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SBA amends constitution amid controversy

Changes promise greater efficiency

Rachel Sharron
Sports Editor

Earlier this semester, the Student Bar Association discussed some proposed changes to its Constitution and formed a committee to draft such changes. According to SBA Vice President Paul Kubinski, there were some conflicts amongst existing by-laws in the current document as well as a lack of clarity within the document itself, and some redundancies and grammatical errors that SBA wanted to clean up.

Kubinski said that recognition of these issues began last year when SBA President Sebastian Smelko, and the project was discussed with the Valparaiso University School of Law administration last spring and earlier this semester. This fall, the SBA executive board discussed the issues with the current Constitution and decided to form a committee to review the document, clarify the existing by-laws, and fix redundancies and grammatical errors. Kubinski headed up the committee to which Rob Woodward, a 2L class representative, Christina Talamoni and Peter Kathy, 3L class representatives, were also appointed. In reviewing the Constitution, the committee also drafted four proposed amendments, all of which were first discussed by SBA.

The four amendments included:

1. Adding a class representative to each grade level.
2. Adding a Special Activities/Events/Coordination position to the executive board.
3. Moving up the election of the SBA Executive Board to February, and
4. Adding a requirement that in order to serve as SBA President one must first have served on SBA for at least a semester and a day.

Each of the amendments were presented to the SBA administrative board, which consists of the SBA executive board and all of the class and faculty representatives, further discussed, voted on, and because they passed the preliminary vote, posted on the SBA bulletin board for two weeks for other students to read and make comments. A town hall style meeting was also held to give students a chance to ask questions and voice their opinions about the proposed amendments. After the meeting, the proposed Amendments were voted on at the next SBA meeting, and all of them except for the President term of service requirement were passed and ratified and are now in effect.

Why would a Lutheran institution want to associate itself with an image that carries so much negative baggage? Recently, new definitions of the term have emerged. For some people it means one who bears the cross.” Tomasik explains that the word “crusade” means "one who bears the cross.”

The discussion not only focused on the mascot’s meaning in past years, but also how it relates to the current situation on a global scale. "Right now we..."
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are posted on the SBA bulletin board in the hallway outside the office for at least 7 days. If the change is major, which is measured by whether it will affect a substantive interest of the student body, then a student forum is also held, said Wishart. After the posting and forum, if one is held, then SBA votes on the proposal at the next meeting.

According to Wishart this is not the first time the SBA Constitution has been amended; several amendments were passed in the 2006-'07 school year. An amendment was also passed last year with regards to special elections because Smelko was a December graduate, and once Wishart, who was then Vice President, took over the Presidency, a new vice president needed to be elected for the remainder of the school year, said Kulwinski. The amendment was also necessary in case, as happened last year, "internal SBA members ran for that open position," said Kulwinski, "then how would that vacancy be filled?"

As for the recently ratified Amendment, Wishart said that one of the reasons for adding additional positions to SBA was because it had remained the same size since Dean Cichowski, class of 1981, was a student at VUSTL, and additional representatives would allow for better student representation. Wishart also indicated that adding the Special Activities/Events Coordinator to the executive board would be helpful because it would provide more manpower for the executive board in planning and carrying out SBA events.

The Cave of Public State University v. Enrico Drew

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Editor in Chief

Each year after weeks of grueling competition and countless hours of preparation, four lucky students make it to the final round of the Luther M. Swygert Memorial Moot Court Competition. Traditionally, the competition is judged by at least one judge from the Seventh Circuit and the panel of judges consisted of the Honorable John Torer, the Honorable Eliza Lacy; and the Honorable Debra Todd.

Judge Tiner serves on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and served as the competition's chief justice. Justice Lacy served on the Supreme Court of Virginia. Appointed in 1988, she was the first woman to be seated on the Virginia Supreme Court. Justice Todd serves on the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Elected in 1993, she is the second woman to ever be elected to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

The four finalists this year consisted of Dhill Doller (2L) and Sashia Madlern (2L) for the Petitioners and Jeffrey Speigli (3L) and Abigail Rom (2L) for the Respondents.

As participants began to make their arguments to the panel, they were immediately met with an slew of questions from a very hot bench. Each participant was allowed to go no more than a sentence or two out before a question came flying from the panel of judges. Though the bench sent out a barrage of questions to each participant, each was able to skillfully answer the questions posed to him/her.

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Up in smoke: more states approve medical marijuana use

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While there are still questions on exactly how the Michigan law will work, some procedures are already in place. In order to get a registry identifi­cation card, the patient will have to visit his or her doctor, who will then have to recommend marijuana use. From there, the recommendation will be sent to the program’s coordinator at the state’s Department of Mental Health for accep­tance into the program or denial. If the request is approved, the patient receives the ID card as do the patient’s caregivers, but there is a limit of five cards per caregiver (Caregivers can have more than one patient and more than one card).

The law was written deliberately to prevent the criticism lodged at California’s medicinal marijuana law, where medicinal users go to buy, but the drug and have the ability to smoke it there. The eleven states that approved medicinal use after California did follow laws similar to the one recently passed in Michigan. The 11 other states are Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington.

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Medicinal use does not mean every­one who wants to use marijuana will be free to take away or that we’ll see a national wave of government-enabled junkies. Those who benefit from these symbolic medicinal marijuana use laws, which support use of the drug, but do not provide legal protections for medic­inal users. The District of Columbia’s voters approved a medicinal marijuana law with 69% vote, but Congress nullified the decision based on its status as a federal district.

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The holiday job search

Positioning yourself for success

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What is being said about the current state of the economy and the employment prospects for law students? Sources like the Institute of Management and Administration (November 2008), Hildebrandt (October 2008) and Robert Denney Associates, Inc. (July 2008) have reported the following with regards to recruitment given the present economic climate.

What exactly are they saying?
1. Practice areas "hot or getting hot": include: Sub-prime Litigation, Immigration Law, Foreclosures, Intellectual Property, Environmental, Bankruptcy, Employment Law, and Industries such as Energy, Healthcare and Telecommunications.
2. Opportunities for contract lawyers will increase as a result of associate layoffs (something to consider);
3. Summer associate programs are being reduced by larger firms. Small and mid-sized firms are discontinuing their programs due to cost and attention; 
4. New administration taking action in January 2009 will reshape financial institutions and the capital markets and create new legal work – particularly for firms in New York and Washington (fast 2009 will still be out of balance); and
5. The market will continue to associate across the legal industry to include layoffs of legal and non-legal staff, slowed hiring of new attorneys, restructuring of opportunities (e.g., profit participation, profits interests), additional merger activity as firms struggle to maintain their strategic focus, and law firm dissolutions.

Armed with this information, you can develop a plan to position yourself for the marketplace and remain competitive. Make the best use of extra time over the holiday break by considering the following:

Position yourself:
• Over-deliver (when appropriate), that is, give your employer what they are asking for and more; be conscientious about your performance on the job (What are you doing to make your mark in current positions? or what can you do in your upcoming summer position to make your mark?);
• Create customized and personalized job search documents (cover letters, resumes, and other job search documents) in standard business format for each employer to which you apply;
• Remain in touch (network with your fellow law clerks, interns, externs, associates, partners, family members, and more (upon fulfilling an employment obligation, continue to remain in touch with the employer on a regular basis);
• Remain in touch (when possible) with current and former employers;
• Identify membership in professional associations including bar associations and professional organizations related to specific industries (finance, healthcare, environmental, marketing, etc.).

In the long-term, it is important to remember that the present downturn in the legal market is caused primarily by reduced demand and that demand will return in time. There may be some restructuring in the way legal services are delivered but the long-term prospects for the legal industry remain very good.

To further assist you with your employment search, the Career Planning Center and Law School book, which together introduce a new electronic research resource, Leadership Library. Leadership Library is a personal contact database of the institutional leadership of the United States. The Leadership Library enables subscribers to reach 400,000 individuals at 40,000 leading U.S. government, business, professional, and nonprofit organizations. Subscribers can browse and search through a user-friendly interface. This new resource has been built directly into Symplicity. When you log in to your Symplicity account, select "Leadership Library" from the Quick Links section on the right side of the screen.

As always, if you have questions about your job search strategy, job search documents, or other job search resources, contact the Career Planning Center to schedule an advising appointment.

FROM THE LAW LIBRARY

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Most people reading this are probably aware that I teach a course called "Law" every semester at our School of Law, right? In this course, I introduce students to the legal system, the legal process, and how to use legal resources, among other important topics. This course provides a good deal of the information found in Getting to Maybe by Richard Michels, in which focus on a ground-up approach to law school success, and in which the advice is designed to help you prepare for law school, the book’s one hook is that it could be used to learn much-needed skills fairly quickly. Chapters in this book focus on skills such as effective reading, note-taking, and legal analysis, and contain exercises that can be completed in a modest amount of time. This would be a good choice for a second semester LL looking for a way to improve his or her grades.

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### FROM ACROSS THE YARD: THE CLINIC BEAT

**Sports Clinic represents athletes in anti-doping cases**

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are in a sensitive time," Veneto, said, "We are at war. The question is, are we at war with the Muslims who were at­tacked by the Crusades? No. We are in combat with terrorism." Though the word "Crusader" is placed into a different context, the im­age is harder to change. Professor To­masik indicates, "Once that image is put out there, it is too hard to go and con­nect with that reconciliation."

The panel included Alan Holder­read, a VU senior majoring in Civil Engineering; Professor Tim Tomasik, Assistant Professor of French in VU's Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures; Johnna Venuto, a VU sopho­more majoring in International Busi­ness; Mark LaBarbera, VU's Director

### Preregister for the bar exam!

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### Professor Alan Morrison

**5 minutes with...**

1. What has been your favorite class to teach in law school?
   I particularly enjoy teaching Individual Income Taxation because so many stu­dents come to it with fear and trepida­tion and some leave saying:
2. Where is the best place to eat in Valpo?
   I think the best food is at Bistro Garland, To quote the late, great Judy Garland, "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows."
3. What should Sarah Palin's public apology slogan be in 2012?
   I give my final exam.
4. Best "law" movie you've seen?
   Always Chasing Rainbow
5. Merlot, Cabernet or Pinot Noir? Cabernet
6. What is the best Christmas gift you've ever received?
   A Schwinn bike when I was about 12 years old. I wanted a Red Ryder BB gun just like the kid in Jean Shepard's A Christmas Story but my mom and dad thought I would put someone's eye, and they were probably right.
7. Any advice to the December gradu­ates?
   Enjoy yourself, read some books that have nothing to do with the law, get reacquainted with family and friends, remember the friends you made at Valpo Law, and be the person that your dog thinks you are.

### November Sudoku Answer

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We at the Forum feel that it is our duty to come out in support of the latest revision of the Valparaiso University School of Law Alcohol Policy.

Now, we know what you are all thinking. No, seriously, we do. You’re probably thinking any combination of the following...

1. We are adults, we should be able to drink ourselves silly whenever we damn well please.

2. It is our money, I want booze, why can’t I use said money to buy booze?

3. Why am I, the only person at the Halloween Party that had one drink instead of ten, being punished for the rest of the people having ten?

4. I am a good drunk driver, why should I have to pay for sober rides? I haven’t been busted yet!

While, these may seem like legitimate gripes to you, the administration has legitimate reasons for the new alcohol policy being put into effect.

Firstly, the simple fact of the matter is that the student activities money is not just "your money," it is the collective of all student activity fees thrown into a pot and used to provide the law school with student organization funds and activities. Now, while you may be happy with a rather large portion of the budget going towards the destruction of a few livers, there are plenty of people out there who would much rather see organizations spending money on sending students to networking conferences, charitable work, speakers with expertise in a particular field, and a picnic or two where the cops don’t stand around waiting for us to do something stupid...like drive drunk and take out a lawn gnome that could have been a four year old child.

Secondly, this is not a ban on alcohol. This is a ban on the use of student funds on alcohol. That being said, student organization may still have alcohol at student events. In order to have alcohol, the organization must simply offer drink tickets as part of the purchase price and/or a cash bar. Bottom line: You are an adult, you can still drink yourself silly if you feel the need to do so, you just don’t get to do it on the student fund’s dime anymore. In addition, the student organizations serving alcohol must still have sober rides present.

(ALERT: Your group can get certified and offer sober rides for a price. Now you have money for your group and you can buy that Sprite for Berbari that he wants so badly.)

Finally, this policy is not a punishment. This policy is meant to protect the health, welfare, and odds of getting through character and fitness of the students at this law school. The new policy is consistent with every law school in the country.

You are not being singled out for being naughty, we are actually the last ones to have this kind of student funds based debauchery taken away.

While this policy may seem draconian on its face, once you get into the details it has the right idea. Why in the world would anybody here want their contribution to the student activities pool to go towards your DUI, pay for your own DUI getting booze!

Think about all of the above for a minute and we feel that you, the student body will see that this policy isn’t so bad after all. It could even, novel idea, be a step towards student organizations focused on advancing students interests rather than buying the school yet another drink.

The Forum Editorial Board
I. APPLICATION - COVERAGE OF POLICY

A. The regulations contained in this policy apply to ALL student organizations. The law school's alcohol policy is in effect throughout the calendar year.

B. The policy applies to all student organization events where alcohol is available.

C. This policy is subject to change with proper notice given to the student organization leaders at the sole discretion of the Dean of the Law School.

II. REGULATIONS REGARDING ALCOHOL

A. NO student activity fees or university monies shall be used for the purchase of alcohol (beer, wine, or otherwise) at any event unless the specific approval of the Dean has been granted prior to the event.

B. Student Organizations are NOT permitted to use any organizational funds to purchase or purchase alcoholic beverages. All alcoholic beverages must be purchased by the individual or groups. No sale or exchange of alcoholic beverages is allowed. The specific approval of the Dean has been granted prior to the event.

C. At any student organization event where SBA or university funds are used to purchase alcohol, food, or entertainment, and at which alcohol will be available for personal purchase, the following is required.

I. NO HARD LIQUOR shall be served at ANY student organization event. Alcohol is limited to beer and wine only unless the Dean has granted specific permission to serve other alcoholic beverages.

II. Non-alcoholic beverages as well as beer and wine must be made available to students.

III. When requesting funding for the purchase of alcohol at a student organization event, the organization must explicitly detail its estimated breakdown on what the funds will be used for, including the purchase of alcoholic beverages, food, and/or other costs. If any alcoholic beverages appear on the reimbursement request or it appears to the SBA Treasurer that SBA or university funds were used to purchase alcoholic beverages, denial of reimbursement for the alcoholic purchases shall result. The SBA Treasurer has the discretion to approve or deny alcohol purchase requests at the discretion of the SBA President or Treasurer, pursuant to the sanctions described in Section IV.

IV. The student organization(s) sponsoring the event shall submit (in writing - email will suffice) the following information to the SBA Treasurer and/or the Director of Student Relations seven (7) calendar days prior to the scheduled event:

1. The name of at least one (1) member of the hosting organization who will act as student sponsor. This individual is responsible for acting as the organization representative.

2. The student sponsor(s) will ensure that the event and its participation are in compliance with the SBA Constitution and Bylaws, the Code of Student Conduct, the University Code of Student Conduct, and other applicable regulations.

3. The student sponsor(s) shall refrain from consuming any alcoholic beverage during the scheduled time of the event and within a reasonable time prior to the event.

4. The student organization(s) shall appoint one (1) sober monitor for every fifty (50) people present at any event where any alcohol can be served.

5. If the event has less than fifty (50) people, including members of Organization, attendees, and one (1) sober monitor must be present during the event.

6. A sober monitor must not drink any alcoholic beverages or food or participate in alcoholic beverages during the scheduled times of the event and within a reasonable time prior to the event.

7. Approximate number of people expected at the event.

8. No non-alcoholic beverages (drinks and food) available at the event.

9. Name of sober driver for the event.

10. The host organization must provide event participants with sober rides for the event, as well as provide people with information regarding alternate transportation methods from the event.

F. Because the actions of students attending such events reflect on the image of the student organization, the Dean may place restrictions on the location and time of any event at which alcohol is to be served. The student organization(s) deemed to have hosted such an event at a particular location, date, and time shall be subject to the reputation of the law school or the health and safety of its students.

III. ENFORCEMENT OF ALCOHOL POLICY AT STUDENT ORGANIZATION EVENTS

A. Prior to the approval of any event where alcohol is to be served, the following procedures shall be followed as set forth below:

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B. The student organization(s) must complete driver certification with the VLPD prior to driving for their event and must submit proof of completion of the process can be found from the Director of Student Relations.

C. A sober driver must not drink any alcoholic beverages during the scheduled event and within a reasonable time prior to the event.

D. If the event is subsequently deemed by the SBA Executive Board, may be automatically directed to the Honor Council. Student organizations or other individuals present at the event may be subject to sanctions under the University Code of Student Conduct.

E. Individual students may still be sanctioned outside of this policy for other governing university codes of conduct.

IV. SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS’ POLICY

A. All reported violations of alcohol policy must be reported immediately to the SBA President. Failure to do so may lead to additional penalties as deemed appropriate.

B. Student organizations found in violation of the alcohol policy will be subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the SBA Executive Board.

C. Prior to an investigation being conducted, the SBA President will notify the President of the student organization that is alleged to have breached this policy.

D. The SBA Executive Board takes all reported violations seriously and will vigorously investigate any concerns to seek the truth of the allegations.

E. Sanctions

1. Each case will be handled individually and considered on its own terms, with special regard to the nature and the variety of misconduct, as well as any record of prior violations. The SBA President may take any action under the Constitution as it deems appropriate.

2. Violations of the SBA Constitution as set forth below.

3. If you have any more questions you may contact the SBA Executive Board, the President will love to have his/her decision for the sanction.

V. ALCOHOL AWARENESS

A. The Valparaiso University School of Law is committed to providing students with factual information about alcohol as well as providing students with necessary assistance in the event that they are in need. Awareness of the negative effects of alcohol is an important factor for all students. It is important for you to take an active role in helping yourself to make safe and responsible choices about alcohol.

B. Alcohol is defined as any beverage that contains ethanol and does not include alcohol abuse by providing and encouraging alcohol-free organizations and social activities.

I: Spending outside the allotted limit for other items by Student organizations may result in other sanctions not contained within this document as permitted by the violations of other policies, by-laws, or the SBA Constitution.

2. If the event is hosted by a non-SBA sponsored organization, the following information should be submitted to the Director of Student Relations.

3. All violations for non-SBA sponsored organizations are subject to the same sanctions process, but will report to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Director of Student Relations, and the SBA.

4. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs may delegate his/her decision-making authority to any other qualified law school faculty or staff member he/she deems appropriate. He/she's decision and recommended sanction shall be final.

This policy went into effect 13 Novem­

ber 2008.
Becoming “Sober Certified”

How To:

In order to offer sober rides as a student organization, whether as a fundraiser or not, the students doing the driving MUST be sober certified. This process is easy enough but does require planning.

First the student should go to Valparaiso University Police Department. There the Police Department will ask the student to fill out a consent form and take a copy of their driver license. The forms are picked up from VUPD and a background check of the driver is performed.

The student must also take the online defensive driving course. They are notified of their password and login via e-mail with a site link. As the students finish the online course and the driver license check comes back clear, then I list them on an approved drivers list.

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This list is on a shared G-drive. The forms are picked up from VUPD and take a copy of their driver license.

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The forms are picked up from VUPD and take a copy of their driver license.

The contact information for Enterprise can be found in the SBA Office.

**Van Rentals for Law School Events**

- Events are traditionally done through Enterprise.
- The cost of renting a van is $52.11 and the driver must be 25.
- The contact information for Enterprise can be found in the SBA Office.

**VITA Volunteers Needed**

**Receive Pro Bono Hours!**

The Valparaiso University Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program offers free tax help to low-to moderate-income people who cannot prepare their own tax returns.

Not only is it a great way to give back to your community and learn a little bit about tax law, but you will also receive pro-bono hours for volunteering. For those of you that don’t already know, you need 20 pro-bono hours to meet your graduation requirement.

To volunteer please fill out our online form at http://www.valpo.edu/law/vita/volunteer.php.

To have your taxes prepared please visit the Valparaiso VITA homepage at http://www.valpo.edu/law/vita

Please direct all questions to Valpo.vita@gmail.com.

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**Sunday**

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  - 1 large 1-topping pizza
  - 1 pitcher of pop
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**Attention Writers!**

The FORUM wants you!

e-mail: forum@valpo.edu
Undergraduate School: Purdue University for undergrad and M.B.A.
Hometown: Lafayette, Indiana
State Bar You are Taking: Indiana
If you could do this all over again, would you?
Yes, but I don’t know why.
Favorite Memory of Valpo? Professor Lim explained the importance of arriving at class on time to an unsuspecting student who was tardy.
What class do you think has been the most valuable?
Legal Writing
What do you see yourself doing in five years?
Working at a small firm to pay back student loans.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you?
I’ve managed to keep the secrets this long, so why blow it on the last day?

RUSTY ANDRADE
Undergraduate School: Utah State University, and American Intercontinental University.
Hometown: Salt Lake City, Utah.
State Bar You are Taking: California
If you could do this all over again, would you?
Yes, without hesitation. My experiences during Law School taught me more than I could have anticipated. I am grateful for the relationships developed with my peers and mentors.
Favorite Memory of Valpo: My favorite memories are those where I felt the community ahead was daunting. It is those times which I aim to look back on and appreciate the growth. Law school has been challenging, but continues to be a bright spot in my life.
What class do you think has been the most valuable?
The class I consider most valuable in my seminar course: International Criminal Law. This course has been important in contextualizing the place of law and American values in an international perspective. I have learned to weigh my understanding of the law against the principles of human relatedness.
What do you see yourself doing in five years?
I hope to still be connected with my life, and serving others. It would also be nice to have started a family of my own.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you?
One thing that my classmates may not know about me is that I am a bit sad to be leaving. It was frustrating is those times but definitely the most valuable and annoying and extremely time consuming, making me a bit ferocious. And I’m just ferocious.

EMILY ORSINGER
Undergraduate School: Marquette University
Hometown: Waukesha, Wisconsin
State Bar You are Taking: Indiana
If you could do this all over again, would you?
School, yes, but I may have taken some time off before law school.
Favorite Memory of Valpo?
There are many, with several great friends, most especially this past year. The clinic, Trial Practice or externships: becoming familiar with and comfortable in the courtroom is invaluable for those planning on litigating.
What do you see yourself doing in five years?
Prosecuting felonies.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you?
I trained at the same gym as Chellsie Memmel, a 2008 U.S. Women’s Gymnastics Team member.

JENNIFER COLLINS
Undergraduate School: University of Southern California
Hometown: Albuquerque, New Mexico
State Bar You are Taking: Indiana
If you could do this all over again, would you?
Yes, it would also be nice to have had more time to spend with Constitutional Law.
Favorite Memory of Valpo?
The beginning of 1L year when everyone was still trying to figure out law school. I should say memories: The sweet terror of Legal Writing’s “extremely hot coffee” at McDonald’s.
What class do you think has been the most valuable?
The Clinic, and Advanced Legal Research. I trained at the same gym as Chellsie Memmel, a 2008 U.S. Women’s Gymnastics Team member.

MARCIA PAGETTI CROSS
Hometown: Brazil: Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil
State Bar You are Taking: Indiana
If you could do this all over again, would you?
Yes, but I don’t know why.
Favorite Memory of Valpo?
I missed the room who was excited. I was four, and I was too excited for a girl from the south who isn’t used for a girl from the south who isn’t used to snow. “It’s going to snow, it’s going to snow’. What one thing do your classmates not know about you?
I’ve kept a secret this long, why would I tell anyone now?

STACEY SIMSONON
Undergraduate School: Aurora University (Aurora, Illinois)
Hometown: Montgomery, Illinois
State Bar You are Taking: Illinois
If you could do this all over again, would you?
If I was to be a happy being in the world, I would do it again.
Favorite Memory of Valpo?
Meeting my roommate, Audrey Donovan, at oral arguments 1L year.
What class do you think has been the most valuable?
Legal Writing with Prof. Stuart.
What do you see yourself doing in five years?
Serving as a defense attorney in a case of─ "It’s a case of─ I’m working out the kinks and interfacing across the country.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you?
I’ve never had a serious relationship. What one thing do your classmates not know about you?
My classmates do not know that I married the most amazing man who happens to be the best Chief Gourmet and my favorite Cartoonist.

MEGAN PREDMORE
Undergraduate School: Peace College
Hometown: Raleigh, North Carolina
State Bar You are Taking: North Carolina
If you could do it all over, would you?
Absolutely, I would do it again.
Favorite Valpo Memory?
I don’t know if it is a favorite, but I remember clearly the first time it snowed. I was sitting in Civ. Pro, and could see it start through the windows. I was probably the only one in the room who was excited. Snow is a big deal for a girl from the south who isn’t used to winter weather.
What class has been most valuable?
I would have to say Professor Loeb’s tax course. I also really enjoyed Elder Law with Professor Whitehouse.
What do you see yourself doing in 5 years?
Working, I hope.
What one thing do classmates not know about you?
I’ve had dinner with Ken Starr. I was four, and he bought me Shirley temples the entire evening. I ended up getting really sick. I mean too many Shirley temples for me.

HENRY RAU
Undergraduate School: The University of Washington
Hometown: Richland, Washington
State Bar You are Taking: Utah
If you could do this all over again, would you?
Sure.
Favorite Memory of Valpo?
Walking out the door for the last time, knowing I don’t have to come back.
What class do you think has been the most valuable?
Anything NOT taught by Brown.
What do you see yourself doing in five years?
After burning out as a lawyer I will decide to pursue a different career and spend the money I’m earning working odd jobs and interfacing across the country.
What one thing do your classmates not know about you?
I’ve kept a secret this long, why would I tell anyone now?

THE FORUM
December 2008 Graduates

Dustin Allen

Dominic J. Butitta Jr.

Jennifer Munro

Meghan Predmore

Abigail Huffer

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Jennifer Collins

Maria Pagetti Cross

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Other December 2008 Graduates not listed

Ali Alfahaid
Abdulrah Almahjoub
Thamer Alshehail
Thomas Bailey
Travis Cohorn
Lauren Cravero

Gabriel Gohari
Zaher Idrees
Mark Lewis
William Swafford
Kevin Toth

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That’s Entertainment!
Quantum of Solace

Sean Hatfield
Forum Movie Critic

It’s shortly after 5pm on a Monday night. I have a deadline tomorrow and if I miss it, our esteemed editor will surely pummel me by marking my next review “Malibu Barbie’s Christmas Princess Adventure.” Even worse, I just got out of Secured Trans­portioning my next review up hope that the album would ever be “Chinese Democracy.”

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Rockin’ The Burbs... The Music Buzz

New music to feed your soul

Brett Stein
Forum Music Critic

Guns N’ Roses – Chinese Democracy

A straight ahead rock affair that gives way to the industrial heavy “Shackle’s Revenge,” which are two of the shorter tracks on the album. Overall, the album is trying too hard to combine all of the best elements from previous records and appeal to both early and late fans of the band. With 14 total tracks there are some quality tunes and moments to enjoy such as “Street of Dreams,” which starts off as a piano ballad that features moments of heavy guitar behind thought­ful lyrics and a well­placed guitar solo. The most ubiquitous track is “If The World,” which features what might be a mandolin at the begin­ning before Axl starts singing in a fal­setto voice. The track just doesn’t work and illustrates the album’s overall lack of cohesion.

“L.S.” is a song worthy of praise for its heavy guitar, and it serves a sto­rytelling purpose where Axl explains that he feels he’s living inside the song and he’s done everything he can do. Regardless, music listeners are left with a diverse experience and perhaps an album that will never get a fair shake or even­handed review. A record like “Chinese Democracy,” will probably be known for everything except the music. I rate this album 6 out of 10 for some bright spots but overall it’s far too much time and production for not enough product.

Ryan Adams and the Cardinals – Cardinology

Easily the most prolific rock mu­sician of the decade, Ryan Adams has released a staggering 11 albums since 2000, most of which were solo efforts, but a few were done with his backing band, The Cardinals. His albums have ranged from phenomenal (“Heartbreak­er”, Gold and Easy Tiger) to downright awful (“Rock N Roll, 29”) and his latest release lies somewhere in the middle.

“Go Easy” is a track that is easy to listen to because it sticks to Adams’ tried and true formula of earnest vo­cals over subtle guitar parts. The next track, “Fix It,” features a slick almost slice guitar sound where Adams says “he would fix it if he could.” Adams is the kind of artist who appeals to a wide audience because of his ability a half­gotten genre on a single album.

With this latest effort Adams seems to leave behind the personal demons that have plagued his earlier work, namely drugs and alcohol. In the name of sobriety, Cardinology puts on full display the creative genius that is elevated by both its simplicity and lack of ego. By making the songs a bit less personal and tightening up the arrangements without losing the base­ment recording studio feel Adams takes another positive step in his quest to be­come the most productive musician in

many of his peers wouldn’t have been so adventurous. Lil’ Wayne returns in­ a guest rapper on the track, “See You In My Nightmares,” and even his voice is digitally altered, which makes the entire track sound a bit off. The album has its moments, though, the bright­est of which is, “Coldest Winter,” where West pours tremendous emotion into the lyrics over a steady machine drum beat.

Overall there are some standout tracks on the album but there is less co­hesion here than on “College Dropout,” “Lack Registration,” and “Graduation.” For a man who has proclaimed he wants to be not only the best rapper in the game but the best entertainer on the planet, his latest release could certainly be seen as a disappointment. Some of the tracks take several listeners to fully appreciate, but others are simply overdone for the sake of being overdone. I give it a 6 out of 10 because a great artist like Kanye West is capable of so much more.

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Feeding Gus

Taste of India

Kirsten Haalboom

Forum Food Critic

Saturday night is date night, but what should we do and where should we go? There is always a movie and a dinner, but that gets a bit old if you are going out every night for dinner. We need to spice things up a bit. When we realized that the movie we wanted to see was playing in Hoboken, we solved things for us... we would swing by Taste of India, at 761 East 81st Avenue in Merrillville, before the movie. When we realized that the movie we wanted to see was playing in Hoboken, we solved things for us... we would swing by Taste of India, at 761 East 81st Avenue in Merrillville, before the movie.

A sign showed up in what used to be a Caribou Coffee store and so we waited in anticipation for the new restaurant. We had missed eating dinner and a movie, but that gets a bit old. When we realized that the movie we wanted to see was playing in Hoboken, we solved things for us... we would swing by Taste of India, at 761 East 81st Avenue in Merrillville, before the movie.

However, the decor was tasteful, with a rather muted color palate overall, with a rather muted color palate overall. The prices of the dinners range from $9 to $25, but the price given does not include rice or bread, and many of the dishes really need at least rice or bread to be complete. However, if you are in Merrillville at lunch time, there is a lunch buffet, and students are given a discount at this. Also, the options for meals listed above are very cost effective, especially because they do include rice and bread. The meat and the kids were happy with the food. We both ate until we were full and we left hungry. 35% is not terrible for the two of us to eat two meals each.

The food is made with care, with the spice to taste, and there are a wide variety of options. If you are nervous about trying a new cuisine, the buffet or the House Special Dinner might be good choice, because they allow you to try several things and decide exactly what you like. Otherwise, I would recommend coming with friends, and having everyone order something different that way you could eat family style and share.

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Healty Fast Food

How to get your nutrition on the fly

Heather Looby

Executive Editor

Final time is upon us, and it is a good idea for parents, roommates, and roommates, and roommate's friends to be well-prepared for that. We have you covered. You can still eat quick (and relatively well) and healthy, even occasionally by subs which are offered at McDonald's.

For example: Arby's 4-Course Feat Salad with Grilled Chicken, seasoned tortilla strips, and light feta and red pepper dressing is only 460 calories. If you want to be really good, the Martha's Vineyard Grilled Chicken Salad (a healthy choice) has 330 calories and 24 grams of fat.

Arby's Roast Beef Slab is not to be confused with the healthy slab of brisket baked in its ABV oven with rosemary and garlic. Also, do not be misled by the "Market Fresh" sandwiches. It will look good when it's your meal time in order to see what I mean, but if you're thinking Arby's Roast Turkey Ranch and Bacon sandwich, you might as well go across the street and enjoy a Big Mac from your favorite fast food chain.

For more nutritional information: http://www.arbys.com/nutrition/

Pizza Hut: Yes, it is possible to eat pizza and still fit into your "skinny jeans"! Just try any of their 12" Fit 'n Fresh pizzas. Any of the six pizza varieties available have less than 200 calories per slice.

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Beer Critic

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McDonald's: At this American childhood favorite, you almost have to order a hamburger just for the sake of it. They have a fun game a little while without undergoing all of the gym time that you put in throughout the semester.

For example: A regular hamburger, pair it with small fries and a small Coke, and the meal comes in at just 630 calories! However, you do not want to order the garbage meal, so that we do not have to waste a minute of our study time to cook. However, you can still eat quick (and relatively cheap) while being calorie-conscious. Remember, being kind to your waistline now will help keep that double chin at bay for the countless holiday pictures many of us will be forced to endure.

When reading this article, please pay special attention to the DYE TRAP. This is not to be confused with the healthy meal of the day. It is a rare treat as an annual re­lease, and to make the trip from England, it was created in an attempt to resemble a "healthy," option, but actually quite the opposite. Depending on the subject of the given study day, they may be exactly the option that you need there. If your hometown has a Hardee's, the restaurant features what is arguably the motherload of all fast food burgers, the Monstar Thickburger. Its price in weight, it contains 770 calories and 47 grams of fat, but it's still better for you than the Burger King Double Whopper With Cheese (1,810 calories more!)

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For example: The brand new Feat Salad with Grilled Chicken, seasoned tortilla strips, and light feta and red pepper dressing is only 460 calories. If you want to be really good, the Martha's Vineyard Grilled Chicken Salad (a healthy choice) has 330 calories and 24 grams of fat.

Arby's Roast Beef Slab is not to be confused with the healthy slab of brisket baked in its ABV oven with rosemary and garlic. Do not be misled by the "Market Fresh" sandwiches. It will look good when it's your meal time in order to see what I mean, but if you're thinking Arby's Roast Turkey Ranch and Bacon sandwich, you might as well go across the street and enjoy a Big Mac from your favorite fast food chain.


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Lamarr,

We are so proud of you and all that you have achieved through the years of your education! Congratulations!!!

-Mama & Papa

Emily,

Congratulations On Your Success. We Are So Proud Of You.

Love, Mom & Dad

If You Can Dream It, You Can Be It. Welcome to Your Dream! Congratulations Jenn!
1) What’s your favorite season during the year?
Hmmm... well if I were in AZ I would say spring, because it’s beautiful, with sunny days, 75-85 degree weather and Spring Training. In Valpo it would be summer because it’s the closest I’ll get to an Arizona spring day.

2) Assuming you hit a $50 million Powerball tomorrow, would you stick around to finish your JD, or are you off to Mexico on your new private jet?
I would finish my JD, because knowing me, I will spend it all in no time and I’ll need something to fall back on.

3) Assuming they could, the U.N. grants you the power to become Supreme Ruler of any planet in the solar system you choose (minus the Earth), which planet do you call your own? Mars.

4) Oh crap! You wake up and find out it’s the Zombie Apocalypse (hey, at least you don’t have to take finals anymore). What’s your weapon of choice to wage an unending battle against the mindless undead horde?
A box of vinyl records I can fling frisbee style to decapitate the undead...

5) What's your favorite band?
Hannah Montana.

6) What’s your favorite baseball team?
San Diego Padres.

7) You win an all expense dinner with the Supreme Court Justice of your choice, who do you pick and why?
Everyone knows the answer to this... GO DODGERS!!!!

8) Harrison Ford. Better as Indiana Jones or Hans Solo?
Indiana Jones

9) What’s your favorite baseball team?
Los Angeles Dodgers

10) What’s the most interesting class you’ve had while at Valpo?
Community & Regional Planning

TRIVIA

By Heather Looby -- Executive Editor

1) THE REAL ST. NICHOLAS WAS BORN IN WHAT MODERN-DAY COUNTRY?
   a) England
   b) Spain
   c) Holland
   d) Italy

2) WHO NARRATED THE CLASSIC 1966 TV SPECIAL "HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS?"
   a) Fred Astaire
   b) Bing Crosby
   c) Jack Benny
   d) Carol Burnett

3) WHAT IS NOT A COLOR OF KWANZAA?
   a) Red
   b) Green
   c) Orange
   d) Yellow

4) IN THE 1965 TV SPECIAL “A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS,” WHO BUILDS A GRAY SNOWMAN?
   a) Linus
   b) Charlie Brown
   c) Schroeder
   d) Lucy

5) THE KING THAT ORDERED THE DESTRUCTION OF THE SECOND TEMPLE CAME FROM WHAT COUNTRY?
   a) Egypt
   b) Greece
   c) Babylon
   d) Rome

6) IN "THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS," THERE ARE HOW MANY DRUMMERS DRUMMING?
   a) 3
   b) 6
   c) 9
   d) 12

7) WHAT DOES "KWANZAA" TRANSLATE TO IN SWAHILI?
   a) "GATHERING"
   b) "FAMILY"
   c) "UNITY"
   d) "HARMONY"

8) WHO IS THE HEBREW WARRIOR THAT’S COMMENDED IN HANUKkah?
   a) David
   b) Gideon
   c) Joshua
   d) Judah

9) EGNOG WAS FIRST CONSUMED IN WHAT U.S. CITY?
   a) Boston
   b) New York
   c) Philadelphia
   d) Seattle

10) HANUKkah LASTS FOR HOW MANY DAYS?
    a) 7
    b) 8
    c) 9
    d) 10
Mock Trial hosts 5th annual Intraschool competition

Nathan Vis
Forum Staff Writer

A beer recipe and a marketing plan were found on the computer of Sam Worker, an employee who quit his job at Spartan Brewing to work for triple his normal salary at another company, Wolverine Brewing. Shortly after beginning work for the competing company, Wolverine came out with a new, jalapeno-flavored beer, bringing the company great success. Mis in additional facts that Wolverine Brewing had a bad year before the release of their new beer, and that Worker had breached a close relationship with his prior boss by ‘comforting’ his boss’s wife – and the 2008 Intraschool Trial Advocacy Competition facts were born.

The State of Sparta brought three charges against Worker, embezzlement, exceeding valid computer authorization, and use of a computer to commit a crime, all of which had to be proven beyond a reasonable doubt. In the final round, Worker was found not guilty on all three counts.

The 5th Annual Intraschool competition began in late September, when incoming rookie Mock Trial members teamed up with seasoned 3Ls to form teams of four, two as the prosecution, and two as defense attorneys. The many hours of practice culminated into the final competition, held Wednesday, December 12. The prosecution, represented by finalists Eric Ditton and Paul Namie, faced off against Jeff Powell, represented by finalists Eric Ditton, Paul Namie, and Nathan Sloan. Ditton led off, informing the jury that the facts the defense presented were born. He went on to describe that the facts presented were true and they still stood. Namie showed circumstantially that it was not until Worker came on board did Wolverine Brewing experience success, and in addition he cast doubt on whether Wolverine actually had created a jalapeno-flavored beer, or whether it had merely copied some else's.

On cross for Worker, acting in the defendant, the witness’s chair to declare his innocence, to defend his prior history, and to shine that with a young growing family, he had to take the opportunity he was given, to give a better life to his family. In cross, Ditton revealed that Worker had communicated with his new boss while still at his old job, offering "ideas" to him.

In closing argument, Namie displayed the jury to the marketing plans for the two companies were almost exactly the same, that circumstantially the only inference to conclude was that Worker was guilty. In rebuttal, Ditton emphasized the elucidating fact throughout the trial: that the prosecution could never assure the jury beyond a reasonable doubt that Worker was guilty.

In closing arguments, Ditton revealed that Worker had stolen the recipe and downloaded it to his work computer.

The jury, consisting of attorneys from the area, returned a verdict of not guilty.

Tracye Steel Schafer, this year's Mock Trial Intraschool Competition Chair, was thankful to have attorneys from the community present throughout the competition. "I was glad to have outside judges to make the tough decisions, there was so much talent. It was great to see everyone stand up in the courtroom, with confidence, and advocate for their clients," she said.

Ditton and Bailey clinching honors as the 2008 winning team, others received awards as well. "The judges complemented this year and overwhelming," said Tracye, "in fact, several attorneys said they hoped they never had to face any of our team members in a court room." Other team members receiving awards in 2008 included: Brad Colborn (Best Advocate); Ehlia (Ouida (Courtroom Demonstrator); Jeff Powell (Closing Argument); Jesse Loria (Opening Statement); Amanda Hires (Direct Examination); and Vince Strahan (Cross Examination).

The Valparaiso Mock Trial Team continues their season with two national spring tournaments. The first will be the National Trial Competition, which is hosted in Chicago. The second competition is the American Association for Justice, held in Cleveland, Ohio.

It was an Old Town smash!

Rachel Sharron
Sports Editor

The Student Bar Association held its annual Halloween Party on Friday, October 31 at the Old Town Banquet Center. 269 students and guests gathered for the night's festivities, making this year's party the best attended SBA Halloween bash in seven years.

In keeping with SBA tradition, the guys on SBA decorated the hall with streamers and candy. Chasing dishes were set up behind the dance floor, serving appetizers such as mini pizzas and mozzarella sticks, while beer and wine were available at the bar.

Widely touted as the best SBA event of the year, the Halloween party is more than just a good time. It's also a great chance for students to get to know people outside the classroom and see them in costume, said SBA President Laura Wishart. "I saw a lot of SBA members, a 2L class representative, and Wishart were the primary people in charge of planning the event - even though all of SBA helped out, said Wishart.

Costumes this year ranged from the usual doctoral gowns, monks and athletes to unique ideas such as a hot air balloon, a Whitestop cushion, and a guest Patrick Thomas as his roommate Chris Buckley. Other notable costumes included: Oscar the Grouch, Tom Cruise from Risky Business, the Peanuts Gang, devil in a blue dress, and the Pink Ladies and T-Birds from Grease.

The costume contest is another traditional part of the SBA Halloween party, selected by a panel of judges chosen by members of the SBA Executive Board and SBA sober monitors said Rachel Faucette, a 2L class representative. Faucette was also the contest's emcee.

There were three categories this year. Most Creative, Best look-alike, and Best Group costume. Note and Justin Vining, dressed as the Doublemint Twins, won for Best Group, while Evan Wheeler took Most Creative as a Purdue Wrestler. The Winner for Best Look-alike went to Will Swafford, whom Faucette described as Jeff Lemon's doppelganger. According to Faucette, Winners were chosen by the apparatus-o-meter, meaning, "who the crowd cheered for the loudest.

"Overall the event went really well," said Wishart, "a few problems arose here and there and some of them weren't foreseen, but for the most part everyone was having a great time." According to Wishart, the biggest problem of the night involved an uninvited guest who was dancing on the stage and spilled schnick in rum on Wishart. He was asked to leave. Despite going through 11 kegs of beer and 57 gallons of wine during the 4 hour event, Wishart said that people really enjoyed this year and took advantage of the sober rides provided by SBA.

In the end, Wishart said that nothing much went wrong this year and that she was much happier with this year's party than last year's event.

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MLSA wraps up Thanksgiving dinners for Hiltop Community Center

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Forum Staff Writer

The holiday season is tradition at a time to be generous in spirit, time, and practice, and as law students with finals quickly approaching, it can be easy to forget about the problems of others within the local community. So when organizations like the Multicultural Law Student Association (MLSA) or Phi Delta Phi do events like the Thanksgiving Baskets, it helps to portray our school in a positive light, which reflects positively on us all. Indeed MLSA continued in tradition of providing Thanksgiving baskets for underserved families in the Valparaiso area. This is MLSA’s largest event of the year, and many of its members fed that it’s the most meaningful.

The event was hosted the night of November 18th in Tabor, and the baskets were delivered right before the Thanksgiving break on November 21st to the Hiltop Community Center. Direct economic times have hit Northwest Indiana and the Center especially hard this year. Currently, it’s averaging two new families in need of assistance a week. In times like these, every little bit of charity helps.

Just weeks before the Thanksgiving Basket event took place, however, MLSA and other student groups from Valparaiso University School of Law were already hard at work organizing this event. Through selling pizzas at Chapel Break to hungry students in Professor Linda’s Civ Pro class to donating money themselves, MLSA and other groups put together the necessary funds to create these baskets and spread the holiday cheer to local families going through a very tough time.

This year, the baskets contained a wide array of holiday foods. While the baskets were being created, and festively decorated, the volunteers placed everything from rolls to stuffing into the baskets inside of them. In addition to the side dishes, the baskets also contained contents which could be bought to buy a turkey. Each basket contained everything anyone would need to have a very special Thanksgiving holiday.

When all was said and done, ten huge baskets were ready to be delivered.

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Students share the spirit of Christmas with local families in need

Heather Looby
Executive Editor

Last Thursday night, many giving Valparaiso University School of Law students took a study break from finals to spread a little Christmas cheer by attending the annual Valparaiso Adopt-a-Family Kickoff Party at Martini’s Restaurant from 8pm to 10pm.

The holiday event was co-sponsored by Phi Alpha Delta (PAD) and the Women’s Law Student Association (WLSA), in conjunction with the Salvation Army’s long-running Adopt-a-Family program. Delicious complimentary hors d’oeuvres were provided to celebrate Thanksgiving with local families.

The event, which cost $6 for attendees, was to make a Christmas meal and will wrap the presents prior to delivering them to the families.

PAD and WLSA would like to thank all who attended the event for opening their hearts and wallets to make this truly unforgettable Christmas for two local families.

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Faculty and staff cook a delicious feast for Valpo Law

22nd annual Thanksgiving dinner

Christy Commers
Forum Staff Writer

While many were already at home enjoying their Thanksgiving feast, others stayed to celebrate Thanksgiving early with their comrades, professors and staff. On Monday, November 24, 2008, the Valparaiso University School of Law held its 22nd annual Thanksgiving Lunch.

The event, which cost $6 for advanced tickets and $8 that day, provided a traditional Thanksgiving meal for more than 170 people alike. The proceeds went to local community organizations.

President and Mrs. Heckler joined in the festivities of the day by attending the feast.

The lunch featured an outstanding assortment of food. Along with the traditional turkey and rolls, guests chose from a variety of side dishes, including cranberry sauce, green bean casserole, broccoli casserole and corn souffle, various types of jello and tossed salads, and a host of desserts including pumpkin, apple pies, cookies and cakes.

In exchange for the generous donations of Valpo Law students, faculty, and other supportive Valparaiso community members. The successful event provided two deserving families with an abundant assortment of children’s clothing and toys. In addition, PAD and WLSA collected monetary donations and non-perishable food items for the families to make a Christmas meal and will wrap the presents prior to delivering them to the families.

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An atheist, or a Wiccan and still get marriage; you can be a Christian, often come from the religious perspective, although the act allows individuals the freedom to have religious freedom in this way, and yet we are not allowed the freedom to exercise fully our fundamental right to marry.

Opponents also argue from the social perspective, concerned that same-sex marriage is contrary to the best interests of children and harms the family structure of society. However, lacking children, or being a good parent, is not a prerequisite to get married either. In the context of family structure and raising children, good parents, poor parents, barren couples, absorb, adulterers, and sexual deviants are all treated the same under martial laws as long as they are heterosexual. It just doesn't seem logical.

In its original decision last May, the Supreme Court of California stated that sexual orientation, like race or gender, does not constitute a legitimate basis upon which to deny or withhold legal rights, and that there is a fundamental right to family relationships. While the voters of California have disagreed, passing Proposition 8 with 52.3%, this outcome is hard to explain when the state constitution to restrict the definition of marriage is unconstitutional.

Much of the conflict over same-sex marriage stems from the overly little word of "marriage" itself. Opponents often come from the religious perspective, arguing that legalization is contrary to God's will and His definition of marriage. However, terminating marriage to two persons of opposite sex.

The debate over same-sex marriage is passionate and relentless, evoking powerfully-held convictions on each side, and the only resolution will come through our lawmakers. This issue came floating to the forefront of campaign issues last month when California residents voted to pass Proposition 8, it is preeminent to amend the state constitution to restrict the definition of marriage to "a union between a man and a woman," thereby eliminating the right of same-sex couples to marry.

The passage of this proposition overturns the May 2008 ruling of the Supreme Court of California which held that excluding same-sex couples from marriage is unconstitutional. Under federal law, the Defense of Marriage Act, which was passed in 1996, marriage was explicitly defined as the union of one man and one woman, although the act allows individual states to define marriage as they wish. Presently, same-sex marriage is recognized only in Massachusetts and Connecticut. However, four states have created civil unions under their state laws which convey the same exact rights and responsibilities of marriage without using the term marriage. In five states have created civil unions which offer some rights of marriage, but not all. The rest of the states, by contrast, have either constitutional amendments or statutes restricting marriage to two persons of opposite sex.

In response to Jeff Cartwright's Letter to the Editor, 11/08:
First, I think that Mr. Cartwright misunderstood what I was saying about the Constitution as a contract. I was arguing that the meaning of a contract does not change simply because time has passed; however, a contract itself can certainly be changed by being modified or amended. Thus, when we talk about slavery, we do not appeal to Article II of the Constitution - we appeal to the Thirteenth Amendment as that is the part of the Constitution which is germane to the issue of slavery. This amendment, like all the others, was a modification of the Constitution made properly through the amendment process. It's not proper, on the other hand, to have judges amend the Constitution. The amendment process is analogous to having both parties to a contract agree to amend the contract when judges change the Constitution is like handing over any party without a contract.
Second, Roe v. Wade is a gaffe for three reasons. First, it was a poorly reasoned opinion in that although the Court stumped it was not going to decide when life begins, it essentially did so anyway by declaring viability as the time when the unborn can be given statutory rights by state. In addition, the Court ultimately reasoned that because it could not decide if life (fetal personhood) begins at conception, it was going to proceed as if it does not. The legal or moral decision would have been to assume that if life can possibly begin at conception, it is better to favor laws that protect what will eventually be human life. Second, the opinion was outright judicial activism as it imposed on states a trimester law and created a right to abortion also not found in the Constitution. Third, the decision took out of the hands of the people the power to legalize abortion. If you think that women should have a right to abortion, you have the right to argue that it is a right. There is no more a right to abortion.

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The Juris Doctor of Love

Relationship advice for law students

Drew Taylor
Forum Staff Writer

1) Minimal Contact
I've been looking on the market here in law school and I can't find a good woman. What's up with the Vale of Paradise? I'm struggling here.

At: You'll soon learn about something called rational basis scrutiny in law. It might seem false but I think you actually know the answer. I say employ a version of the "don't ask don't tell" policy. If this new guy doesn't ask, then you don't tell. However, you must remember what's important to you. If you plan on keeping your new girlfriend, you'll have to be careful. Don't catch feelings for the new guy. Enjoy it for what it is and nothing more. But if you need to get weird or you're blurring that line, then you have to stop. Don't think it through or just consider it supplementing.

2) Rule Against Perjury
I've been with my girlfriend for awhile now and he still hasn't made a bigger commitment to our future. I've brought it up with him, but we've gotten no where. I want to be patient but it's frustrating. Suggestion/opinion?

At: Here's a secret. There are 3 modes of arguing in this situation: 1) Men that work through legitimate common issues; 2) Men that do not work through doubts about the relationship; and 3) Men that are basically solitary beings who do not even come to terms, but in the meantime realize that being with anyone is better than being alone even if there's no future. I'm not saying give an ultimatum, but use legitimate common issues to see what the second number reflects how many pages are needed to properly complete each assignment. Based on the first recollection of our 1L year (and some help from CourseVue!), the number of pages you will use will look something like this:

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What's your beef? Post election race relations

Drew Taylor
Forum Staff Writer

Every so often there comes along a game changer - someone who does something that completely alters the way things are done in our society. The printing press, Alfred Nobel, and the computer are all examples of things or people that came along and changed the way we live our lives forever. Reading and writing, war and combat, and the races, which we communicate were all changed in time due to those aforementioned game changers. On November 4, 2008, the world was officially introduced to the man that will forever change race relations in our country. Barack Obama's election to the presidency of the United States marks a seminal event in our country's history.

There have been plenty of influential minority leaders in our country's history, but none have had equal minorities as much as Barack Obama has. The potential impact of Obama's election goes much deeper than just exciting minorities and the majority alike about the change in our country's politics. For years there has been the whispers as to who the "dream" envisioned by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr would ever be achieved. There have been great strides with the civil rights actions since Dr. King made peaceful Americans to open their eyes and embrace the potential of their fellow citizens. The election of Barack Obama signifies that the potential for all Americans, and especially for people of color and other minorities. Time will tell whether Obama is the greatest president ever, but his impact on the morale and confidence of minorities is already being seen. Many minorities believed before, but now they believe there's no longer a future. I'm not saying give an ultimatum, but use legitimate common issues to see what the second number reflects how many pages are needed to properly complete each assignment. Based on the first recollection of our 1L year (and some help from CourseVue!), the number of pages you will use will look something like this:

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On November 4, 2008, Barack Obama, the first African American, was elected as the first black president in American history. It was certainly a night to remember. It no doubt brought tears to the eyes of many Americans all across the country, and according to the media and so many others, it marked an historic change in race relations among blacks and whites in this country. But did it really? Well... that's a good question. Let's talk about that.

Let me begin by saying that I cannot deny the fact that race relations have indeed changed in this country for the better over time, especially since the 1960s. But, I can't see that they have changed dramatically over night, or even at all, since Obama was elected president. The Clarence Thomas supporter seeks to argue that race relations have changed since November 4. But, I believe it is silly to think that people who refused to vote for Obama only because of his race, or the people who refuse to vote for Obama only because of his race, or even employers who recently refused to accept the term "person based solely on the color of their skin, have somehow been inspired by the "obama-Obama ways." I simply do not believe that is the case.

I think that Obama's election possibly means one of two things, or perhaps both: One, it's just another
Proposition 8's effect on love in our world

Hugo Gamez
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On the eve of November 4, 2008 the world changed, and the voice "We Do!" resonated amongst the people and the boundaries of the United States, bringing it one step closer to unification and equality. Barack Obama became the first African-American President-elect of the United States of America, and the face of America changed forever. Although many rejoiced in the historic success, California left the country disillusioned and hopeless. For many Americans the world as they knew it changed. For many this day signified a step toward progress, financial viability, and healthcare reform. However, in the midst of a historic presidential moment many Americans were denied a fundamental right in California, the right to marry.

This November, a group of Californians placed on their ballot a proposition that would amend the California State Constitution and once again define marriage in a union between a man and a woman, thus eliminating same-sex marriage rights. The controversy surrounding granting basic rights to people who identify as Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered (GLBT) has been present since the 1970s. In 2005, the Governor of California vetoed a Bill granting marriage rights to the GLBT community, and left the decision up the Supreme Court. In 2006, several same-sex couples petitioned the Supreme Court of California to reconsider the same-sex marriage cases before the court into In Re Marriage. The Supreme Court found that equal respect and dignity of marriage is a basic civil right. Furthermore, the Court held that it was constitutional to provide same-sex couples from getting married because GLBT individuals are a protected class, and discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation should be subject to strict scrutiny under the provisions clause of the 14th Amendment. The success achieved by the In Re Marriage case, which overturned an illusory promise to the GLBT community in California, cut through the craziness and joy, and the hope for equality.

and access to a legal system founded on the idea that the law is blind. On November 4th while the rest of the country celebrated a step away from racial barriers, the GLBT community in California and across the nation was disenfranchised with a system that promised and did not deliver. Same-sex rights ended not only for GLBT couples and Proposition 8. It represented one of the most important decisions in California's legal history.

The basic right to marry the person that you love, who you are, was swept under the rug, and we were left dicier of love and marriage rights once again.

What is it about love that requires such boundaries and restrictions?

Love is an unidentifiable emotion, a hard to describe impression. It is about sacrificing what is personally important to you in order to show another that you care. It is about sharing a person and dailying and remembering the memories created whether small or big. It is about giving goose bumps as you love one another. It is about walking through the door looking elegant, confident and graceful. Love is knowing that at the end of the day a warm body lies next to you, comforting your happiness or sorrow. Love is sharing in a dream, a new car, a new restaurant experience, trips to exotic places, sharing your dreams on a new book, political topics or pop culture. But most importantly, love is an emotion that allows people to enter the most vulnerable places in a person's heart and enables people to touch each other. It is what makes people feel and share.

The voters of California have spoken and the voices suggest that love should be defined as the union between a man and a woman in an institution founded on sharing common grounds, whether it is genetic or sociological. For example, this Thanksgiving I was so fortunate to be able to have a meal with my immediate family, however, many doors were opened to me and I was able to share a meal with those three exceptional people who treated me as their own. A family.

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One day, Tragil told her mother into accompanying her to church, and at that moment, they say, is the one that convinced Jolinda to make some radical lifestyle changes. She got sober, turned her life around, and went on to become the mother of the Miami Heat superstar. Dwyane Wade, a forensic psychologist, fathered the three daughters and the person who essentially raised her brother, heard that someone had died in one of the many abandoned buildings in their Chicago neighborhood, she feared it was her mother. Tragil even thought about saving for what she assumed would be a fast-arriving funeral.

The finale pitted the Crackers against Team Drew Taylor is Awesome (Team Drew), which was made up by Uwidia, Brian Johnson, Drew Taylor, and Daniel Hodgkinson, in a rematch of a prior game. Team Drew hadn’t lost yet in the double elimination tournament, the Crackers would need to beat them twice to claim the championship. The Crackers definitely had revenge on their minds as they raced out to an early lead over Team Drew. They scored a point early to get the Crackers in the game. Fortunately for Team Drew, the Crackers had to do it all over again. Team Drew lost no doubt as to who was the better team as they destroyed the Crackers by a score of 15-5 in the final game thanks to stingy defense by Uwidia and the 3 point shooting of Johnson and Hodgkinson. The winners collected a prize pack of twenty dollars, a “Champion” t-shirt, and a free month’s membership to Cardinal Fitness. Anteneje’s Coffee Shop also donated prizes for the second place team. In addition to the 3-on-3 floor show, Sela held a knockout tournament. Congratulations goes to Matt Schroeder for being crowned the knockout king.

As with many student organization events, the community at large benefited from the efforts of competitors and spectators. Sela asked people to donate canned goods and other necessities for the Hilltop food Pantry. The event raised over 50 canned goods as well as five containers of detergent. In addition to the canned goods, Sela also presented the Pantry with a check for $150. The SELA executive board said they would like to especially thank BarBri for co-sponsoring the event and for donating the “Order on the Court” t-shirts that every participant received. “The event truly went off without a hitch,” noted Sela secretary Vanessa Sheehan. Sela also wants to thank Valparaiso University athletics and their event management team for its assistance in helping set up the tourney and providing the Hilltop gymnasium. Overall, the event was a huge success and 4th edition should be even better next year!

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I hope the Undergraduate Fraternities never read this article

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Like most of the weirdos I've encountered, this one also comes from Merry Old England. Primarily practiced in Suffolk and Sussex, England, Dwile Flanking has been clearly documented since the mid 1960s, although some scholarly commentators suggest the game could have its origins from as early as the 16th Century. Primarily practiced in Suffolk and Sussex, England, Dwile Flanking has been clearly documented since the mid 1960s, although some scholarly commentators suggest the game could have its origins from as early as the 16th Century.

Dwile Flanking involves two teams of anywhere from ten to twelve people dancing in a circle, hand-in-hand, around the opposing flunker. This dancing is locally referred to as getting. A flunker, who is a single member from the opposing team, dances in the opposite direction around a very large chamber pot within the opposing team's circle. However, this isn't just any pot. It's filled to the brim with very potent ale.

As for his work at Bradley, Kavanagh also said that he enjoys traveling with the various Bradley athletic teams because it provides him an opportunity to get to know the student-athletes better and to see what other schools are doing. Traveling with teams also allows Kavanagh to meet the parents of his athletes and stay in touch with them.

The only reason to even acknowledge the existence of the AFC West is to mention that somehow, Jay Cutler and the Denver Broncos have made it to the playoffs. For the Bills, the injuries to center Melvin Williams to win the game and leave the Packers' hopes for the playoffs in jeopardy.

Sadly, the most compelling news to come out of NFL week 13 is that Plaxico Burress managed to accidentally shoot himself at a nightclub in Manhattan. Burress has been one of a few distractions in the Giants' locker room, and now, instead of being able to suit up for a playoff run, Burress is facing criminal charges for firearms possession and is recovering from his gunshot wound. Burress' injury managed to overshadow the Giants' big win over the Redskins last week, but the Redskins took care of the Rams, who have one of the worst win-loss records in the league.

Bradley doesn't have big television contracts or bowl game income, so it's a little hard to tell what the object of the game is simple, use a two to three foot long slender stick, called a dwiler, to throw an alcoh­hol soaked rag at the opposing, dancing man. The game works on a point system. If you knock someone in the face, this is called a wanton, and earns your team 2 points. If you hit the torso, it's called a marriner, and you only score one point. So, what if you miss (misses are called 'flaring' in what the hottest of alcs will likely find the consequences of poor aim just as gruesome as they are funny)? Well, in the event of a flunker's dwiler, the dwiler must drink a pint glass full of the warm,rag soaked ale. Failing to finish your drink before the opposing team passes around the dwiler yields a greater penalty. Rules vary, but many claim the disgorged dwiler must finish the entire chamber pot of ale him or herself. Although this sport seems chaotic, there are established rules. First, the entire game is refereed by a johovah. Originally, this spot was supposed to be filled by the village idiot, but recently more experienced players have taken this position. Music starts playing and the teams start dancing once the johovah announces "Here y'go g'lads!". At the sound of a whistle, the flunker must launch his rag at anyone he or she sees fit. I cannot stress the importance of aim, swerving may mean you end up in a hospital. The game is divided up into four different segments, each called a snuff. Each team has two chances to have a member be the flunker at the end of the game, the points are tallied and the winner is declared. Of course, there are penalties. If the johovah feels you're not taking the game seriously enough, that's a penalty drink. If you're sober at the end of the game, your team loses a point. If, though, you end up blind-stisking drunk, and your team is victorious you all have the honor of winning the ceremonial pewter guiander (which, sadly, is just another chamber pot). In the end, most competitors usually don't care who wins as long as we usually just get to something to eat. Or just drunk deal people.

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