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Sports clinic introduces online databank

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Forum Staff Writer

Valparaiso University's School of Law's Sports Clinic (valpo.edu/law/sportsclinic) was founded in 2005 and provides need-based pro bono legal assistance to amateur athletes and coaches. The clinic has handled numerous national, state and local cases and operated on-site at the 2006 Winter Olympic Games in Turin, Italy.

The Sports Clinic recently completed its database, containing more than 20 years of cases, arbitration decisions and current rules governing various sports. The database encompasses over 500 cases and arbitration decisions going back to 1986. In addition to searchable versions of these proceedings, the database also contains searchable versions of national and international governing numerous sports. This one-of-a-kind sports law case library is available at valpo.edu/sportsclinic and is accessible to all interested parties, including athletes, coaches, athletic officials, attorneys, media, scholars and fans.

Christy Commers
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r is a ceremony observed by hundreds of Valparaiso University students, alumni, and friends in the Chapel of the Resurrection, Mark A. Hecker was installed Friday, October, 18, 2008 as VU’s 18th President.

The ninety-minute ceremony featured University symbols interspersed with emblems of the University’s Lutheran heritage. The student liturgical drama troupe Soul Purpose performed Readings, a dramatic skit written specifically for the event. The skit described students’ hopes and aspirations for the new president and the University. The VU Chamber Concert Band, Lute Concert Band, Symphony Orchestra, Choir, University Singers and the Kan­tori of the Chapel of the Resurrection all performed during the ceremony.

In honor of the inauguration, members of the student body, staff and faculty gave gifts to President Hecker. VU's Dances and Faculty, attired in the academic robes, were processed in their seats as part of the ceremony. Deans Conason, Adams, Cichowski, Lind, and Perenz entered the ceremony with the other school’s Deans while other faculty members, including Professors Trujillo and Thomas, sat with other professors. Colleges and universities across the country sent Delegates to share in the festivities. Professor Bodensteiner served as the Delegate from the University of Notre Dame. The ceremony’s culminating point was President Emeritus, Alan Harre, presenting his successor the Presidential Medallion, thereby installing President Hecker into office.

President Emeritus Alan Harre passes the President’s Medallion to newly inaugurated President Mark Hecker

Alcohol prohibition strikes Valpo Law

New SBA policies change student event planning

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In 2008 the Valparaiso University School of Law Student Bar Association Alcohol Policy was created. It prohibited hard alcohol at SBA-sponsored events, decreased the available use of SBA funds for alcohol, and required sober monitors at events where SBA funds were expended. Will it spur professionalism amongst students, will it spawn a responsible, healthy atmosphere, and will it lead away from the abuse of alcohol as a form of release? Valparaiso University School of Law students? While only time will answer those questions, a short inquiry into the history, creation and passage of the Alcohol Policy revealed the efforts of SBA to promote the prudent use of student activity dollars.

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Students who have the potential to lead and serve the world..."

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Christopher Center. The event featured four levels of food and entertainment. The first floor had casual food such as chicken tenders and pizza and a performance with an acoustic guitar group. The second floor had a variety of desserts and provided guests with a pianist playing classical music. The third floor had an Oktoberfest theme, which included bratwurst, pretzels and root beer. A polka band provided the entertainment. The fourth floor had shrimp cocktail and lobster rolls among its offerings.

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The Docket

Fashion Trends Cause Legal Issues

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This month we’re focusing on how a person’s choice of clothing can find them in legal trouble. Fashion is a form of expression. However, today’s fashion issues have not had the legal impact as the Tinkers black arm- bands or Cohen’s jacket did during the 1970’s.

According to a Reuters article, a South Sudanese official is looking for a new job after creating a law that caused a substantial amount of women to be arrested for disturbing the peace. The woman’s crime: wearing tight pants.

The South Sudanese government did the right thing by preventing women from being arrested for wearing tight pants given its history of rebelling against an extremist Islamic government.

However, it is not just foreign governments who are regulating how a person can wear their clothing. According to a Palm Beach Post article, Rivera Beach, Florida has imposed a penalty for individuals wearing baggy pants. While most city decisions are typically voted on by city council members and made into ordinances, this decision was enacted through a public election.

The ordinance passed with 72% of the vote, and most of those who voted for the measure were elderly members of the community.

Under the law, a person would face legal action if they display skin or underwear. The first offense carries a $150 fine or community service while a second offense has a $300 fine or community service. Habitual offenders could face up to 60 days in jail.

The new ban, however, is not unique to South Sudan. There have been similar occurrences in other countries.

The US government recently banned tight pants “Redentore” from his position. The Salvation Army will discuss the duties, activities, and daily tasks of the athletic director.

According to a MSN.com report, schools are setting disputes about a student’s choice of school clothing.

The schools in establishment baggy pants rules. Other schools are also addressing the issue of creating uniforms and implementing dress codes. One cited reason for the emergence of dress codes and uniforms is to control gang behavior and prevent violent clothing from being a distraction.

Proponents of dress code rules state that it is easier for parents to buy clothes and get children ready for school. Teachers have stated that dress codes make students work harder.

The Proponents argue that students appear to be in support. “The only time we might order alcohol is if we have a little bit of wine with dinner,” said Nick Peters of the Heilige Law Association. “It really doesn’t affect us.”

“If we do not serve alcohol, we will break or make another event” commented Bridget Anderson, President of the Black Law Student Association. “I also think that the new policy serves as a way for the school to push organizations to fundraise.”

Meanwhile, Mike Duffy of Jun Vi-tae aired a concern, “I wonder to what degree the ‘van renting policy’ of having students drive tanked students home presents potential liability to the school. When the van is rented, is it the school’s responsibility, and if the school is, whose tuition dollar is used to pay out the judgement?”

Liability applies to be a lingering concern for some student group presidents who question the need to advertise and offer sober drivers to those students and their friends who attend and make personal decisions while being intoxicated. And that question of liability is one that all are hoping is answered by the Porter County Courts.

“The use of student activity fees is everyone’s, said Barth. “Perhaps in the future we will need to vote as students, as to what exactly it can be used for. For now, I’m seeing a culture change amongst students, where we are developing a sense of professional use of alcohol at professional events.”

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Criminal Procedure class explores Indy opportunities

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On Thursday, October 9th, Professor Derrick Carter organized a networking trip to Indiana University for many of his students to meet with various government entities and alumni. The trip was initially open to Professor Carter’s Criminal Procedure class, but several past students embraced the opportunity as well. Throughout the day, the class met with several Valpo Law alumni to discuss their jobs and their experiences in securing those positions.

First, the students met to hear three oral arguments before the Indiana Supreme Court. Professor Carter, a Valpo Law alumnus, was one of the attorneys before the court. After a substantive question-and-answer session regarding federal law, the students took a brief tour of the historic courthouse and ceremonial courtroom.

The students next headed to the Marion County Prosecutor’s and Public Defender’s Offices. First, they spoke with Valpo Law alumnus Carl J. Brizzi to gain his perspective on the status of crime in Indiana, his anticipated upcoming trial, and the relationship between Valpo and the various local and judicial systems in the area.

The students participated in other activities in Indianapolis, visiting restaurants and urban watering holes to discuss issues with law students. However, as the purpose of the trip was exposure and networking, every judge, public defender, and political administrative recited a similar theme that they hire many attorneys through internships and externship programs. “Most of all,” said Professor Carter, “you must not be timid. Be visible, make your mark.”

Professor Carter hopes to make this trip an annual event. For example, the committee did not distribute any money whatsoever to its student organizations. Instead, groups at Harvard Law School do not allow for any student funds to be distributed if the intended use is a party or anything involving alcohol.

The SBA of Valpo Law gives its students constituents more while receiving less funds from the school. Can you think of another law school that provides its students with a 40 inch plasma HD TV? How would you think of another law school that provides its students with a 40 inch plasma HD TV? How would you think of another law school that provides its students with a 40 inch plasma HD TV? How would you think of another law school that provides its students with a 40 inch plasma HD TV?
The Dean's Corner

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TRAVEL: FATAL TO PREJUDICE
Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and any one who travels widely becomes harmless.

Broad, wholesome, charitable, reasonable, and good books cannot be acquired by a man except by the little earth all our lifetime.

-Mark Twain

WHY STUDY ABROAD?
The Dean's Corner provides students the opportunity to develop global citizenship skills and gain experience in a different culture. It also helps students experience personal growth, advance a career, understand other cultures, implement communication courses and work effectively in another culture. In a recent policy statement, NAFSA: Association of International Educators, the largest international education organization with over 11,000 member worldwide, asserts that "as an educated citizen today is to be able to see through the world's 'eyes' and to understand the international dimensions of the problems we confront as a national- and international rights advocates by international experience."

NAFSA statement continues: "The end of the cold war did not mean an end to international, ethnic, and cultural conflicts. The effective management of global unrest in the next century will require more, not less, understanding. The increases to understand the world is in terms other than our own, and the challenges of the future will continue to divide between foreign and domestic concerns. Most domestic problems cannot be solved by looking inward, but by understanding how the world is working. The opening of global markets, the explosion of trade, the globalization of production, and the need for U.S. companies to compete in international markets all demand a more global concern in U.S. education, as well as more Americans with specific foreign language and country expertise. If American students are to be able to function effectively in the world into which they will graduate, it must become the routine, the exception, for them to study abroad in high quality programs."

VALPARAISO OPPORTUNITIES
Valparaiso Law students can enhance their global perspective on the law by participating in study abroad programs in either the Cambridge Program or the International Human Rights Program in Chile. These programs afford students the opportunity to pursue an exchange overseas or spend a semester abroad as an exchange student.

The Cambridge Program begins with London Lectures, which are arranged by Professor Ed Gaffney. He provides a basic introduction to the process of lawmaking in parliamentary government, the adjudication of civil and criminal cases in England, both at the trial and appellate levels. The course includes guest lectures and visits to important legal and government institutions in London, the legal and cultural offerings of London for a week, and a trip to Cambridge. This was during the summer 2009 term, Professor Claire Nuscheler will teach Spanish Law, and the Law and Professor Zachary Cale will teach Comparative Theological Jurisprudence.

Miguel Garcia is an associate professor at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile in Chile and Argentina, the course provides an introduction to comparative constitutionalism, the transition to democracy and reconstruction, rights of indigenous peoples, and the judicial systems of each country. In addition, students will attend Tagliolli's lecture, "Argentine Human Rights: "

Students can also study or work in legal positions in other countries. During the summer 2008 term, students enrolled in pro bono exchanges with Bridgewater Borkers South East Asia, in Cambridge, Porter, Steeley & Co. in Guatemala, the Irish Bank Guarantee Service, in Cork, Ireland, and as a judicial clerk in Melbourne, Australia.

The International Human Rights Program in Chile and Argentina offers Valparaiso students an additional exchange agreement with three law schools in Chile and Argentina: Universidad de las Americas, Santiago, Chile, and Universidad Autonoma and Universidad Catolica in Santiago, Argentina. Valparaiso students are to be invited to enroll in pro bono programs with two law schools in Santiago, Chile, and a legal clinic in Chile. Valparaiso students are to be invited to enroll in pro bono programs with two law schools in Santiago, Chile, and a legal clinic in Chile.

In the future, Valparaiso hopes to broaden these exchange programs with Tulane University in Tulane, Louisiana, the University of Cape Town in South Africa, Tulane University is to be invited to enroll in pro bono programs with two law schools in Santiago, Chile, and a legal clinic in Chile.

For more information about any of these opportunities, please see Professors Adams, de Neufville, Anderson, or the Web site at:

FROM THE LAW LIBRARY

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Acquisitions Librarian

A panel of twelve prominent law librar­
ians were asked what books are con­
ected to the business choice those who regard the best movies ever made about lawyers and the law as the August 2008 issue of the ABA Journal. The films represent thirty-one Oscar winners from 1927 to 2008, nominated for various awards, and twenty-five of them are nominated for the Oscar for Best Picture. The titles include not only the obvious, such as To Kill a Mocking­
bird, but also the obscure, such as Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb.

A Few Good Men (1992) and Amistad (1997), are the two most recent films and are invited to participate in the annual International Human Rights Program.

The list includes the following:

12 Angry Men (1957)

Anthony of a Murder (1959)

Inherit the Wind (1960)

Witness for the Prosecution (1957)

The Verdict (1982)

Reversal of Fortune (1990)

A Man for All Seasons (1966)

Philadelphia (1993)

Kramer vs. Kramer (1979)

Miracle on 34th Street (1947)

Reversal of Fortune (1990)

The Paper Chase (1978)

Civil Action (1998)

Small-firm Boston plaintiffs lawyers agree on two complainants whose tummy, they've decided, is responsible for the leukaemia-related deaths of cancer patients and are the drivers behind the moral consequences found in this file.

Civil Action (1998)

Philippe (1993)

Terry Gilliam’s (300), and Dr. Strangelove (1964), are two films that demonstrate the influence of satire and the opinion that the death penalty is a necessary evil. The two films represent the work of two directors who have been influenced by the same political views and beliefs.

The Paper Chase (1978)

A Man for All Seasons (1966)

A Good Year (1999)

Philadelphia (1993)

The Paper Chase (1978)

Reversal of Fortune (1990)

It follows the story of a young lawyer who has been damaged in a legal case and is forced to turn to his past to try to fix the present. The story follows a typical legal case in which a lawyer is accused of murder and is forced to defend himself against a powerful corporation.

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Civil Law Clinic provides unique opportunities

Maru DeMartini
Forum Staff Writer

Are you looking for a chance to experience what it's like to be a lawyer? Would you like to know what practicing law really feels like? The perfect opportunity is before you. The Civil Law Clinic at Valparaiso University School of Law gives you the opportunity to represent clients who do not have the means to afford legal representation. You do not have to enroll in this two-credit class during your third year or even have a chance to get a law degree, yet you will be eligible to receive credit for the legal services provided, but they may have to pay court fees, depending on their income. The clinic also accepts students, faculty and staff of Valparaiso University in a capacity outside the school. The clinic usually has ten students each semester and they work in groups of two or three to work on a case and go over their cases. Each student handles around five cases at a time and proceeds to their cases on their own. They are certified by the court to do everything a lawyer is licensed to do, the only difference being that they work under the supervision of a faculty member.

Most cases handled by students deal with family law divorces being the most common practice. Custody disputes however are not usually taken because they demand too much time, usually more than a semester. Professor Marcia Ginni, who is in charge of the clinic, explains that her main goal is for students to work a case from the beginning to the end, so they can learn from the entire process. Custody cases would not allow students to do that and therefore are not usually accepted.

Tort cases are rare but that most firms will represent clients for a contingency fee or insurance companies will provide their clients with legal representation. Tort cases the clinic has taken involved people who have been in a car accident without insurance. In one example, the clinic had a case some time ago involving NIPSCO. A woman came into the clinic seeking legal representation after she had an accident with her car. She crashed into a electric pole, property of NIPSCO, and the company sued her for damages. She did not have insurance at the time, and the clinic provided her with legal advice and representation.

Students need to go through an application process for their case to be accepted. Not every case will be taken and that is at the discretion of the students working at the clinic. When people come to the clinic, they are screened by the secretaries and make an appointment to be interviewed. Interviews are usually conducted by two students. One of them is in charge of asking questions, to get a sense of the case, and the other observes, takes notes and asks additional questions when necessary. Professor Ginni is particularly impressed by and the GPA required not to get kicked out.

A similar story can be told about a 2L student, who has that same go-getter attitude of Abraham Lincoln or Ted Rosebett. Could we get a Democrat, please?

6) Because it's that time of year, what was the best/coolest most original Halloween costume you ever wore? Vampire.

7) If you had to play a round of golf with any Supreme Court Justice, past or present, who do you pick? John Marshall.

8) You're granted 1 wish, what do you choose? The classic — 3 more wishes.

9) Star Trek or Star Wars? Star Trek.

10) Hypothetically, could God micro wave a burrito so hot that he, himself, could not eat it? God cooks? Do you have any authority for that, counsel?

Civil Law Clinic

From across the yard: the Civil Beat

Editorial, from page 14

This brings to mind some great examples of people who I have encountered, here at Valpo Law, who I have been particularly impressed by and I believe, represent the type of people that any employer would be lucky to have the opportunity to "take a chance on."

My first example is someone who really could not pass graduate and who would have a job waiting at their dad's law firm. While this student could easily attend classes only as much as necessary to not get administratively withdrawn, and could pass their tests by memorizing the GPR required not to get kicked out of school, this person does much more than that. I have witnessed this individual stay up all night in order to finish grading TA group appellate briefs, filling up entire pages with comments so that group members can do as well as possible on their final versions. Then, I have also seen this same person spend countless hours perfectly a law review note, and as a result, making the cite check of the article entirely too easy for the next writer of the note.

My second example is a story told by a 2L student, who has that same go-getter drive that all Valpo Law students should strive for, regardless of who their parents are or what kind of car they drive. This person is from a whole family of lawyers. However, when this individual met with the Career Planning Center last year and they encouraged the student to use family connections in order to get a summer job, this person refused to do so in order to make it on their own. I must say that I wholeheartedly advocate the use of connections whenever and whenever possible, but this story is another great example of people not feeling entitled or taking the easy way out, even when it is a very attractive option.

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Valpo Law, a seat is taken away from Valpo Law, a seat is taken away from the pool, and as a result, making the GPA required not to get kicked out of school, this person refused to do so in order to make it on their own. I must say that I wholeheartedly advocate the use of connections whenever and whenever possible, but this story is another great example of people not feeling entitled or taking the easy way out, even when it is a very attractive option.

Professor White got me in touch with the legal aid offices in Indianapolis last summer. He got me there is a paternity interview. "Professor White's help," she says. She recommends you take certain classes if you are thinking about participating in the civil clinic. "The civil clinic is still the main source of free legal aid in the Valparaiso area. Cases come from different sources, but are not 'just another job' that someone is going to do for you. They are certified by the court to do everything a lawyer is licensed to do, the only difference being that they work under the supervision of a faculty member. Most cases handled by students deal with family law divorces being the most common practice. Custody disputes however are not usually taken because they demand too much time, usually more than a semester. Professor Marcia Ginni, who is in charge of the clinic explains that her main goal is for students to work a case from the beginning to the end, so they can learn from the entire process. Custody cases would not allow students to do that and therefore are not usually accepted.

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Andrea McArdle lecture

The first was to do legal writing separate from the legal form. Write about legal topics, cases and areas of law and not in the form followed by typical cases briefs or memorandums. The second was to use the legal form but not the legal content. McArdle recommended taking the legal form and choosing a topic unrelated to the law.

She explained that by following legal topics particular format students would gain insight and understanding of what legal concepts they were missing or the points they needed to strengthen. She had seen a student who used the legal structure of writing but wrote about a relationship, a species, or some particular student, but she followed a structured outside of her usual practice which enabled her to cover in her own legal writing.

"Sometimes," Judge Bork's stance, judges must be neutral. "Otherwise, the system of democratic governance fails."

The talk became contentious during the question and answer session when Professor Griffith's stance was challenged. Griffith stated that although first year writing is rigorous it is the core of professional formation for beginning law students. She explained the need to reinforce the deep learning that occurs in the first year and how the legal education should draw on a broader range of writing roles.

"Some of her various approaches are specified for professors to enhance students' understanding of the law through writing, but there were also a few points for students to take away. She explained that for students, especially in the first year, additional writing exercises will make the law more understandable and open to a deeper understanding of the law.

Griffith also maintained that creative writing seems removed from legal writing but it allows students to step back while reinforcing a beneficial process for learning the law. There were two suggestions for students to try as a new approach to legal writing.

"The problem is one that can be vital to a deeper understanding of the law and can be reached at oram@valpo.edu"
THE INSIDE SCOOP

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Rockin’ The Burbs... The Music Buzz

New music to feed your soul

Brett Stein
Forum Music Critic

Oasis — Dig Out Your Soul

What most Oasis fans must be thinking is: why didn’t we have this album a decade ago? The most recent effort for the wannabe-Beatles is the strongest album they have put out in almost thirteen years.

The opening track, “Bag the Lightnin’,” sets the tone for the rest of the album, which is at times heavy and at other times displaying the shades of brilliance that Oasis can provide for the listeners who still remember the days when they put out their other albums. The standout track, though, is the shivering and forceful “Dig Out Your Soul,” which is probably an album that most rock listeners will pass up for no other reason than the belief that Oasis hasn’t anything left in the tank. Those people would be mistaken because sometimes when a group has nothing left to lose, they find the inspiration to put out their best work. This album is also unique because listeners can actually tell the songs apart. For years Oasis would put out albums featuring up to 12 tracks, none of which were distinguishable from the others. Perhaps if more formerly great bands were temporarily left for dead they would return to pumping out quality tunes just like Oasis did here.

In conclusion, do not dismiss this album because of the artist, give it a listen instead and try to forget who the band is when you are enjoying tracks like “(Get Off Your) Headロック,” “Tug Of War,” and “The Masterplan.” It is over. For fans of T.L. or rap they have put out their best work. This album is the first song on the album to break the mold and features a steady beat that is the most recent effort for the most seductive of rock bands.

T.L. — Paper Trail

T.L. family declares in the intro of “Paper Trail,” that the wait is over. For fans of T.L. or rap fans in general, this album has taken all but an eternally deep drop to record store shelves, but that’s what tracks to happen when the release is a bundle of singles before the official album release. This tactic is no different from movie trailers being shown several months before it arrives in theaters and those who exhibited patience have been duly rewarded.

Featuring guest spots by Rihanna, Ludacris, Usher, John Legend, Justin Timberlake, as well as Kanye West, Jay Z and Lil Wayne (the last three appear on the same track, “Swagga Like Us”), T.L. goes for a grand slam and, for the most part, succeeds.

“Ready For Whatever” displays the T.L.’s superb craft to craft rhymes around expertly chosen beats. Though a track like this has been the news more for its activities hinging on the criminal side, don’t let that take away from what the group accomplishes with this album. He comes across like a hit like “On Top of the World,” with harder tracks like “Real Love” and “I Want I Get.” When it comes to rap, it seems each album released is an attempt to outdo the previous one that topped the charts. T.L. challenges everyone out there to put out an album as diverse, aesthetically pleasing, and well-rounded as “Paper Trail.”

“Dig Out Your Soul” is an impeccable roster of guest stars, there is only one poor track on the album, “Life Your Life.” A duet with Rihanna that simply does not fit in with the overall message. With fifteen tracks to choose from and in the majority being high-quality songs there is something for everyone ranging from the casual rap fan to more hardcore listeners. I give it an 8 out of 10.

Jenny Lewis — Acid Tongue

This is the second solo album released by the lead singer of Rilo Kiley and this effort is a large departure from past albums. Acid Tongue takes a more folk-style approach, and the first two tracks support this sentiment. "The Next Messiah" is the first song on the album to break the mold and features a steady beat that is, about a minute in, drifts into a blues-driven guitar riff alongside Lewis’s, but not spectacular, vocals. Lewis even goes for a grand slam with the first two tracks support this sentiment. “The Next Messiah” is the first song on the album to break the mold and features a steady beat that is not even different from movie trailer being shown several months before it arrives in theaters and those who exhibited patience have been duly rewarded.

Learned about the Acid Tongue, it could have been recorded in a basement studio instead of a California studio. The album was co-produced by her boyfriend, indie rock darling Jonathan Rice, and has a more organic and simplified sound than her first solo record. “The Importance of Being Earnest”

The Importance of Being Earnest

Natasha Bennett
Forum Staff Writer

As many great works of art, The Importance of Being Earnest was written for the most seductive of reasons — money,” said Sarah Wallace, Oscar Wilde’s masterpiece delighted local audiences throughout the month of October as the Valparaiso University Department of Theatre presented Wilde’s original and irreverent social commentary on Victorian Society.

Set during the English Victorian Era, the play revolves around the lives of Algernon Moncrieff (Charles Szorc) and Jack Worthing’s a “Ernest” (Andrew Robinson) and their attempts to wed Gwendolen Fairfax (Emily Newporte) and Cecily Cardew (Lisa Morton). Wilde’s Earnest is a satirical view of social hypocrisy and is considered one of his greatest works.

The play centers on the antics of Jack and Algernon, two eligible English bachelors who see themselves as shallow millionaires whenever possible. Jack creates a fictional brother named “Ernest” as a reason to escape the monotony of country life and the responsibility he bears for his ward Cecily. Algernon created a fictional friend named “Buncho,” who suffers from “permanent ailments” as an excuse to avoid most social obligations.

During one of his excursions into London, Jack enters and Mei Ann with Algernon’s cousin Gwendolen. Jack considers telling Gwendolen his true identity of Jack, Worthing, the location of Jack’s country home, where he encounters Cecily in the garden and introduces himself as “Ernest,” Jack’s compassionate brother. Cecily is intricately befuddled to feel that Ernest can be trusted.

The album’s title track is a slow building construction, provided heavy soft vocals, accompanied with strong backing vocals. “Fernando” is a straightforward upbeat number that breaks up the monotony of the slower tracks that permeate the record.

Jenny Lewis — Acid Tongue

This is the second solo album released by the lead singer of Rilo Kiley and this effort is a large departure from past albums. Acid Tongue takes a more folk-style approach, and the first two tracks support this sentiment. “The Next Messiah” is the first song on the album to break the mold and features a steady beat that is, about a minute in, drifts into a blues-driven guitar riff alongside Lewis’s, but not spectacular, vocals. Lewis even goes for a grand slam with the first two tracks support this sentiment. “The Next Messiah” is the first song on the album to break the mold and features a steady beat that is not even different from movie trailer being shown several months before it arrives in theaters and those who exhibited patience have been duly rewarded.

The album is ‘s band, Rilo Kiley, took a lot of grief from fans and critics on their last album, which was slick and overproduced in contrast to their previous albums. No one can accuse Lewis of doing the same. What you don’t hear as if it could have been recorded in a basement studio instead of a California studio. The album was co-produced by her boyfriend, indie rock darling Jonathan Rice, and has a more organic and simplified sound than her first solo record. “The Importance of Being Earnest”

This film fits the bill for music fans who think less is more when it comes to production, and who have a deep appreciation for songs that are growers rather than instant hits. Most of these songs take a few listen before they can be appreciated for their fine craftsmanship and nuanced songwriting. Remember, patience is the friend of true music fans.

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November 2008
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2. Are you going to carve a pumpkin this Halloween? If yes, what will it look like?
3. Do you think the Bailout, a.k.a. the Rescue Package, has worked or will work?
4. Have you changed your spending habits or budget since the financial markets got all wacky?
5. Blackberry will be releasing a touch screen phone, there are now touch screen computers being offered by HP, what are your thoughts on the touch screen movement in electronics?
6. Who is better at being Sarah Palin: Sarah Palin or Tina Fey?
7. Iran recently caught "spy pigeons" near one of its nuclear facilities. What animal would you use to assist in a spy operation?
8. Call it. Who is going to win the election?
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TRIVIA

By Heather Looby -- Executive Editor

1. Who said: "I'm the President of the United States and I'm not going to eat any more broccoli?"
2. What former University of Michigan football player President was shot at while walking to California Governor Jerry Brown's office?
3. Who was the only practicing Roman Catholic to serve as President?
4. Who was the youngest person to ever serve as President?
5. Who was our only bachelor President?
6. What President of the 19th century, who is also the only President to serve two non-consecutive terms, was accused of having an illegitimate child?
7. What President served the shortest time (32 days) as President?
8. What President founded the University of Virginia?
9. *If you have taken Legal Profession with Professor Gaffney, this should be an easy one.
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Electoin 2008

November 2008

Presidental hopefuls speak on campus

Libertarian candidate Bob Barr visits Valpo

Michael Will
Copy Editor

O n the heels of his second debate with Senator John McCain, Senator Barack Obama held a "Change We Need" rally at the Indiana State Fair Grounds in Indianapolis on Wednesday, October 8th. This cool, rainy day marked the Senator’s sixth and final campaign event of the primary season. According to Robert L. Miller II of the Division of Fire & Building Safety, an estimated 21,000 supporters attended the rally. Obama spoke of the financial crisis and the night's debate, and surrounding price of home heating costs. Senator Obama’s speech described the anxiety, fear and panic many Americans feel now, but explained that we can question Barr, remove the Senator related why he believes the country will succeed. He stated that Americans have the “fundamental belief that in America, our destiny is not written for us, it is written in us. We make the decision about how we’re going to move forward.”

Governor Palin visits Indy

Nathan Vis
Forum Staff/Writer

The crowd at Palin’s rally was di- verse. Barr, real, regular people, among the attendees, "seemed to be a real cross section of the American people. Young and older ages were out there too.” Indiana’s Lieutenant Governor, Becky Skillern, and her husband, Al,Former mayor of Wasilla, Alaska wasted enforcement scrutiny and investigation "for Reform Now), a group under the Alaskan government, Palin shared that, "The Constitution is a fundamental ele­ ment of our country. Libertarians and small government, individual responsibility take much of the center stage in the Libertarian political forum@ Valpo.edu.

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**SBA sponsored on fun Lake Michigan**

David Johnson
Forum Staff Writer

This year P.A.D hosted its annual boat cruise on September 27th, and except for a few minor snafus, the evening went off without a hitch. Roni Gomez, a 3L, and can be reached at fonan@valpo.edu enjoyed it. Roni is a 3L and can be reached at fonan@valpo.edu. The dance scene started off a little slow, and as the evening progressed, more and more people started trickling onto the Boat. By the time the ship docked again at Navy Pier, the dance floor was jam packed, and many cruise goers looked disappointed when they realized that the evening had come to an end. I’m sure that many of you all know just how much they enjoy this event, and sharing with those that need and sharing with the Lawyers for the Defense means more than just offering free legal advice; some just get fun and many of us don’t stay up till 3 a.m. As I boarded the bus and snuggled up against my girlfriend to go to sleep, many followed my lead and did the same. Some, though, still had a little midnight oil to burn and chatted about life, the universe, and everything in between.

When we pulled into Valparaiso, the night ended excitingly and quietly. After the cruise was fully underway and Chicago’s scenic skyline slowly glided by our side, the party really started. Everyone seemed to leave the event smiling and those of us that partied a little bit more or a little bit less, was fantastic) and the DJ started playing catchier and catchier tunes. It wasn’t long until the each and every of the volunteers do all the slow, and a jacket seemed to disappear. Eventually made it home at 2 a.m. as jam packed and many cruise goers were available to take those of us home who had a little too much fun on the cruise. Rumors that Dean Adams would be waiting there to rep-"


**ILS Hayride**

**Fall themed event draws crowd**

Amber Waggoner  
Forum Staff Writer

If you did not make it out to the beautiful 125 acre Rodger’s Lake-Side Park for the ILS (International Law Society) sponsored hayride on October 17th from 7-10 p.m., you missed out on the ride of your life and a scenic break in your law school hobble. The view alone was breathtaking. Besides the free refreshments and bonfire there were donuts. The evening began with people packing around the fire roasting hot dogs and marshmallows for s’mores. They had a variety of food and drinks including hot dogs of all types like veggie dogs, turkey dogs, and tofu of course plain old hot dogs (Lord only knows what they put in them, but hey they are good), marshmallows, chocolate bars, graham crackers, pop, apple cider, and beverages. There were bathrooms near the site, which was a definite plus, and great lighting. People mingled while enjoying a drink by the fire. Many students braved the hayride around the park, but no one can be sure if they all made it back. The ride was terrifying. The driver explained the rules of the ride, reminding all passengers to keep their limbs inside, and not to sit near the opening gate because it was unstable, old, rickety, and slowly rotting. Most students probably thought he was joking, telling up the ride to make it a bit more exciting. But after the near death defying ride the students realized the ride was an understatement!! He drove down a very dark and narrow trail and every time he let off the clutch in first, the ride would jolt violently forward. It was obvious that the man was not good at driving a stick. He got the trailer stuck around a narrow corner and the trees were cracking as they dragged along the side. Then, he attempted to go up a steep hill, and barely made it. It seemed as if the trailer was just going to roll backwards down the hill; and sure enough it did! As soon as the ride was over in first gear everyone flew forward as he finally made it up the hill. It was definately a ride to remember! The hayride was scary, no ghosts necessary.

The event was fun! The majority of students buddled for warmth, which made it a great time to shake the breeze and enjoy beautiful scenery. Several students brought their dogs to enjoy the wealth of fresh air and lovely views. Overall it was a great time for all ages and a fun family event. Many thanks to the ILS for opening this event to everyone, and for the great food and refreshments.

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**Hispanic Heritage Month**

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Forum Staff Writer

Hispanic heritage month takes place from September 15 to October 15 each year and is reserved for celebrating the independence of 7 Latin American Countries, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Chile, and Mexico. The celebration of Latino culture, achievements, and contributions by Latinos have made to the United States was enshrined in law in 1998 as Hispanic Heritage Month by Public Law 100-402. The public law required the President to proclaim September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month.

Latinos are generally a cohesive, proud, and strong group, and oppose the theory of assimilation because culture is the bond that enables Latinos to preserve diversity and achieve success in many respects. Many Latinos have paved the way and continue to pave the way so future generations can have full access to opportunities in the United States. Through unity, faith and strength, Latinos are becoming a majority in many states and becoming prevalent in many professionals while ascending to new heights. Whether we are immigrants who crossed the border illegally, children of immigration, second generation, or first generation Latino-American’s we all have one common purpose. Every generation that has paved the way so future students brought their dogs to enjoy the wealth of fresh air and lovely views.

**3Ls own at Cardozo Cup**

Amber Waggoner  
Forum Staff Writer

Named after the famous Supreme Court Justice, The Cardozo Cup is the softball extravaganza of the year. There were dozens of players, sandwiches, pop, and beer for players and fans alike. This year’s annual softball tournament was held on October 3, 2008 at Bicentennial Park.

Numerous students congregated to cheer on their fellow law students. Many students brought family, friends, and even their dogs. It was a frigid evening for everyone present even with layers, but if you were able to bear the temperatures long enough to watch the second game, it was well worth the wait because it was a real nail-biter. Despite an early lead by the 2L team, “Barley Legal,” the 3Ls, also known as the “Learned Hands,” clinched the cup in what wound up being a close game.

The Cardozo Cup tournament usually consists of three games, but the faculty and staff were not able to field a team so only two games were played this year. The 2Ls took the first game by a score of 17-1. The 3Ls made contact throughout the game, but were unable to put runs across until the last bat at play. In a show of good sportsmanship, and to ensure that each 1L was allowed to bat, the 2Ls allowed them an extra at-bat.

After a long game, the victorious 3Ls won on their second and final game against the 3Ls. The 2Ls began the game with a very promising start, and by the second inning they were beating the 3Ls by four runs. It was not until the third inning that the 3Ls finally scored some runs and tied the game at 4. The 3Ls later pushed two more runs across, but the 2Ls would not go down without a fight and tied it up again in the fifth, 6-6. The 3Ls won in the end, however, by scoring three more runs in the bottom of the fifth inning. The 3Ls ended with the 3Ls a celebrating a 9-6 victory.

After a fun and exciting game, most of the students were ready to go and get warm. Shortly after the game, everyone headed out to celebrate. Congratulations 3Ls.

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**WLSA Trivia Night**

Heather Loooby  
Executive Editor

The Women's Law Student Association held their annual trivia night to raise breast cancer awareness and research on October 21, 2008 at The Franklin House in Valparaiso. Eighteen teams participated and the event raised over $500 which will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. There were five rounds of trivia covering a variety of subjects ranging from music and pop culture to questions about history and science. Crown favorites included the questions on Valparaiso University School of Law, namely one in particular asking participants to name the five main classrooms at Valpo Law (with Matt Skilling’s team getting extra points for naming all of the room numbers). Music and pop culture were also another challenging subjects to name the home of Valpo Law Professor Bruce Berman.

A long time coming team was “The Prince Albert Einstein,” powered by Michie Cox, Joshua Heremes, Nick Petres, Abby Rom and Gary Rom. “Save the Tatas” placed second, and consisted of teammates Chris Bueckley, Pat Hart, Justin Staubli, Natalie Staubli and Patrick Thomas. Third place was taken by “The Midlins,” whose players included Professor Laura Dooley, Nikki Knowlton, Shannon Nieder, Alison Prevost, and Korrie Shivers.

Many local businesses generously donated all of the prizes given to members of the winning teams. The WLSA Executive Board would like to thank all who attended the event and donated both their time and money. WLSA would also like to give special thanks to The Franklin House (Shawn & Trudy Alexander), Cafe Zaytoon, Beach House, Baan, Don Quijote, Golden Globe Tavern, Portage (Steve Alvarez & Laura Harris), Grec’s Pizza, Isabella Bean coffeehouse cafe, Jason Moseley, Justin Carter, Uma Café, Mazea Restaurant, Golf Pro Nancy Bender of Creekside Golf Course, Paparazzo, Taco’s, Executive Ed Gaffney, Professor Laura Dooley, and Valpo Velvet Ice Creamery.

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**WLSA’s next event is Night with the Professors taking place before break, on Tuesday, November 11th. Please email your school email for details to follow!**

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A well regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a Free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

The vast majority of us recognize the preceding sentence to be the Second Amendment. Recently, the U.S. Supreme Court embarked on an exhaustive and tragic dance to determine what the right to bear arms actually means in the District of Columbia v. Heller decision. I don't want to bore you with the details of Justice Scalia's historical examination of the text's operative clause ("right of the people to keep and bear arms") and the prefatory clause ("well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a Free State"). But let's just agree that at the time the Second Amendment was passed, there was no reason to have a right to bear arms outside of a military setting for defense of self and home.

The same argument always arises when it comes to the Second Amendment. That argument goes something like: "gun violence is so prevalent today that we must curb the ability of people to acquire guns." But as the Footer District of Columbia has a huge problem with gun violence, the dissent in Heller correctly pointed out, the ability to bear arms is so engrained in American culture and our values that the District of Columbia's ban would have a devastating impact on the thousands of families who could use less of that type of activity. In short, why not just take it away?

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sion in the United States. The NFL career lasting about three and a half sea-
sons, followed by a cascade of serious injuries incurred by players, one might think that the NFL would also have the best health care plan for retired players. But that thought would be wrong.
Many professional athletes today earn more in a week through the NFL than they would have had to work full-time in a blue collar job for two years. While the NFL has genuine programs in place to help retired athletes, such as NFLPA, (as of 2003), and the NFL Foundation, the money for the programs is limited, and there are many cases of former players not being able to live a comfortable lifestyle.

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