for Indiana’s first district Pete Visclosky visited Valparaiso University and discussed the Present State and Future of the American Worker. Hosted by the Valparaiso Law Democrats, the program drew over 60 undergraduate and law school students, faculty and community members.

The Congressman began his discussion with a critique of the current national economic policies, focusing primarily on foreign trade and outsourcing. Specifically, he warned the young generation of college students to “be extremely concerned” about the radical spending of the current administration. Combining the private borrowing for foreign trade with money borrowed from foreign governments to fund domestic programs, the Congressman illustrated how the United States is currently running a one trillion dollar annual deficit. This ever-growing deficit, the Congressman warned, “will be left on your generation.”

When asked what could be done to change such a rapidly increasing debt, Congressman Visclosky stated that it was up to the American people to decide when they would no longer allow such irresponsible spending. In doing this, he referred to the average American family, incrementally changed by the current state of the economy. “A family will notice gas prices dramatically changing, then, perhaps they will begin to see their utility bills rise...add this to the rising cost of prescription medicine...coupled with one in five Americans working toward a pension...and the average family will begin to change their minds.”

Congressman Visclosky also called for a look at social security reform and our tax situation. Addressing the 1.35 trillion dollar tax cut, the Congressman stated, “Americans have that money now, can you honestly tell me that the country is substantially better off financially now than it was in 2001?”

Turning to the northwestern Indiana economy, Congressman Visclosky seemed much more enthusiastic. “We are on the shores of the largest body of fresh water in the country, we have every major rail line in the Midwest, and we are minutes from one of the most prosperous cities in America...some districts would kill to be in our situation.”

In closing, the Congressman stated that the future for northwestern Indiana was bright because of our generation. He challenged the Valparaiso University student body to remain in the district, strike roots in our prosperous community, and demand the government we deserve, one that will create a better future for our country and the world.

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Supreme Court debates lethal injection

**BY BRENT PIERCE**  
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On April 26, the United States Supreme Court began hearing arguments concerning the continued use of lethal injection. The case involves an inmate on Florida’s death row who filed an appeal, claiming the combination of drugs causes excruciating pain. The nation’s highest Court will not decide the constitutionality of lethal injection, only if inmates can file last minute challenges to lethal injection, even if they have exhausted all other appeals.

Three chemicals are used for an execution by lethal injection. First, the pain killer sodium pentathol is injected, then pancuronium bromide to paralyze the inmate, and a fatal heart attack is then induced using potassium chloride. The inmate, Clarence Hill, was convicted of killing a police officer, and was strapped to the gurney with lines running into his arms when the Supreme Court intervened in January and stopped the execution.

The Justices had tough questions, and were not without their differences in opinion. Justice Stephen Breyer said that a medical journal study found that inmates can suffer pain under the three-drug combination and it “doesn’t seem too difficult” to alter the medicines. “Your procedure would be prohibited if applied to dogs and cats,” Justice John Paul Stevens told Florida Assistant Deputy Attorney Gen-
CONVERSATIONS PROJECT
Life Among Strangers: (How) Should We Be Expected to Behave in Public?

BY STEVE EHRMAN
Staff Reporter

On Wednesday, April 5, 2006, the final Conversations Project of the semester was held in the atrium of the Christopher Center. The topic, Life Among Strangers: (How) Should We Be Expected to Behave in Public, was appropriate for the Conversations Project. The atrium was filled with approximately 50 "public stranger" undergraduates, law students, professors, deans and members of the local community. True to form, this Conversations Project provided challenging and insightful discussions.

The panelists spoke within their areas of expertise: Dr. Omar McRoberts, an associate professor of sociology at the University of Chicago and author of "Streets of Glory: Church and Community in a Black Urban Neighborhood" reminded the audience that unique socialism has taken place as industrialism has moved us to the city and effects us with "elevated senses of truth."

Amy Stark, Christ College Scholar, a senior biology and political science major at Valparaiso University, has served in numerous leadership roles on campus and spoke about the effects of technology in our daily communication. So many of us use Instant Messaging (presumably NOT during classes) to share information which previously required us to interact personally with another person, if even for a brief period of time. Additionally, before communicating electronically, we aren't formally or informally introduced to that other person. We are changing the way we all interact, and most of us don't even realize it.

While Dick Davis, chair of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures at Ohio State University and an author, translator and editor of more than 20 books from the UK, having relocated to the US, reminded us not to allow our perception of other's culture to close our mind to a person. Doing so will cause us to miss opportunities. Dr. Davis noted that a lot of people's reactions can, unfortunately, be explained by fear or lack of understanding of others.

Dr. Elizabeth Lynn, director of Valparaiso's Project on Civic Reflection, was moderator for the discussion where much conversation was shared among the attendees. Perhaps it was the subject, or the fact the attendees are getting comfortable with the forum, but it seemed as though this group could have talked long into the night.

The exchange of ideas was free flowing, intriguing, insightful and inspiring. Comments were offered from a range of individuals, undergraduates, deans, professors and David Lain, candidate for Sheriff. Everyone had a unique perspective to offer on how and why we communicate with strangers in public, and framed their discussions within their personal and professional experiences. The conversation revealed that there are many ways we all communicate to others during the day. We are subject to others' misconceptions, fears, industrialism and technology.

Please support these projects, and come learn more about yourself and others. If you have any ideas for future topics, please contact Professors Bruch and Telman; both are to be thanked for conceptualizing this project and continuing to put forth great effort planning and participating in these projects.

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Delta Theta Phi Ceremony

BY STEVE EHRMAN
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Please join me in congratulating these founding members, who have re-activated this prestigious fraternity at Valparaiso University School of Law. Pictured left to right at reactivation event: Sherwin Tsai, Donald Nagel, Matthew Stanczak, Stephen Ehrman, Christopher Buller, Vito Evola (DTP Editor of The Adelphia Law Journal) and Jarrod Hicks. (Not pictured: Ashley Ulbricht and Timothy O'Connell.)

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Iacocca to address Law graduates

A business leader who headed both Chrysler Corporation and Ford Motor Company will speak during commencement ceremonies for graduates of the Valparaiso University School of Law.

Lee Iacocca, who was chief executive officer and chairman of the Board of Chrysler Corporation until his retirement in 1992, will speak at the May 20 ceremonies in the Chapel of the Resurrection on campus. Prior to joining Chrysler in 1978, Iacocca spent 32 years with Ford, rising from management trainee to president and chief operating officer.

Following his retirement as CEO, Iacocca served another year on Chrysler’s Board of Directors and was a consultant to the company until 1994. He currently is chairman of the Iacocca Foundation, a philanthropic organization he established in 1984 that is dedicated to educational projects and to the advancement of diabetes research.

He is chairman of the Committee for Corporate Support of Joslin Diabetes Foundation and chairman emeritus of The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation. He also is chair of the Advisory Board of Nourish the Children Foundation, a non-profit organization that feeds children throughout the world who are facing starvation.

Author of a nationally syndicated newspaper column for seven years, Iacocca is author of two bestselling books, “Iacocca” and “Talking Straight.”

Law commencement to be held May 20

Valparaiso University School of Law commencement is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. at the VU Chapel, Saturday, May 20. Doors open at 10:00 a.m. and graduate lineup is at 10:30 a.m. No tickets are required. Seats are available on a first-come basis. If a guest is confined to a wheelchair, contact the Office of Alumni Relations, 219.464.5142, to reserve seating in the Chapel.

Book center to host May 5 open house

The Valparaiso University Book Center will hold a campus and community open house May 5 to express their appreciation to customers. The open house will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and include refreshments, store giveaways, a 20 percent discount on clothing and gifts for customers spending more than $50 and a variety of raffle prizes including a DVD player and store gift cards.

The Follett Higher Education Group was recently selected to provide bookstore services at VU.

A variety of University merchandise is sold at the Book Center, including CDs, apparel, gift items and books by VU authors.

The VU Book Center, located at 1109 Union St., is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, with extended hours at the beginning of semester and during special campus events.

Host families needed for international students

The Interlink Language Center at Valparaiso University is searching for families to host international students enrolled in its intensive English program.

Families must live in Valparaiso and be able to provide a student with a private bedroom that has a bed, dresser and desk. Students pay the host family $600 a month for a private bedroom and meals. If a family hosts two students who share a bedroom, they are paid $900.

Most Interlink students are 18 to 24 years old and are looking to continue their education in the U.S. or are professionals looking to improve their language skills. Families are responsible for getting students to campus by 8:30 a.m. on weekdays and picking them up in the afternoon or evening. Those interested in participating in the homestay cultural enrichment program should contact the Interlink office at (219) 464-5518 or send an e-mail to Kathy.Carter@valpo.edu. Students enroll in nine-week sessions throughout the year, with the first summer session beginning June 5, the second summer session beginning July 3 and the first fall session beginning Aug. 23.

Once families apply to be a host family, the Interlink staff schedules a visit to look at the accommodations.

All families, including those with or without children, working or retired couples, and single individuals are all welcome to participate in the homestay program.

University news now available by RSS feed

Valparaiso University’s Office of University Relations is now offering RSS feeds to allow alumni, members of the public to get updates on University news and upcoming events delivered to their computer.

RSS, which stands for “Really Simple Syndication” or “Rich Site Summary,” is a tool that allows individuals to receive notification when new information has been posted on the University’s news Web site.

To subscribe to the University’s RSS news feeds, or for more information about RSS feeds, visit www.valpo.edu/news/rss-info.php. There is no charge to subscribe to Valparaiso’s news feeds.

Subscribers will be able to receive information about upcoming concerts, lectures, art exhibitions and special events at the University, as well as feature stories about faculty, students and other topics.

Coviction reversed for appellate argument held at Law School

On Feb. 20, 2006, the Valparaiso University School of Law was home to an Indiana Court of Appeals argument. Students and faculty were invited, and filled the Tabor classroom. At trial, the defendant was found guilty of attempted murder; the case hinged on the substantial step required by statute to constitute attempted murder.

On April 27, the Appeals panel reversed the conviction, holding that the defendant did not take that substantial step. If upheld, it would have set a new, stricter standard for attempted murder. One of the judges on the panel, Judge Vadik, is a graduate of VUSL.
Bush talks tough on Big Oil
Americans empty pockets, companies fill theirs

BY BRENT PIERCE
Production Editor

Under intense election year pressure, President Bush recommended several measures to reduce increasingly high prices at the pump. Bush offered to halt the filling of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, urged the waiver of clean air regulations to ease local gas shortages, and called for the repeal of 2 billion dollars in tax breaks to record-profit making oil companies. However, Bush, a former oil executive, warned that people were going to dig deep into their pockets all summer long.

The White House was unable to say how much the efforts would impact gas prices, but President Bush noted, “Every little bit helps.” Still, experts said Bush’s actions would have little effect on prices Americans will pay at the pump.

The suspension of oil going to the Petroleum Reserve until this fall would have only a modest impact, saving only 12 million barrels; Americans use 20 barrels every day for transportation. President Bush has been against the suspension in the past. When then candidate for President, Senator John Kerry (D-MA), called for a suspension in 2004, Bush dismissed the measure and called it “playing politics.”

Democrats, hoping to highlight Republican ties with the oil industry, said that Bush has had five years to lower gas prices, but favored big oil companies over the needs of hard working Americans. “It’s crystal clear that the current spike in gas prices is at least partly due to an act of greed,” said Sen. Bob Menendez (D-NJ), who proposed a 60-day suspension of the federal gas tax. “Greed that has been enabled, abetted, and even encouraged by this administration.”

America’s three largest oil and gas companies are set to report combined first quarter profits in excess of 16 billion dollars; a surge of 19 percent since last year. Also, Exxon Mobil CEO, Lee Raymond, will receive a 400 million dollar severance package when he retires. Bush asked his administration to investigate possible price gouging and requested Congress repeal over two billion dollars in tax breaks going to oil companies. “Cash flows are up,” Bush said. “Taxpayers don’t need to be paying for certain of these expenses on behalf of the energy companies.”

The EPA said it will consider waiving clean air rules on a case-by-case basis if gasoline supply problems become apparent, which could result in price spikes or shortages of cleaner summer-blend gasoline.

EPA spokesman, John Millett, said the waivers would not adversely impact air quality because they are only for 20 days, although states can request extensions.

With the goal to take back Congress in November, Democrats hope to turn soaring gas prices, Hurricane Katrina and the Iraq war into a referendum on Bush’s popularity. “What happened to Iraq oil, Mr. President? You said Iraqi oil would pay for the war. Ain’t seen no money. Ain’t seen no oil,” said Sen. Barbara Mikulski of Maryland.

It looks as if nothing will render immediate relief from soaring gas prices. What is certain, though, is this is last thing President Bush needs. With polls showing his approval rating in the low 30’s, Bush does not want to be seen as the former oil man giving help to old friends, while paying lip service to cash-strapped Americans.

Drastic steps must be taken within this White House, or come November, Democrats may actually have a say in Congress.

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Student and Young Alumni Services

Last fall, I appointed a taskforce of faculty members and administrators to look carefully at the services (other than career planning) that we are providing students. We provide many—academic advising, counseling, calendaring, assistance to student organizations, help with event planning, and more. But unlike some other schools—we have not overlooked some important service, providing students. We provide many—tors to look carefully at the services we should be delivering services to students in the best possible fashion. And so I asked the taskforce to look at two issues: (a) Are we providing students with all the services we should? and (b) Are we delivering those services in the most effective fashion?

The taskforce (co-chaired by Valerie Jensen and Debbie Gleason) performed a very thorough job. It looked closely at what the various offices and individuals in the law school do in connection with students. It conducted focus groups and interviews with students. It interviewed faculty members. It looked at how other schools handle student services. And it made recommendations.

What the taskforce found is that, as to the first question, we are providing all the important services that we should, but that, as to the second question, the method of delivery was not the best. Because responsibilities for student services were spread across many offices and persons, students did not always know who to turn to for assistance, did not have all the information they needed, and sometimes received contradictory advice. The recommendation of the taskforce was to centralize responsibility to ensure consistency, completeness, and effective communication.

In thinking through the best way to implement the taskforce recommendations as speedily as possible, I realized two things. First, we already centralize some of our services. Academic services are managed by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (Dean Berner), who also oversees the Registrar's office, and we career services are, of course, handled in the Career Planning Center. No change seemed required in these areas. The real need was to centralize non-academic and non-career planning services. Second, it appeared that focusing attention only on services to current students might be too limited, because there is a continuum from student status to alumni status, and a good deal of overlap in student and young alumni interests and needs. For example, although our Career Planning Center primarily serves current students, we are working to hire an additional counselor who will provide career planning services to very recent graduates. Similarly, there would be more effective for the person responsible for providing non-academic service to students to provide information and support to recent graduates and young alumni as well.

Thus, we have created a new position, Director of Student and Young Alumni Services, and appointed Marilyn Otis to fill it. Marilyn has been our Director of Alumni Affairs for many years, and in that capacity has worked closely with students on many issues and initiatives. In her new position, Marilyn will have a variety of new responsibilities to students. She will serve as a liaison and source of support to student organizations. She will serve as a source of support for the Student Bar Association. She will provide information and referrals on matters of health, community resources, intramural sports, and on all the many other incidents of everyday life. In brief, she will be the “go to” person for students on matters of student life.

She will also work with students as they make the transition to alumni—for example, through her responsibility for graduation and the surrounding events and will be a principal contact with our recent graduates and young alumni, and a source of continuing support for them. Finally, she will work closely with the Career Planning Center (for example, on professional development programs), with the Admissions Office (for example, on Orientation), and with the Advancement Office (for example, on programs for recent graduates and young alumni).

The Valparaiso University School of Law is a service organization. Our sole reason for being is to serve our constituencies. We have many such constituencies, but our primary one is you, our students. By developing the position of Director of Student and Young Alumni Services, we will better be able to serve those who are now students and those who recently were. And by more effectively serving our students and recent graduates, we will become a better law school and stronger law school community. I hope you enjoy and benefit from working with Marilyn—now, as students, and as recent graduates in the coming years.
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**Consider Law Review**

_As another academic year comes to an end, many students are uncertain as to which of the many organizations they should join. Here are a few reasons why students should consider Law Review:_

1. **Employment Opportunities:** Law firms, judges, and organizations consistently seek out Law Review members when making employment decisions. In fact, the Honorable Royal Ferguson, a federal district court judge, once stated, "When I'm looking for law clerks, all things being equal, people on Law Review will always win." Many employers across the country share this same sentiment, which gives Law Review members a competitive edge in the legal job market.

2. **Sharpening Research and Writing Skills:** As a first-year Law Review member, or notewriter, students will write an article on a legal topic of their choice. Throughout the year, the piece is continually researched, reviewed, edited, and perfected, giving notewriters the chance to refine their research and writing skills.

3. **Opportunity to be Published:** After the first-year notewriting process, students may have the opportunity to publish their article if the Editorial and Executive Boards deem the piece publishable. For many students, becoming a published author may be the most rewarding part of the entire Law Review experience.

4. **Course Credits:** 2L notewriters may receive four credits to be applied to their third year and may also have the opportunity to waive the third-year seminar requirement.

In order to join Law Review and take advantage of these benefits, students must try-out for the organization by participating in the Case Comment Competition that occurs immediately after the 1L Property final on Friday, May 12, 2006. Students will have three weeks to research and write a 10 to 12 page case comment on a recent U.S. Supreme Court case.

The Competition will be closed research, which means that students are limited to the resources on the provided source list. Submissions are due by Friday, June 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. The authors of the top nine case comments will be extended an offer to join the Law Review. The remaining 16 invitations are based on a combination of the student's first year grades and the grade given to the case comment.

All Competition materials including the selected case, the source list, and the competition directions will be posted on the LexisNexis Web Course page at the start of the Competition. Students who plan on trying out for Law Review need to pick up a copy of the Web Course directions and the Grade Release & Honor Code form located on the bulletin board outside of the Law Review office. In order to participate in the Competition, the Grade Release & Honor Code form must be filled out and returned to the Law Review office or to the “Grade Release Dropbox” also on the Law Review bulletin board.

After completing finals and preparing to enjoy a long-awaited summer, most students dread the thought of attempting to research and write a 10 to 12 page paper. However, the rewards of being a Law Review member are worth the effort and the experience will open many doors to a future legal career.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Cara.Ottenweller@valpo.edu. Also, please note that part-time students and 2Ls have additional requirements for trying out. If you are a part-time student or a 2L and interested in Law Review, please contact me for this information. Participating in Law Review is a unique and challenging experience incomparable to any other law school course, and all students are strongly encouraged to try-out. Good luck and happy writing!

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**Calendar of Graduation Events**

**BY MANDY SHELL**  
Guest Columnist

**End of the Year BBQ**  
Friday May 12th, starting at 5:30 p.m. at Kirchoff Park. Food and soft drinks will be provided. All students are welcome.

**Bowling Night**  
Monday May 15th, starting at 9 p.m. at Inman’s. This event will not be paid for by steering committee or SBA but games are relatively cheap on Monday nights. All students are welcome.

**Night at the Beach**  
Tuesday, May 16th, starting at 5 p.m. at the Dunes. To get there, take 49 North. After you go through the parking booths, just drive straight and park in the parking lot by the stucco-ish building. Bring a boxed dinner for yourself and any Frisbees, volleyballs, etc. you would like. Parking is under $10 per car, in-state plates get a cheaper rate. All students are welcome.

**Miniature Golfing**  
Wednesday, May 17th, starting at 6:30 p.m. at Zao Island. This event will not be paid for by steering committee or SBA. Zao Island is on Route 30 in Valparaiso. All students are welcome.

**Black and White Bash**  
Thursday, May 18th, starting at 7 p.m. at Aberdeen Manor. 3Ls invited.

**Champagne Reception**  
Friday, May 19th, from 5-7 at Strongbow. This event is hosted by the alumni association. 3Ls and up to 4 adult family members may attend.

**Commencement**  
Saturday, May 20th, at the Chapel of the Resurrection. The ceremony begins at 11 a.m., doors open at 10 a.m. Afterwards there will be a reception held in the Christopher Center. Graduates will receive their degrees in the Christopher Center after the reception when they return their caps and gowns.

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Giving of yourself outside of law

Realities Check
Marina Ricci

As the school year comes to a close, many of us are planning to start our summer jobs. Others are trying feverishly to avoid starting studying for the bar exam this summer. However, of Tropical Breeze Tanning Company and devastations of the Gulf Coast, two local businesses in the areas hit when they heard from books in the area had been destroyed by floods and rains.

As soon as they came back to Valparaiso, they organized efforts to gather books and transported them back to the Gulf Coast area for distribution. Valparaiso students also pitched in an effort started by 1L Brian Bennett, helped gather old law books as well as regular reading books to give to Witham and Schmidt to transport. Now they are doing it again and anyone who has extra books lying around the house whose open pages will never see the light of day again are encouraged to donate them to either the Tropical Breeze or Bella Capelli locations in Valparaiso or watch for announcements from Bennett as to a drop off location at the Law School.

Both Witham and Schmidt and their families are busily involved in their respective business, yet they found time in their busy schedules to help others who really needed it and showed the rest of us that no matter how busy we become, devoting some time to help others is still possible. They are continuing that effort right now and offering others the opportunity to join them in the effort.

This is just one of the many ways that students can give a little of themselves to a good cause. Other opportunities are always available in every town through local organizations that are always looking for volunteers.

The Valparaiso Community Festivals & Events are always looking for volunteers to help with anything from weekly book readings to the renowned Popcorn Festival in September. Junior Achievement has an office in almost every state and major city giving professionals and graduate students the opportunity to teach business concepts to students in K-12. The key to finding the perfect volunteering opportunity is to really be interested in the cause and mission statement of the organization and to want to help by giving a little of yourself to others.

Of course there are people who really just don’t like to volunteer. Those people usually give money to worthwhile causes and provide an equally needed resource for those in need of help. This is a great option and prevents forced community service, which should never be used outside of the court system as it detracts from what volunteerism really stands for.

So while we will all be busy deciphering statutes and researching relevant case law this summer and probably for the rest of our lives, everyone has something non-law related that they care about. And whether it is helping people you don’t know or spending time with family members you don’t have the opportunity to see often, there is no wrong way to let others know you care. Life is about doing things you enjoy although there is no rule that it has to be a narrow enjoyment that only falls into one category and can only be expressed in one way.

Thanks to Stacie McElrath, manager at Tropical Breeze, for providing information for this article. Books of all kinds may be dropped off at Tropical Breeze Tanning Inc., 1615 N. Calumet Ave., Valparaiso or at Bella Capelli Salon & Details, 902 Calumet Ave., Valparaiso.

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A few pieces of advice...

Student Bar Association
Aaron Beck

It’s that time of year, where most of us are already thinking ahead to next year, desperately trying anything to keep our minds off of what we should really be focused on -- finals. In the spirit of perpetuating the student body’s inevitable procrastination, I will take this time to pass on some valuable pearls of wisdom I have picked up throughout my illustrious law school career.

My advice to 3Ls is good luck in the “real world.” It is a completely different atmosphere than academia. Although I have never practiced law, I’m sure that you are leaving the top of this totem pole and returning to the bottom of another, albeit a much higher totem pole. Good luck and never forget the valuable lessons Valpo Law has taught you, and more importantly, always be professional. (And of course, never forget those of us who will be looking for jobs a year from now.)

My advice to my fellow 2Ls: Enjoy your job, enjoy the summer, and more importantly, get ready to embark on the last “fun” year of your life. Study hard from now through May 12th (though not hard enough to forget that my birthday is May 7th) because from what I’ve heard, our grades matter a lot more this semester then they do next year. Also, don’t bother looking for a permanent job or sending out any resumes until next spring. This will ensure that I have a shot at a job post-graduation.

My advice to the 1Ls is to enjoy the summer, learn the law through classes or practical experience, and get ready to no longer be the peons around school. Utilize your time off from school to make contacts and get practical experience. For those of you who are working this summer, remember this: your salary determines your stress level. Also, don’t think that your employer will expect you to know everything or how to do everything perfectly. As my awesome boss used to say, “Aaron, if you have the caption and the date written down, that’s work that I don’t have to do.” That being said, always strive for perfection, but don’t expect it to happen often this summer. Also, if you don’t love your job, you HAVE learned a lesson: keep searching.

For those of you who are taking classes this summer, study hard, because that’s why you’re here. Finally, for both groups, start looking for jobs about halfway through the summer and be ready to send resumes about the last week of July. I know it sounds funny, but most big firms have their interviews in August and September and considering that most of you are procrastinators, late July will turn into early August.

My advice to you overzealous, incoming 1Ls that are reading this: GET READY! I’ve worked in many capacities throughout this great nation and have earned another graduate degree, yet was not even close to being prepared for the rigor of my 1L year. Whether you’ve experienced life in the work-world or are coming straight out of undergrad, you’ve probably never done anything like this before. You will need to be prepared for balancing social events with the demands of legal writing, legal research and all your other labor-intensive classes.

Bottom line to you all, have fun, stay out of trouble, and WORK HARD!!!! Next year will be one for the ages. We can all strive to make Valpo Law better.

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Soldiers continue to join the battlelines over South Dakota's Women's Health and Human Life Protection Act. Frontline objects to the Act include many abortion providers, who face economic losses and criminal liability under the Act. (Significantly, the Act does not impose criminal penalties on women who undergo abortions.)

Across the battlefield, the pro-life forces are divided. Some say that any law protecting life signifies progress. Others contend that South Dakota has poorly timed its efforts. They fear the Supreme Court will deem the law unconstitutional, a setback that could dishearten the national pro-life movement and prop up Roe v. Wade's weak rationale with the weight of another precedent—as well as greatly enrich the coffers of pro-choice lawyers.

This battle over the future of the South Dakota ban deserves attention. But it will be unfortunate for women and for society if the public gaze centers solely on the prospects of this law. Public awareness should focus on the medical and scientific findings used to justify the South Dakota ban. Section 1 of the law states: "The Legislature accepts and concurs with the conclusion of the South Dakota Task Force to Study Abortion, based upon written materials, scientific studies, and testimony of witnesses...that life begins at the time of conception, a conclusion confirmed by scientific advances since the 1973 decision of Roe v. Wade. ...Moreover, in recognition of the technological advances and medical experience and body of knowledge about abortions produced and made available since the 1973 decision...to fully protect the rights, interests, and health of the pregnant mother, the rights, interest, and life of her unborn child, and the mother's fundamental natural intrinsic right to a relationship with her child, abortions in South Dakota should be prohibited. Moreover...under the Constitution of South Dakota, a pregnant mother and her unborn child each possess a natural and inalienable right to life."

These legislative provisions respond to two core medical findings by the South Dakota task force on abortion. First, the task force found that modern scientific evidence "demonstrates the uniqueness of each human being, even at the first cell stage," and shows that fetuses, like newborn children, can feel pain. (Adding support to this conclusion, British researchers more recently reported cortical pain responses in infants as young as 23-24 weeks gestational age. Rebecca Slater et al., Cortical Pain Responses in Human Infants, 26 J. NEUROSCIENCE 3662 (2006)).

Second, the task force determined that mother-child bonding begins in the "early stages" of pregnancy, so that even first-term abortions can create a sense of loss and induce long-term psychological damage. The task force reported that women who have abortions suffer from elevated rates of depression, suicidal ideation, substance abuse, anger, resentment, relationship problems, and physical and psychological parenting impediments. (A causal link between abortion and depression has recently been confirmed in a major study by a pro-choice researcher, see David M. Fergusson et al., Abortion in Young Women and Subsequent Mental Health, 47 J. CHILD PSYCHOLOGY & PSYCHIATRY 16 (2006)).

Women have a right to know of these potential harms. Yet testimony by the Director of Planned Parenthood of South Dakota and by an abortion doctor revealed that women do not receive this information. The task force learned that abortion counselors in South Dakota do not tell women of the risk of depression or psychological harm from abortion. Nor do Planned Parenthood employees tell women that abortion kills a human being, even when asked. The task force concluded that the statements typically made by abortion providers in South Dakota are "completely inaccurate based on the record and evidence" and that the lack of accurate information regarding maternal risk and fetal life deprives women of free choice.

The legislature responded to these grave concerns with an abortion ban. Lawmakers considered necessary a total ban (rather than stricter informed consent laws), because abortion providers receiving income from abortions but not births could not be relied upon to divulge the full costs of abortion. Studies presented to the task force suggested that the majority of women who receive full information about abortion and its risks reject the procedure. With this evidence in mind, the legislature concluded that the true choices of most women (who would reject abortion if informed) should be protected even at the cost of the true choices of a minority of women (who would still choose abortion even if fully informed).

Whether a ban on abortion will pass court scrutiny has yet to be determined. Some might argue that South Dakota should have tried to avoid constitutional conflict by requiring something less than prohibition—such as by mandating waiting periods with pro-life counseling by an independent agency (as Germany requires under its law and constitutional decisions). But this less dramatic alternative would have ignored the evidence that abortion has two victims. The legislature refused to choose between mothers and their children: Only a total ban could protect them both.

Regardless of the legal outcome of the battle in South Dakota, the report of the South Dakota Task Force to Study Abortion will enrich public discourse by revealing the untold harms of abortion. By compiling extensive evidence of the effects of abortion, the task force has enabled us to move beyond the outdated assumptions of Roe v. Wade. South Dakota's abortion ban will not resolve the abortion debate, but it ensures the debate will be more fully informed.
Respect and gratefulfulness for VUSL

BY YUSUF A. ELASHMAWY
Guest Columnist

I requested an opportunity to write a short article within this issue of the school’s newspaper to express gratitude of the highest order and to dispell any ambiguity concerning my feelings about Valparaiso University School of Law. As you are reading this, my request was graciously received and granted and I’m very thankful to The Forum for allowing me this request.

For those of you who do not know me or have not been subjected to my loud, persistent and often openly defiant and critical verbal expositions on law and public policy, my name is Yusuf Elashmawy. I am leaving the Law School at the end of the semester to complete my last credits as a visiting student in New York City. I do so with great ambivalence and also a touch of sadness to part company with such truly exceptional administrators, faculty and students.

I have encountered many difficulties in attending Valparaiso. The town itself is probably the most boring, myopic, puritanical, and stultifying place I’ve ever known. The local police (although I have infinite respect for real cops) are glorified security guards that indulge their inflated sense of authority by pursuing public intoxication and noise violations as if they were rape and robbery. They then bring to bear upon innocent college students the fullest extent of the law, treating them as common criminals as opposed to well, college students. There is no public transportation, so if you have no car (like me) you’re on foot if you need to go anywhere. The town actually held a “popcorn festival” on September 11th when I was a first-year student here as opposed to delaying a day. I was pulled over and searched the first week I was here on suspicion of trafficking drugs. (That’s what you get for having New York license plates!! Shame on me!)

But then there is the school; a haven in the midst of rural intolerance and oppressive boredom and stagnancy. This school has given me the finest legal education I could have ever hoped for. The faculty are superb and more importantly, they actually care. I grew up on the streets. I read people as quickly as I encounter them. I know sincerity when I see it. From the administration and faculty all I’ve seen is a sincere desire to assist a poor, overwhelmed ex-cop become the first professional to bear his family name in this country. For this and all the meetings, encouragement, financial maneuvering, understanding and listening I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I respect this school of law infinitely. The classes have been bastions of open debate and free exchange of ideas. My grades are pitiful by my standards, but I actually learned. When I graduate, my degree will read Valparaiso University, and I’m so proud of that. Mr. Credit solicited me and gave me an opportunity that changed the entire trajectory of my life. Ann Weitgenant promised I would be provided for, and I was. The professors taught me and the students became my colleagues. Professor Nuechterlein actually visited me in Brooklyn and met my family. There is a place in my heart for all of you, fellow students and esteemed faculty. I’ll never forget what you’ve done for me.

I was misquoted when I was asked about what I felt about a student considering attending the school. I don’t pity them for coming here. I pity them for the miserable and tedious process we have to go through to become attorneys. I wouldn’t have had it any other way. I am infinitely grateful for my opportunity to become a lawyer and Valparaiso University gave me that.

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Summing up...

The Grey Area
Left of Center

Andrew Smith

In the now three years that “The Grey Area” has imposed itself on the Forum, I have analyzed everything from the political theory that undergirds the American democracy to current hotbed issues in the law. The evolution of these abstractions has followed the evolution of my legal education. However, one thread remains consistent through out the brief history of this column: willingness to question. This predisposition is one that is seemingly disappearing from, or is totally lost in, public discourse.

The purpose of this column has always been to ask questions about what is going on, and, when possible, pose well-contemplated and reasonably well-articulated answers. Though this has not always been the case, it remains a goal that every person with a voice should strive for, especially in a society dominated by paternalistic government who appears to so willingly violate the constitutionally guaranteed rights of its constituents. Complacency and apathy infect our society, though we spend most of our time worrying about avian flu. The problem is determining where this disposition comes from.

It is possible we are stuck in a mindset beaten into us by hours of unimportant prime time melodrama. More likely than not, it is the regular consumption of skewed perspective. Reflecting on the current state of network television news it appears that the impetus of programming is entertainment not information. Network coverage of Natalee Holloway’s disappearance, the story of the runaway bride, Hurricane Katrina, and the trial of Scott Peterson provide excellent examples of this trend. Networks scramble to give their viewers what they want to hear, not what they should hear.

Where does that leave us? Sitting on the couch as passive consumers of information cowering in fear from the next impending plague, terrorist threat, or common comestible found to cause cancer in recent Ivy League University studies. In the digital age, people should not be victims of media authoritarianism. The mass panic mentality has replaced common sense because this kind of infotainment is the only information we regularly consume.

These elements result in complacency and apathy because what we consume demonstrates that the individual can contribute little more than having a passive interest in “current” events. Overexposure to unimportant news fluff has relegated social perspective to which celebrity marriage is ending because of infidelity. This is the fundamental problem.

This disease needs a cure. People need to start caring, lest we end up in James Madison’s nightmare: legislative oligarchic dictatorship. Even though it seems like the nightmare is already upon us, room for change still exists.

The parting shot for “The Grey Area” is a plea for a change in direction; a request that people break the media imposed cycle of apathy and complacency. While we retain the right to speak and determine the direction of our nation, and as citizens we must do so. Otherwise, we risk ending up with a government that disregards its obligations under the social contract, destroying our liberty, and in a place where all that is left is apathy and complacency.

How do we fix the problem? By paying attention and by making a concerted effort to stay informed about what is going on by actively seeking out information instead of being idle recipients. The digital age has bestowed upon the average computer user a well of knowledge that currently looks bottomless. Tools like Google searches, or services officered by BBC.com and NewsVine.com allow
You think you’re better than me? You’re probably right

BY RYAN ABRESCH
Columnist

I was watching ESPN one morning and I saw a story about Matt Leinart. The story was about how he was preparing for the upcoming NFL Draft Day. He was preparing for the Draft by living it up in a posh hotel, being voted as one of “People Magazine’s 100 Most Beautiful People”, and by hamming it up with the other lucky jockstraps that are expected to go in the first round. Upon seeing this I inadvertently began looking around the apartment and assessing my current situation: To the right when they hit up the strip clubs to celebrate later that tracts and will subsequently piss about proxy fights in between caffeine-induced nervous breakdowns, these guys—me from writing their names down in my own blood. The glaring conclusion is that is that my life sucks right now. I hate self-realization, so Matt Leinart can kiss my ass for giving me such a heavy dose of it. But he needn’t worry because there are plenty of others that I hate for having it better than me at this time of the year. Due to exams, there are many who will be having a better two weeks than I will. Because I am a childish and immature individual I’ve decided to list them here so I can vent my frustration. Time and space constraints have prevented me from writing down everybody that deserves to be on this list. Health and safety concerns have prevented me from writing their names down in my own blood.

NFL Draftees – While I am in the library reading about proxy fights in between caffeine-induced nervous breakdowns, these guys—who are all younger than me—will be signing multi-million dollar contracts and will subsequently piss about $10,000 of it away when they hit up the strip clubs to celebrate later that night. Again, I will be in the law library reading about involuntary dissolution and crying on the inside. I remember a few years back when my Dad told me I would always regret not playing sports in college. I told him he did not know what he was talking about and then rubbed his face in it by binge drinking every weekend and gaining 25 pounds by the end of college (I’ll show you Old Man!). Congratulations future NFL players, not only will you be having a better week than me but you also proved my Dad right. Why was I not blessed with good genes and a work ethic?!

My Scumbag Friends – Because they are truly rotten people, my friends like to wait until my exams to do anything fun. Since I’ve been in law school I’ve missed out on two Packers’ games where the seats were five rows up on the 40-yard line. Just this week I missed out on front row tickets to a Cubs game. All of these events included the consumption of copious amounts of food and alcohol, as well as the participation in acts of such debauchery and depravity that they would make a Kennedy blush. Thanks a lot guys, I really can’t wait to see what happens next semester. “What’s that guys? You’re all blasting off in a rocket ship to a casino on the moon to shoot craps with Michael Jordan in between lap dances from the Hilton sisters? When are you going? December 12? But I have an exam on...Damn it!”

Slobodan Milosevic – He’s not on the list for any other reason than being dead. Death sometimes sounds like a tempting alternative to five exams.

College Undergrads – “Man, you don’t understand, dude. I got like two exams this semester, and if I don’t get like at least a C on one of them my Dad’s not gonna pay for my sixth year. You don’t get it, dude, I’m gonna have to go like a day and a half without weed so I can study, man.” You suck undergrad. You wouldn’t know reality if it slapped you in the face and took your sister out for baby back ribs. Furthermore, I’m glad that many of the ones here in Valpo got arrested recently. Maybe next time the cops will “man-up” and actually use their nightsticks. Wow, sitting in the law library for hours on end sure does make a guy cranky.

Babies – I was only going to complain about Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes’ daughter Suri, but I decided I should call out babies in general. Lazy good-for-nothings. You mean to tell me that while I am sitting up on the second floor of purgatory, there exists a group of people other than the elderly who have all of their meals prepared for them, are allowed to sleep all day, AND can go to the bathroom in their pants without being socially ostracized? When do the flights leave for this fantasy island? Damn babies, you have it so good and all you do is cry about it. I wish all the bad things on you. May your days be lived with unfilled expectations and student loan debt. May you someday experience the pain of being a law student!

I guess making fun of babies is a good note to end the year on. In all seriousness, I’ve had a great time writing for the paper this year and would like to wish everybody a pleasant summer and good luck on their exams. Keep it real, Doggs.

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LEGALLY BLONDE & BRUNETTE
Advice for Law School & Life

By Christi Klein and Lora Nowzaradan

Q: What are your lovely ladies doing next year? And what is gonna happen to Legally Blonde and Brunette? I won’t be able to make it through law school without your help!

-Chermerinsky, IL

Blonde: If I was moving to the desert paradise known as Arizona. I will be pursuing a career in the law or reality tv, whichever offers me a lucrative K first! Stay tuned, literally.

Brunette: As far as what is gonna happen to our quirky little sisters. I will be pursuing a career in the law or reality tv, whichever offers me a lucrative K first! Leave them alone.

Christi Klein & Lora Nowzaradan are 3Ls and are outta here! Leave them alone.

LEGALLY BRUNETTE & BRUNETTER
Advice for Law School & Life

By Ben Barfell and Eric Stoegbauer

As the school year comes to a close and summer snatches away what little motivation we had left, we would like to cordially introduce ourselves, the shiny new pillars of Valpo Law “Cool” (the ‘S’ is silent, as is the ‘h’) – Ben & Eric. The torch has been passed to us from the able minds who brought you Legally Blonde & Brunette. We would never dream to “replace” CK and LN, but we sincerely hope that you’ll trust us as you trusted them, to give you the straight poop on “what’s up” with VUSL. The task won’t be easy, but rest assured, we’ve never backed down from a challenge. Except for the challenge of perfect attendance, diligent work, and basic courtesy. BUT FOR those challenges, we’ve never backed down. That having been said, in the immortal words of Pat Benatar, “Hit [us] with your best shot...fire away.”

Q: I’ve signed on the dotted line and I am officially going to be a Valpo Law student. What should I expect in Valparaiso, Indiana.

-Henry, Future VUSL Law Student

B&B: Well Henry, this is a very broad question isn’t it. We’ll do what we can to give you our best summation though. Valpo is known for its posh shopping districts, elegant dining establishments, and an effective public works department. VUSL is known for its righteous dudes and excellent ladies, wireless laptops, and a teaching staff that cares for its students like Mr. Belding cared for Zach and the gang. Over the next three years of your life, the following are likely to happen: you may be the subject of gossip, you may go to “B-Dubs”, you may begin shaping your law school curriculum based on previous semester GPAs, and you may ask yourself every semester around finals time how you let yourself get so far behind. As I mentioned, these are only “likely” to happen. If, in three years, none of the following have happened to you, we will come back to take you to B-Dubs where your classmates can dream up rumors about you, get you far enough behind for finals that you have to take an extra semester, and, in turn, you chose your classes based on easy GPAs just so you can graduate. This is Legally Brunette and Brunetter signing on. We look forward to your questions all next year.

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FROM THE LAW LIBRARY

BY STEVEN PROBST
Educational Services Librarian

Very soon, following that ritual known as final exams, many of you will begin working as summer associates or clerks. Before you go, we here in the library would like to pass on a few words of advice, garnered from speaking with seasoned firm librarians who encounter a new group of summer associates each year.

First, upon arrival at your new job, examine the library carefully, noting the resources at your disposal. If you will be dealing with an unfamiliar legal system, review the state’s court and legislative structure, including whether or not there are any legislative history materials at the state level. Note particularly which secondary sources are available, including if there is a state legal encyclopedia or practice set. Also find out if there is a form bank at the firm or if there are form sets in the library. If the print holdings of your library seem inadequate, find out if there are academic or public law libraries in the area that are available for your use. Finally, find out how Westlaw and LexisNexis searching are viewed and how cost-conscious you need to be while using these services.

In working with the partners, associates, or judges assigning you work, make sure you understand what you are being asked to do and that you completely understand the problem since there is nothing worse than spending four hours researching the wrong issue. Write down any assignments given to you including the deadlines for each assignment. In fact, keep a small notepad and pen with you at all times so that you won’t get caught without one. Finally, find out what type of feedback is wanted from the person giving you the assignment. Is it an extensive memo or an informal one? Do they want copies of the authorities you find?

Next, make sure you conduct methodical research. Keep a research journal so that you don’t lose track of what you’ve done already. Develop a research plan for each project by reviewing the facts and framing the issues, identifying the appropriate jurisdiction and search terms, and then examining secondary sources and all three types of primary authority (statutes, regulations, and cases). Finally, update and verify all of your primary authorities – multiple times if necessary.

Finally, maintain open lines of communication with those you are working with and don’t be afraid to ask intelligent questions when necessary to stay on track. Also, get to know the librarians in the libraries where you are working. Be good to them and they may be able to help you out if you get lost. If all else fails, don’t forget that your friendly VUSL librarians are always here and willing to help – just give us a call.

For life past law school, “The Grey Area” will continue attempting to address the big issues at http://grey-area-left-of-center.blogspot.com.

visitors to customize their news. At the same time, we cannot stop paying attention to what mass media throws our way. It is vital that we continue to consume the CNN and Fox News brand of infotainment for the purpose of comparison. Seeing the filtered news juxtaposed independent (read more independent since a world without bias is impossible) will show us the gaps in the flow of information, and ideally alter our media consumption habits. The net result is a more informed, active electorate. As I leave the halls of Valpo Law for the last time, I hope this is the direction society takes. I hope that things change for the better instead of the worst. However, to find out I will have to sit back and read between the lines of what spews from the anchors at CNN.

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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Congratulations, Class of 2006

BY MANDY SHELL
Guest Columnist

"As one door closes, another opens." - Alexander Graham Bell

Do you remember on the first day of Civil Procedure silently hoping to yourself that you wouldn’t be the first one to be called on and then the sigh of relief when Professor Lind called on Joey Favata? Do you remember Professor Levinson interrogating a student nearly to tears on the first day of Constitutional Law? Do you remember the fears of not passing your practical exam or of wondering whether you were going to flunk Legal Research because you misplaced a couple of commas? Do you remember five or more people having to stand for an entire class period in Professor Blomquist’s Torts class because no one knew an obscure fact about a case?

If you are like me, these events do not seem like they occurred two or three years ago, but rather, seem like they occurred two or three weeks ago. It’s amazing to think of how far we have come and of all the great memories. It’s difficult to think about all the boat cruises, Battista’s Balls, and Cardozo Cups and not get a little nostalgic. We have all grown as professionals and as people in the last three years. Although the last three years have flown by in our minds, we have the memories of our time here. We have our whole lives to use the knowledge we have gained here. It is now time for us to stop being students (of the official kind at least, we all know we still have a lot to learn), and move on to the careers that we all planned when we decided to embark on law school. It’s been a wonderful three years. The doors to VUSL are now closing to us as students and opening to us as legal professionals and alumni. Congratulations, Class of 2006!
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A Princess
And her new castle

Dreams really do come true!

Congratulations Marissa
Love, Mums & Daddio

RANDEN,

We are so very proud of you!
Trust God with your future
and you will go far!

With love and prayers,
Mom & Dad,
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Love,
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restaurant review: Dish
Dishing up an interesting culinary selection

BY GENEVIEVE BOARMAN & CHRISTINE HASKELL
Columnists

Dish, located north on Calumet Avenue, is a bright and airy setting to enjoy a fine wine, a tasty entree, and a decadent dessert. A fairly recent newcomer to the Valpo dining selection, Dish offers a gourmet menu and an extensive beverage selection, covering the entire backside of the lunch menu. Lunch is available Monday through Friday from 11 to 2 and dinner is served starting at 5pm Monday through Saturday. For lunch on the run, Dish also offers ‘dish and dash,’ a carryout lunch which includes soup, salad, entree, and dessert for only six dollars.

Moldy cheese on potato chips as an appetizer? Yes, a melted gorgonzola cheese river twisting and turning through freshly made potato chips is a highly recommended starter at Dish. It may sound a little strange at first, but believe us; you will not leave a single chip or crumble of cheese on the plate!

The lunch menu offered salads, sandwiches, and full entrees. The chicken parmesan panini took an Italian favorite and gave it a twist. The grilled chicken was covered with thick slices of marinated tomatoes, not a tomato sauce like I was expecting. The bread was grilled just to the point it was toasty and covered with a creamy basil spread and parmigiano reggiano cheese. The sandwich’s ingredients were combined with mathematical precision giving each bite the perfect balance of tomato, chicken, and cheese without being so packed that stray elements would escape the confines of the bread and create a mess.

For our other sandwich, I ordered the crab cake sandwich on toasted bread. It was a surprising delight with a fun mix of spices without being too bold. No dryness here with a creamy mayonnaise to soften the texture of the crispy crab cake. All sandwiches are served with fresh fruit and homemade potato chips, which should be bagged and sold at the local supermarket since they were better than both Kettle Chips and Cape Cod Potato Chips.

The desserts were rather pricy averaging $7 but well worth the money. The warm apple strudel consisted of thinly sliced apples, cranberries, and cinnamon wrapped in a thin layer of pastry then covered with ribbons of caramel sauce and placed temptingly next to a mound of vanilla ice cream, creating uncertainty in the diner as to which confection should be tried first. Instead of being overly sweet, the cranberries gave the strudel a slightly tart taste that enhanced the flavor of the apples and the cinnamon. Definitely a pastry that would make any German grandmother proud!

Stepping beyond my normal bounds, I selected Dish’s homemade carrot cake with cream cheese frosting as a fun ending to the lunch. Even though not terribly fond of carrot cake, this version is a delicious diversion from the standard dry carrot cake overly coated with a glop of cream cheese. This delight was moist with ribbons of sumptuous cream cheese frosting laced between fluffy spiced cake layers with a hint of carrot taste. Drizzled over top was light caramel sauce that did not overpower the cake. Two slices of the cake surrounded ice cream and an array of walnuts. Combine all of these flavors on one spoonful and you have a savory concoction.

In conclusion, Dish is definitely a restaurant to mark on your list of top restaurants. The atmosphere along with the fun selection of food and drink make it a winner.

As this is our last review, we trust you enjoyed the restaurants of Valpo as much as we did. Many more locally owned restaurants await your taste buds, such as Schoop’s, Suzie’s Café, Bon Femme, Premier Grill, Pass Times, and many more. Hopefully, you venture beyond the chain restaurants to sample the local delicacies, be the judge, and bang the gavel on your own restaurant ruling.
Congratulations
Steve!

We are so proud of you and so very happy for you!
We love you!

Your Biggest Fans,
Emily, Mom, Dad, Colette, Andy,
Mollie, Addie, Jack, Norah, Megan,
Ned, Eamon, Phil, Tiffany and Muffy

We are so proud of you!
You have worked so hard.
We all love you,
Mom, Dad & Steven

Congratulations on your graduation from law school!
With high fives and love from Mom and Scott and all your friends at Schroeder Law Offices.

Congratulations on making it through law school. Best of luck on the bar exam. I look forward to being able to call you a colleague in the near future.
Steve Shropshire

Congratulations to Therese from Ryan Hunt

You rock! I'm so proud of you and all you've accomplished.
Daryl

Your future is so bright you are going to need shades! Congrats on your graduation.
Lynn L. Steyaert

Congratulations to @! Good Job!
Chris Schwindt

You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes
You can steer yourself any direction you choose.
You're on your own. And you know what you know.
And YOU are the guy who'll decide where to go.

OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!
by Dr. Seuss

We love you,
Dad, Mom, Kelli
Dear Hoagester,

As you embark today upon your calling of being the finest divorce and DUI lawyer this side of Old Man Johnson’s place, it’s important you take time to reflect upon the days of yesteryear, the women you’ve loved and lost, and all the reasons why your time at Valpo has been the GREATEST three years of your life.

We remember fondly how you couldn’t wait to tell us all about your plush accommodations in the Attic, including the nonexistent air conditioner, “soft” twin bed, and walk-in closet with plenty of space for all your plaid button downs and carpenter jeans.

And then you started class...you were so proud to be a law student. You loved shuffling across campus greeting all your down-to-earth classmates who never took themselves too seriously and who always took a keen interest in your personal well-being.

You were beaming when you told us how many friends you were meeting...you would talk about your four hour conversations with Raj, the guy from the 7-Eleven, and all the laughs you shared with that one guy in your legal writing class who thought it was “cool” you spent your weekends playing online poker in the library.

One of our favorite memories was when, at the end of your first year, you were asked to join Law Review. At first you were a bit apprehensive, but then you really caught the fever and realized that it had always been your dream to research mundane facts about the intricacies of property tax law in the late nineteenth century and then write pages and pages of dribble so that some self-important 3L could tell you it sucked and console you when it didn’t get published. Boy, those were good times.

During the summers, your legal career really blossomed as you worked in high-stress clerkships with some of Indiana’s top legal minds. You showed yourself to be a dedicated public servant who will undoubtedly make a fine bureaucrat pushing paper and enforcing dress codes in the office of the first Libertarian Secretary of State. You were always the eternal optimist when it came to politics.

But now these happy, happy days have come to an end. Just think, from this day on, you have years and years of banging out legal briefs for your deadbeat friends who will never pay you a dime, never treat you with an ounce of respect, and never give you a single compliment other than, “Gee Joe, that’s a nice looking beard you have there. Has anyone ever told you that you look like Mr. Edwards from Little House on the Prairie?”

MEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE
Your good buddy,
Walker, Texas Ranger

P.S. Other terms I wanted to include in this letter but lacked the comic presence to do so:
Sheen, quiche, Red Ships of Spain, pants, George Thoroughgood, Coors Light, parachutes, Mitch, trombones, RBS, jumbies, back hair, Ol’ Tatters, Trayster, pipes, vicious cockfight, fresh comedy, dojo
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Summer Movie Preview

Michelle Spezia

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest

The writers, director (Gore Verbinski), and the stars (Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley) are all back for this highly anticipated sequel to Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl. Hopefully, this round will be even more exciting and entertaining than the last. The adventure picks up with Captain Jack Sparrow (Depp) searching for a way to avoid eternal damnation. Will Turner (Bloom) and Elizabeth Swann (Knightley) are busy getting married, but not without Jack getting in the way. The film has the potential of being quality entertainment and a good escape from the summer sun.

A Prairie Home Companion

It is hard to go wrong with a Robert Altman film. Altman transports us backstage during the final broadcast of “A Prairie Home Companion,” one of the country’s most beloved radio shows. We see the likes of Meryl Streep and Woody Harrelson performing, as well as tabloid teen-queen Lindsay Lohan (who, according to IMDB.com, we will not hate after this movie), all alongside APHC’s real life host, Garrison Keillor. Lovers of Altman’s ability to capture the noise and overlapping conversations of real life should not be disappointed.

Lady in the Water

Besides the eerie previews with Paul Giamatti finding a mermaid-like creature in a pool, M. Night Shyamalan has kept everyone in the dark about this film. Giamatti is Cleveland Heep, an apartment building superintendent, who rescues a creature from the water. We know nothing else yet, but I am intrigued by the use of Giamatti.

Clerks 2

Writer/Director Kevin Smith returns to his roots, in a sequel to the crude and grainy indie film that earned him a

Sports

My finals protest

Nick Schwartz

I know you are all excited; it is almost that time of year again. You know, the time where you cram like crazy to do well on your finals. The time where you have to catch up on all of the reading that you have not done all semester, which for me is just about all of it. I don't know about you, but I am tired of going to class and then getting tested on what I am supposed to learn. Why can’t professors just trust that I am learning? You know, it is like the Honor Code for professors. “I have neither given nor encouraged students to take an exam.”

I know it will never be like this, but here is a glimpse into my dream. I am going to teach you right here in this article and I am going to just trust that you are learning rather than testing you on it.

If the baseball season were to end today, the Detroit Tigers would be the American League Wild Card winners. If the baseball season were to end today, the DETROIT TIGERS. That would be their first playoff appearance since 1987. I guess it could be worse... I could be a Cubs fan.

The Tigers owe it all to the Rule 5 Draft. Here is where you're going to catch up on all of the reads to IMDB.com, we will not hate after this movie. The reason is simple. Any player that has played baseball professionally for more than three years, or if signed before the age of 18, four years, is eligible for the draft. However, any player on the team's 40-man roster is not eligible.

Once the eligible players are named, teams are free to draft any player that is not protected. There is a price though. Each draftee costs a team $50,000 and if the draftee does not remain on the new team's Major League roster for the entire next season, the player is offered back to his original team for half-price.

Somewhere within those parameters,
Regina,

Congratulations on earning a Juris Doctorate Degree. We are very proud of you and wish you much success in the future.

We love you very much.

Mom & Dad, Grandpa Kieras & Grandma Reynolds
Love and Congratulations to Kristin Rena Nesbitt

Kristin Rena Nesbitt, my daughter, the eldest grandchild, and ONLY granddaughter, is a native of Florissant, MO; born in the early hours of February 11, 1981. A severe snow storm was her “coming out” to the world of which she was apparently aware. Kristin was stubborn and hesitant to emerge from the womb, so held on by her feet to announce her displeasure. This persistent determination has proven to be a positive illustration of her nature and goal to succeed in life.

Kristin was always very precocious. She walked at the age of six months, was reading at 2 years, and was never shy or passive. She attended college summer programs for middle and high school students selected and deemed advanced for their age/grade level performance.

Kristin’s love for reading richly influenced her ability to write and was an ultimate influence on her decision to achieve her undergraduate degrees in Journalism and Criminal Justice. Exposure to law during summer employment assisted her in the decision to edge way to Law School as a professional career endeavor.

Kristin’s support network spans near and far, and she is loved and admired by all who meet and interact with her. As her Mom, I am of course very proud (and a little biased), but I love her more than words can express. Kristin as well as her brother Wesley are my gifts from God, and the blessings and grace He bestows will continue to follow their paths.

All our Love to You Kristin on your accomplishments and all future endeavors!!

Raymond (Dad), Tonya (Mom), and Wesley (brother) Nesbitt
Charles (Papa) and Julia (Nana) Lawshe’
Uncle Charles, Aunt Flo, Nick and Chris Lawshe’
Rochelle Lawshe’ (Aunnie)
Uncle T, Aunt Tiffy, Travis and Tevin Lawshe’
Aunt Avril and Monty Lawshe’

Way To Go Daddy!

Mommy and I are so proud of you and love you very much! Thank you for all your hard work and sacrifice. Team Zaradich is in great hands with you bravely leading the way!

Lots of Love & Hugs & Kisses,
Hope & Mommy

Joe,
You have reached your goal and you did it the right way, by hard work and maintaining your integrity!

Everyone is proud of you!

Mom, Dad, Chris, Abby, Aleksey and the girls
Student Profiles

By Lindsay Potthast

Joe Zielinski

Hometown:
South Bend, IN

Undergraduate School:
IUPUI

Undergraduate Major:
Accounting

Family:
Dad, Ron; Mom, Joan; Brother, Chris; Sister-in-law, Abby; Nephew, Alex; and two Dalmatians, Perdita and Matar.

Where is your favorite place to take a summer vacation? Any obscure microbrewery in America that has a beer with an alcohol content over 10% and an IBU in the 90's. Oddly enough I always end up in Munster, Indiana, in an industrial complex.

Do you think Professor Bodensteiner and Professor Levinson conspire to make the Con Law final as difficult as possible? I really don't think they conspire to make it difficult. Rather, they conspire to make you think it is hard and then write an easy test, but since you are so psyched out it seems difficult.

Who is your favorite cartoon character? Brian from Family Guy (anyone who drives a Prius in my book is quality, the Kucinich '04 Sticker is just gravy on top).

What area of the law are you most passionate about? Election Law.

If you were not in law school right now, what do you think you would be doing with your life? Following Michael Jackson around the world. (The beer tastes not the King of Pop, not that you could go wrong following either one of them).

If you could have any animal as your pet, what would it be? Kangaroo (oh the possibilities with that pouch).

What has been your best memory of this past school year? Going to Athens, GA, with my buddies (minus one) to attend a South Carolina football game. And as we are walking into the game Mike Zaradich is taunting some Georgia fans only to rack himself on a support line for a power pole.

Alan Wagner

Hometown:
Warsaw, IN

Undergraduate School:
Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne

Undergraduate Major:
Media and Public Communication

Family:
Daughter, Taya Renee; Wife, Christel, English Bulldog, Zeus

Where is your favorite place to take a summer vacation? Port Douglas, Australia. It's gorgeous, there's a lot to do, and the people are great. No worries...but stay away from the Victoria Bitter.

Do you think Professor Bodensteiner and Professor Levinson conspire to make the Con Law final as difficult as possible? I happen to think their tests are relatively easy. We just differ on the definition of "Best Answer".

Who is your favorite cartoon character? I say, I say, I say Foghorn Leghorn, boy!

What area of the law are you most passionate about? I am not sure if "passionate" is the best term, but I am pretty interested in Intellectual Property.

If you were not in law school right now, what do you think you would be doing with your life? I'd like to think I'd be working in advertising/marketing. But in all reality I would probably be a stay at home father with an $800 a week gambling habit and an affinity for Sour Patch Kids.

If you could have any animal as your pet what would it be? A blue duck. I've never had a blue duck and I would just really like to have a blue duck.

What has been your best memory of this past school year? Either Chris Ruhman's five minute, expletive filled rant about being "sick of it" as Adam Davis was thirty feet away and giving a tour to a prospective student and her mother (said rant coincided with me typing out this questionnaire), or falling asleep (passing out) outside of the Franklin House in sub-zero temperatures and none of my so-called friends coming to check up on me. Bastards.

Matt Stanczak

Hometown:
Valparaiso, IN

Undergraduate School:
Valparaiso University

Undergraduate Major:
Mechanical Engineering

Family:
Father - Dennis, Mother - Brenda, Sister - Lisa, Brothers - Mark and Jeff

Where is your favorite place to take a summer vacation? Unfortunately, because I am not Louis Winthorpe III, I don't take many summer vacations on a regular basis. However, I am going to Budapest and Prague this summer, so I will let you know how that goes.

Do you think Professor Bodensteiner and Professor Levinson conspire to make the Con Law final as difficult as possible? Seeing as how I haven't take the final yet, is this a hint as to what to expect on the exam? Honestly, I don't think they need to conspire. The material is difficult enough without the added element of conspiracy.

Who is your favorite cartoon character? It is a tie between three: Chilly Willy, Felix the Cat, and Woody Woodpecker. They always seem to get into trouble by no fault of their own -- a remarkable parallelism to my life. At least, that's what I tell the VUPD when they pull me over while riding in the campus Escort Van (guns drawn of course).

What area of the law are you most passionate about? I am pursuing intellectual property, so I guess I should say that. But, we all know that's a bit on the dry side. I think Professor Loebl, my advisor nonetheless, said I.P. lawyers have slightly less personality than tax attorneys. So I will say Criminal Law and Torts are by far the most interesting.

If you were not in law school right now, what do you think you would be doing with your life? I worked for a number of years in the research & development department of several golf club and golf ball manufacturers. So I would still probably be doing that. In a practical sense, I learned that at least one group has bigger egos than lawyers...PGA Tour players.

If you could have any animal as your pet, what would it be? I entertained serious thoughts of vet school in undergrad. So a better question would be more like "How many?" rather than "What?" Short answer: llama or emu.

What has been your best memory of this past school year? Finishing my first year and not being called a 1L. No longer will I have persons, years younger than me with absolutely no work experience, talking down to me simply because of my scholastic status.
As a little girl, Paradi loved animals and swore to her mother that she wanted to grow up to be a zookeeper. Later, after a trip to Disneyland, Paradi’s interests changed, and she decided she wanted to become a greeter for the ‘Happiest Place on Earth’. Finally, Paradi decided that she would be a lawyer and this is the passion that she stayed with through her teenage years and into adulthood... through her many years as an award-winning synchronized swimmer, attaining a black belt in Taekwon Do, a graduate of UC Berkeley, and as a top trainer for 24-Hour Fitness.

We are so proud of Paradi, and look forward to seeing what she will do next. No matter what, she will always be our “Namaki”!

Audrey—
You’re on your way to make your mark in the world. We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom & Dad
"The highest reward for a person's toil is not what they get for it, but what they become of it."

Congratulations on 21 years of academic toil!

Nathan E. Winger, Juris Doctorate

We love you N8!
Mom, Dad, Sarah & Matthew

Stephen,

You have always been a blessing and joy to us and we thank God each day for bringing you into our lives. You have accomplished so very much and always met the goals you set. Today, we commend you on yet another job well done!

We are so proud of you and pray that you will have the very best that life has to offer.

We love you,

Mom & Dad
the Tigers got Chris Shelton from the Pittsburgh Pirates and thanks to him, they are on pace to make the playoffs. All of you Chicago fans out there owe the Rule 5 Draft a big thanks as well. If it was not for the Rule 5 Draft, Scott Podsednik would have never been a Brewer, starting his journey to the White Sox, and they may still be sitting at the bottom with the Tigers. Other notable Rule 5 Draft players are George Bell, Kelly Gruber, and Roberto Clemente.

Thanks for reading "The Rule 5 Draft in a Nutshell." For once in your life, you are learning and do not have to worry about a test afterwards. Don't get used to it.

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career 12 years ago. Clerks Dante (Brian O’Halloran) and Randal (Jeff Andersen) have finally been forced out of their dead-end jobs at the Quick-Stop, only to find work at a fast food chain and learn that the "angry young man" routine loses its appeal once you hit 32. Rosario Dawson joins the cast as the boys' boss, and troublemakers Jay and Silent Bob (Jason Mewes and Smith) are back for the ride. Smith hopes to send this one out to the theatres unrated, so best leave the kiddies at home.

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(Internally) "Here I go again on my own. Walking down the only road I've ever known."

"Yeah, Valparaiso Flowers, it's me again... give me two-dozen of the usual; oh yeah... I really messed up this time."

In a moving display of solidarity, Valpo Law students march to honor the contributions of America's most exploited class: Senior Citizens.

Legal Trivia
Presidential Edition

1. How many United States Vice-Presidents have shot someone while in office?

2. Who was the first Vice-President to succeed to the Presidency after the death of an incumbent?

3. George H.W. Bush was the first sitting Vice-President to be elected since who?

4. Which college or university did Woodrow Wilson attend before entering political life?

5. What name did Lyndon Baines Johnson give to his domestic program?

6. Who was the second President to be impeached?

7. What future President was the U.S. Navy's youngest fighter pilot during World War II?

8. Who was the youngest man ever elected President?

9. Which achievement can be found on Thomas Jefferson's tombstone?

10. Who was the only bachelor to occupy the White House?

Answers:

1. James Buchanan
2. John Tyler
3. Martin Van Buren
4. Franklin University
5. General Society
6. William Jefferson Clinton
7. George H.W. Bush
8. Woodrow Wilson
9. Thomas Jefferson
10. John Adams and Dick Cheney