Spring Break in India
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Forum Guest Writer

Traveling around India is not for the faint of heart; for many reasons as I discovered when I went there over spring break with a group of students and faculty from Valparaiso University. Between run-ins with some local individuals who routinely try to take advantage of foreign tourists, pathogen-filled vehicles, and the unrelenting heat and arid climate of March, my experiences on the trip certainly made for an unforgettable adventure.

I was the first to emerge from the airport behind Reni Jantu, Valpo Assistant Provost and our competent guide. She told me to turn right and to the bus depot. The guide. She told me to turn right and to the bus depot. I was the first thing I noticed when I left the airport and set foot into downtown New Delhi. That dust... it was like a type of pervasive fog that covered my eyes like nature’s dust.

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Minar from their wreckage. What is ironic, however, is that several hundred years later it became customary for Muslims to incorporate forming of Hindu symbols into their buildings, especially the lotus flower.

Our last day in New Delhi was spent, for the most part, in a large outdoor shopping center. At some point during the day, our group stopped by a roadside stand to pick up some bottled water. When I handed my bottle of water, I noticed that the plastic seal was broken. I brought this to our guide's attention, but he told me that it was probably ok, and that Juneja's water bottle was in the same condition. Not thinking anymore on the matter, I drank the entire bottle.

That night I woke up in a state of delirium. I tried to sound, but collapsed onto the ground. I felt like I was on a carnival ride from hell, the room was spinning and I felt weak. I crawled onto my elbows and knees to the bathroom where I became violently ill for the next nine hours. The bathroom floor became my new bed.

The bus ride to Agra was a nightmare in and of itself. Normally, riding in a bus is not exactly a pleasant experience, but when you are sick, every bump, start, and evaporative movement really takes its toll. The seats in the bus did not recline, and not being able to lie down helped to exacerbate my condition. But to remove and my boxer shorts and pants to remove my boxes. I could not place my pants or shoes on the floor of the outhouse because bugs might crawl into them, so I held my shoes with my left hand and threw my pants over my left shoulder. As I cleared myself up, I could feel the bugs rubbing past my soaked feet and ankles. I also had to continually slap away what felt like a snake-sized centipede that wanted to crawl up my right ankle. After the second time I slapped this bug away, I ran outside of the outhouse, made from the waste down, and finally put on my jeans and shoes. When I was dressed, I did not look around to see if anyone saw me but simply put my head down and walked to the bus. When I got on the bus, I knew everyone had been waiting on me. In the silence, I could feel their stares as I moved to my seat by the window. I tried not to make eye contact with anyone. As our van set in motion I looked at my watch, I had only been in the country for six days. I pressed my face against the glass window, sighed, and thought to myself, "Eight more days."

For the remainder of the trip, I was perpetually sick and suffered from some form of diarrhea. Indian food did not help this condition. After the bus episode, I seriously considered getting on the next flight back to the U.S. However, I stagnated and felt a bit of a lawyerly virtue and that I should stay and face my problems. I am sure that I was not the first who wanted to record from less than pleasant experiences.

Eight long days later, the trip finally came to an end and our group gathered in front of the airport just as we had two weeks before. I got in line with my luggage in hand, and a wave of relief washed over me. As I approached the airport entrance, though, a guard stopped me and asked for my passport. When I handed this to him, he asked me to pay him some type of bribe in order to leave the country. I ignored his request, stayed in line, and called for Juneja. When she approached the guard they started speaking in Hindi to one another. I could not make out what they were talking about, but I was able to make out the words "American embassy" and "Valparaiso University." The conversation grew heated, and Juneja pulled out some papers from her purse. Following this display, the guard finally let me in the airport.

I've always known world is not necessarily a fair place, but I feel that in some places it is fairer than others.

My heart goes out to the honest Indian citizen that puts up with that type of police nonsense daily. However, one thing is certain: no matter where you are from, everyone faces obstacles we feel at times are unendurable, but a little faith and perseverance, one can make it through the darkness. This rule is double for lawyers.

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India Gate

April 2       • SBA General Election Informational Meeting  
Chapel Break, Location TBA  
• VU Law Variaty Show  
7p-10p First floor cafe of the Harre Union (Sponsored by SELA, ACS & LLU)

April 3       • Freedom of Choice Act Debate  
Debate on the constitutionality of the Freedom of Choice Act with Specials Ivan Hoodenpiper and Clarke Forsythe. Forsythe is the current Senior Counsel now President of the American United for Life and is a Valpo Law Alumni. Light dinner will be served (Sponsored by Phi Visor)

April 9       • Petitions for SBA General Election  
deadline  
4p

April 12      • SBA General Election Campaigning  
7p

April 14      • Porter County Bar Association Mix  
Buffalo Wild Wings, Time TBA (Sponsored by PAD)

April 15      • SBA General Election Campaigning Ends

April 16      • SBA General Election Voting  
Chapel Break - Atrium

April 25      • Make-a-Wish Ambulance Chase (5k  
run/walk)  
Law school parking lot  
$15 registration fee (Sponsored by Running Club & SBA)

April 27      • Judges' Dinner  
Harre Union, Time TBA (Sponsored by PAD)

April 28      • Debate  
Professor Levinson and University of South Dakota Law School professor Patrick Gary will debate on the topic of religious expression after the Smith decision. Food will be served.  
(Sponsored by Federalist Society)

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I will admit that I was very jealous of all of you who returned from Spring Break with tan. While you were lolling in the golden glow of Florida or soaking up the rays on a beach cruise, I was taking the MPRE. The only thing I was happy to have missed out on was the thought of having to be bustling and ready to go in the morning. It still, made me think that summer is coming, so I should be more concerned about what I eat. With this in mind, Gus and I ventured out to try the food at a place that describes itself as "Health Conscious Eat­ ing," which was the Unrefined Cafe. Located at 24 North Washington in Valparaiso, this restaurant is ideally located for quick, on-the-go lunches. Although the cafe is only open Monday through Saturday, from nine until three. When I spoke with our server, she told me that their busiest days are weekdays, since they primarily cater to business people from around the square. She also informed me that they are expecting an increase of business in the spring months, as in Valparaiso, this restaurant is ideally suited to business people from around the square. She also informed me that there was not a lot of seating available, but it does mean that they are expecting an increase of business from business people.

Kirsten Haalboom  
Forum Food Critic

Unrefined Cafe

Feeding Gus

Kirsten Haalboom  
The Forum

The menu at the Unrefined Cafe is as follows:

1. Ambiance
When we walked in the door on a rainy Saturday, we saw that the space was fairly small and sparsely furnished. There were only five tables, with seating for about sixteen people total in the cafe. The decor is clean and simple, without a lot of frills. This helps to keep the limited space from feeling crowded, but it does mean that there is not a lot of seating available. The decorations that are used are cheerful, bringing to mind a sunny summer afternoon. There was an air of openness, which was pleasant to sit in.

2. Service
Our server was extremely friendly. There is no better way to put that. We discussed the menu with her, and when we ordered, she told us that the specials board had some listings that would give us cheaper options of what we were unordered. We also discussed movies that were out and plans for the weekend. This is definitely a place where you could become a regular and get known by the staff.

The food was prepared and served promptly and our drinks were frequently refilled. Also, we were not rushed through our meal or urged to leave once it was finished. We felt comfortable lingering and relaxing even though our meal had been prepared quickly and efficiently.

3. Cost
The prices vary from five to seven dollars for all sandwiches and salads. Smoothie costs two dollars for a cup or four for a bowl. You can also get it in a bread bowl for slightly more. Smoothies and protein shakes are three for a small, four for a large, and four for a large.

4. Taste
The menu has wrap and sandwich suggestions, or it allows you to "con­ trol the kitchen" by building your own combination of toppings. We each decided to try sandwiches which had been suggested to us. I had the grilled cheese wrap, which is low fat mozzarella and cheddar cheese with lettuce, tomatoes, and low fat mayonnaise wrapped up in your choice of shell. I chose the sun dried tomato shell, and found it to be quite tasty. I could not believe I had not thought of making a grilled cheese sandwich in a wrap before. Our server told us that the grilled cheese wrap is most popular on Mondays, when the soup of the day is tomato.

Gus, being Gus, decided to try the Behemoth. This wrap is made up of diced chicken, turkey, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, cucumber, spinach, low fat mozzarella and cheddar, blue cheese, cilantro mayonnaise, and lemon dill vinaigrette. We discovered that the coo ks were not at all upset at altering the sandwich when Gus asked to leave the onions off. He had his wrap on a whole wheat shell. I stole a bite of this sandwich and thought it was very tasty. They were not at all stingy with the ingredients, so I did wonder exactly how healthy this wrap was with so much cheese and mayonnaise. But I suppose it is still better than an average fast food lunch. I must say though, if you do not like blue cheese, this is not a sandwich for you because it was the strongest flavor on the wrap. Luckily, there are many other options available, so it should not be a problem. Gus’s com­ ment on his large sandwich was, "Now that’s a wrap!"

I had a strawberry peach smoothie with my meal. There are several fruits you can choose from, with daily specials too. You get to pick your favorite flavor.

Kirsten Haalboom  
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One of these characters, The Co­ motion, is discovered murdered and suddenly these old comrades find them­ selves reuni ted and set out to solve the mystery of their friend’s demise. OK, random word, but it has to be mentioned. If I have one problem with this movie it is the portrayal of Dr. Man­ hattan. Cool character, looks just like he did in the comics, but with our very serious divergence – he is very rarely in pants throughout this movie. No pants... just, yeah no... Dr. Manhattan. All I am saying is that it was totally un­ necessary. OK, back to the review.

What makes this movie special is its timeliness. Watchmen is about the “anti-hero.” All of the characters, with the exception of Dr. Manhattan, are regular people with no apparent super­ powers, save for the fact that they can all kick butt. They all have flaws and weaknesses. Each one represents some aspect of human frailty. In a way, it’s a bit refreshing to see an alternative to the same, tired superman movies that have been the typical movie going fare for many years. How many more X-Men, Superman, Spider-Man, Hulk, I’m leaving Batman out of this because, as we all know, and it was just too amaz­ ing for words, Iron Man movies can we make? Not to mention they are all the same story! Superpowers, save the world, love interest that can never be, yada yada yada.

Watchmen takes those generic comic book movies and turns them upside down and in doing so makes a much more thoughtful and po­ tential film. It’s a wonderful movie with amaz­ ing acting and, for once, a thought­ ful storyline. Treat yourself and go see it.

Sean Hatfield  
Forum Movie Critic

I have been waiting all year for a re­ ally great movie to come out. And now at long last, my wait is over. Watchmen is a truly great movie. Sadly, it was unquestionably a box of­ fice disaster, but frankly there is no ac­ counting for some people’s taste. It cost 130 million dollars to make and as of March 15th it has grossed just over half that. Do not, I tell you, do not let that deter you from going to see it as it is truly a masterpiece to be seen on the big screen.

Watchmen become a cult phenom­ enon in the mid-eighties as a graphic novel written by Alan Moore and pub­ lished by DC Comics. Moore is most famous for another one of his graphic novels-to-movies, V for Vendetta.

Watchmen takes place in an alter­ nate reality – a world still bogged down in the Cold War and President Nixon is in his fourth term. The United States has not only proven to be victorious in Vietnam, but has also gone so far as to make it our 51st state. In addition, Watchmen’s alternate reality culture was dominated, starting in the 40’s, with the existence of masked avengers fighting crime – “super heroes.” But by the 1980’s when the story takes place, these heroes have become unpopular with the existence of masked avengers fighting crime – “super heroes.” By the 1980’s when the story takes place, these heroes have become unpopular in eyes of the public. Characters like Nite Owl have retired, others, like the smart­ est man in the world, Ozymandias, have become powerful but civilian leaders. Still, some characters go on fighting like The Comedian and Rorshach, a violent vigilante with an inkblot mask. The only character to keep on is a super hero in Dr. Manhattan, a physicist who gains unlimited and god-like powers in a freak accident.

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Profiles

Rachel Sharron

Hometown: Aptos, California
Undergraduate School: Marymount College
Undergraduate Major: B.A. English/Journalism
M.S. Sports Administration

Family: Dad – Mark, Mom – Janet, Sister – Kate

1. If you could be any superhero, who would you be and why?
Superman because he can fly.

2. Did you fill out an NCAA Tournament bracket? How do your Final Four prediction come out?
Yes, I did. I picked UCLA and UConn once, but my Bruins have already failed me.

3. If you weren’t in law school, what would you be doing with your life?
I’d be a journalist. I really liked it in college, but it generally didn’t pay enough to support my shopping habit.

4. It’s a brand new baseball season, which team is going to make it all the way?
The Yankees, of course.

5. What’s the TV show you don’t want to admit you are watching?
General Hospital.

6. What is the most embarrassing thing that has ever happened to you?
Nothing much embarrasses me. Doing something about Tabor because it smells a little more musty.

7. What is your post-graduation dream job?
If I was Batman, I wouldn’t have to pay, so my spine hurts.

8. I like to scream about how much I hate Kate.
Yes, I have one.

9. Would you pay to visit the moon?
Yes, I have one.

10. If you could be anywhere other than Valpo, where would it be?
Depends on the day, sometimes on a beach in Mexico, Italy or Greece, other times just hanging around London, Sydney or Venice.

Ed Farmer

Hometown: Chicago, IL
Undergraduate School: Illinois State University
Undergraduate Major: B.S. in Psychology

Family: Yes, I have one.

1. If you could be any superhero, who would you be and why?
Batman, because he can kick butt without superpowers. However, I would definitely want the Bat Suit to be a little bit smaller to better show off my amazing body. Also, the Batmobile should be a convertible.

2. Did you fill out an NCAA Tournament bracket? How do your Final Four prediction come out?
I didn’t do one this season but I am sure Valpo will do just fine, go Titans!

3. If you weren’t in law school, what would you be doing with your life?
Kicking butt and taking names.

4. It’s a brand new baseball season, which team is going to make it all the way?
Chicago Wow! Cubbies Wow!

5. What’s the TV show you don’t want to admit you are watching?
Desperate Housewives. Hey, I do it for the babies!

6. What is the most embarrassing thing that has ever happened to you?
For a man who is known for slapping his belly when drunk and taking his shirt off during karaoke, nothing much embarrasses me.

7. What is your post-graduation dream job?
Sitting on a Mexican beach and getting paid to drink beer. If you mean a law job, that would be the one that pays the most.

8. If there was one thing you could change about Valpo Law, what would it be?
Lockers. My spine hurts.

9. Would you pay to visit the moon?
If so, how much would you pay?
God no. The moon’s an empty thief, and her pale fire she snatches from the sun.

10. If you could be anywhere other than Valpo, where would it be?
Hawaii.

David Johnson

Hometown: Munster, IN
Undergraduate School: Loyola University Chicago
Undergraduate Major: B.S. Anthropology and B.A. Political Science

Family: brother, parents, dog.

1. If you could be any superhero, who would you be and why?
Aquaman. I’ve always wanted to open a Sushi restaurant on the coast.

2. Did you fill out an NCAA Tournament bracket? How do you think your Final Four will come out?
No. Impossible to say. I do cheer for Duke, however, because cheering for Duke angers everybody.

3. If you weren’t in law school, what would you be doing with your life?
Participating in “Get-Rich-Quick” schemes. In the alternative, hunting Bigfoot.

4. It’s a brand new baseball season, which team is going to make it all the way?
Cubs. It’s their year.

5. What’s the TV show you don’t want to admit you are watching?
Jon and Kate Plus 8. I like to scream about how much I hate Kate.

6. What is the most embarrassing thing that has ever happened to you?
Getting caught for arson. (Is he serious?)

7. What is your post-graduation dream job?
Bikini Inspector.

8. If there was one thing you could change about Valpo Law, what would it be?
Lockers. My spine hurts.

9. Would you pay to visit the moon?
If so, how much would you pay?
God no. The moon’s an empty thief, and her pale fire she snatches from the sun.

10. If you could be anywhere other than Valpo, where would it be?
Hawaii.
The Make-A-Wish Foundation of America was founded in 1983 in Phoenix, Arizona. From that small beginning, thousands of people have helped a very ill little boy achieve his wish to be a state trooper for a day. Since that time, the Foundation has grown into the largest and most professional wish granting organization in the world with 67 chapters in the United States and its territories, and 28 international affiliates on five continents.

In 1983, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northeast Ohio was founded, making it the eleventh chapter formed within the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America. The demand for wishes has led this chapter to expand to Central Ohio in 1997, Southern Ohio in 1998, the state of Kentucky in 2001 and Indiana in October 2003. They are now known as the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Ohio, Kentucky & Indiana.

Our chapter fulfilled the magical wishes of 742 children suffering from life-threatening medical conditions last year. Since its inception, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana has granted over 7,124 wishes.

The wish requests the receive are as unique as the children who make them. The majority of wishes fall into four categories, I wish to go ..., I wish to be ..., I wish to meet ..., I wish to do ... Wishes are granted entirely by the child's imagination. The Make-A-Wish Foundation provides the structure, but it is the child's request that determines what the Make-A-Wish Foundation will do.

Some examples of recently granted wishes include: magical journeys to Disney World; lap top computers, going to the Super Bowl, swimming with dolphins, a play house. The Make-A-Wish Foundation provided a Super Sports Picnic/BBQ for all to enjoy.

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The Foundation's goal is to provide each child and his or her family with a wonderful experience - a bright hope of happiness and normalcy in the midst of a difficult time.

Make children's dreams come true
Amber Waggoner
Forum Staff Writer

H ave you been so busy, wrapped up in your school work, studying, or just filling out the bar application? Then treat yourself as well. Make-A-Wish Weekend, April 24-26th.

This event is sponsored by Valparaiso University Law School's Student Bar Association with the Sports Entertainment Law Association (SELA), the Public Interest Law and the Business Law Society (BLSA).

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The Make-A-Wish Foundation is no more. The transition," said Dr. Brad Colborn, 3L. Colborn attended the George Mason University School of Law Trial Advocacy Competition in Fairfax, Virginia. He said the several other members of his team faced tier one schools and even some ranked in the top twenty. It was then that Colborn and his team members decided the name needed to change. "We do so much more than prepare for a trial," Colborn explains. "We really want to foster the growth of litigators at Valpo. The organization has come a long way and we can compete with anyone now. It was time, as an organization, we grew up." Teams also competed at the National Trial Competition in Chicago, Illinois and the American Association for Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition in Cleveland, Ohio.

The next step in the growing process is breaking in the newly elected executive board. The executive board consists of: Chairperson; Amanda Hires, Intracampus Competitions and Membership Chair; Nathan Vit, Intracampus Court determinates Chair; Paul Namie, Finance Chair; and Kelly Bailey. Secretary and Alumni Relations Chair.

The new and the old board will be working together to find new members in April. A try out will be held on April 17 and 18. 1L and 2L students interested in trying out should watch their email for future announcements. An informational meeting will also be held March 31 at Chapel Break. Matt is a 3L and can be reached at Matthew.Skilling@valpo.edu.

Mack Trial is no more. The group hasn't disbanded and they haven't been kicked off campus. Instead they have a new name. Mack Trial is now Trial Advocacy. The team approved a constitutional amendment in February after several teams competed across the country. "It seemed like a natural transition," said Brad Colborn, 3L.

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 Participate in Make-A-Wish Weekend
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T he National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA) hosted its 41st Annual Conference in Irvine, California from March 18-22, 2009. This year's theme was: Our vision. Our purpose. Our goal.

Students had the opportunity to participate in a variety of workshops presented by university professors and legal professionals. The workshops focused on topics such as Networking, Diversity in the Legal Field, Public Service, Civil Rights Litigation and the Shortage of Black Men and How Black Women Should Respond.

Valparaiso University School of Law was well represented with nine students in attendance: Bridgett Anderson, Mocha Anderson, Ilisha Dowell, Tiffini Grimes, Njdeh Kamarian, Lice, Arielle Stevens, Alethea Veal and Eric Zane.

It was an event-packed weekend with two distinguished guest speakers: Randall Kennedy, a Harvard Law Professor who visited Valpo earlier this semester, and Rapper Clifford "IJ" Harris.

One important aspect of this conference was an International Negotiation competition, the Frederick Douglas Moot Court competition, which is a real attorney-client relationship.

There will be other well-received topics, and students were able to interact with each other and the professionals who served as mentor.

Valpo Law students who attended are truly grateful to the law school administration for their support with this conference and previous conferences. BLSA looks forward to continued collaboration with the administration to ensure the progress of our BLSA and promote the outstanding reputation of Valpo Law.

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International Moot Court
Bob Prince
President of International Moot Court

International Moot Court, also known as Jessop, is an oral advocacy competition focused on international law.

As an organization, we compete in a number of competitions each year nationwide and sometimes even internationally. Recently, we sent a team to Geneva, Switzerland where they were honored as writing the brief in the world. The cases are arguments generally written briefs are completed in the fall and the oral arguments are done in the spring.

This year, members participated in three competitions. At the end of January, one team traveled to Miami, Florida. Besides traveling to the beach, this team argued the rights of indigenous people to resources on their lands and the appropriate response to incursions on it.

In mid-February, we sent a team to Chicago, Illinois to compete against the best schools in the Midwest. The topics for this competition was similar to the genocides of Rwanda and Yugoslavia and involved the legitimacy of peacekeeping operations and liability of countries for wrongful acts committed by peacekeepers.

Finally, just before spring break, we sent a team to Toronto, Canada where they argued issues on the law of the seas, which is a topic that has been thrust to the forefront for the United States.

In the past, the topics for these competitions have ranged from the protection of basic human rights to principles of diplomatic law. Examples of issues in past competitions include the legitimacy of Guantanamo Bay, the rights of indigenous people, torture, extraordinary rendition, the rights of developing nations, tariffs and military operations.

Each year, International Moot Court seeks individuals who are interested in written and oral advocacy to join the organization. 1Ls and 2Ls are encouraged to try out at the end of the spring semester. Tryouts consist of submission of your appellate brief, an oral presentation and an interview. We do not require any prior knowledge of international law.

There will be a general information meeting on April 6 at Chapel Break. Specifics on tryouts will be distributed at that meeting.

Our International Moot Court Board is composed of 3Ls. The Board and I have selected the organization's next President, Kathleen Karwowski will be taking over the helm for the 2009-2010 school year. I am confident that we have left the group in good hands and look forward to hearing from the organization's successes in the upcoming years.

Any questions can be directed to Kathleen.Karwowski@valpo.edu or Robert.Prince@valpo.edu.
when nature fools poor snow-weary hu­
yans with unpredictable weather - sun,
now, rain, sun - when after a long cold
winter, we're all ready for sun and
and sun.

A possible reference to April Fool's
Day can be seen in the Canterbury Tales
(ea 1400) in the Nun's Priest's tale, a
tale of two fools: Chaucer the and the
fox, which took place on March 32nd.

The real answer may be a bland of
these theories. Spring has always been
the time for celebration, and spring
celebrations can be traced back to the
two ancient times. Some celebrations
include the Roman Hilaria celebration
of the 25th of March, which honored
earth-mother Cibele, the Festival of
Lud, honoring the Celtic god of humor
the Feast of Fools, the Jewish festval of
merry-making and food, and Holi, the
Winds of spring, fire and color.

However it began, it has come
to us in a day for even the most
well-behaved people to play practical
jokes on their friends and family mem-
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Barely Legal

Dear N.B.O.L.S.,

We feel for you, honestly. And, our advice depends on your personal situation and the goals that you have set out to accomplish once you obtain your Juris Doctor. However, we will as-
sume that you resemble the "average" student here at Valpo Law, and we’ll base our advice on that assumption.

Now then, if you plan to get your self a good job with an average GPA (say 3.0), then you have reasons to be cautiously optimistic. Please do not get the idea that we’re advocating that you find your way to the bottom of a fifth of whiskey. However, you will be able to find the time for at least two or three nights free of PROPERTY, Torts or Con.

Law. These times are going to be stressful, but not unbearably. Just tell these beasts to beat it. Keep your wits about you, and study hard enough so that you don’t need the need to cram on the nights before your exams — this time is better spent reviewing everything you have learned over the past semester (and everything you have tried to cram into your head over the last month, or so). Relax a little bit, take a weekend night to have a drink with friends, cook dinner for someone, watch a movie, have protected sex, exercise, etc... keep your mind sharp by giving it a bit of a rest!

Lightening Round (several submissions from various members of the student body):

Dear Rarely Legal,

I never have fun at these formal law school events, people treat it like prom, but we’ve still just hanging out with the same people that we’re always with. Why else would I wake up at 2 a.m.?! Next time I’m looking for a date for most of these galas, would it be socially acceptable to hire an escort?

Of course it would be socially acceptable to hire an escort. It would be socially acceptable to hire a "prostitute." Also, remember if the SBA (Stitch and Bait) are going to police such happenings, it may be difficult to explain away on the character fitness application process of the bar exam.

Jon & John are both 3Ls and can be reached at forum@valpo.edu.

Dear Rarely Legal,

After your last column, the school announced the renovation and expansion of Heritage Hall, and also some changes to the C.C.I., do you guys really have that much influence over the cur-
rent Administration?

—Yes, next question.

Sorry, you really exploded the change of bringing Lisa Cannon into the C.C.I. She has been one of the best people to know around here. Also, it is quite evident through Can-
on’s work on the externship programs that she has the best interests of the students at heart. Good luck Cannon! Now, as for Heritage Hall, if Valpo Law is determined to pour a bunch of mon-
ey into that way-flowered dorm — uh, uh, we mean that historic landmark steeped in tradition, well then good luck. We will be halfway down the hall on the ancient 2009 computer before its put to use.

Dear Rarely Legal,

I’ve tried to force myself to meet someone, but it’s hard to keep smiling knowing that none of them would care to take my place. I know you just want an ice cream shake and a Little League game, but I’m supposed to do? She left a very long and I needed someone to fill it. I used them for what I wanted without considering how it would make them feel. This isn’t the kind of man you raised your only son to be, but having my broken heart three years ago did this to me. She’ll be married soon and my hope will end, but maybe just maybe the next chapter in my life can begin.

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Drew Taylor
Forum Staff Writer

1) Training Camp

My lady and I have been together for 20 years now. I always took your advice. I’d smile, and read nutshells. Just tell those geeks what was happening in class and play with their feelings, but consider how it would make them feel. This isn’t the kind of man you raised your only son to be, but having my broken heart three years ago did this to me. She’ll be married soon and my hope will end, but maybe just maybe the next chapter in my life can begin.

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No idea. She doesn’t really talk to me anymore. I’m pretty sure she gave me her good reason not to.

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Remember in 2002 telling me that ladies would like it if I smiled more? When I would see a young lady I always took your advice. I’d smile, we’d chat, and to them I seemed like a nice guy. Over time I’d learn all about their lives and they’d share their thoughts on our future. I tried to force a woman to love me, but it didn’t work because I couldn’t. After Lauren left, I forgot how to smile. In time it’s become hard to keep smiling knowing that none of them could take her place. I know you’d rather see someone to fill it. I used them for what I wanted without considering how it would make them feel. This isn’t the kind of man you raised your only son to be, but having my broken heart three years ago did this to me. She’ll be married soon and my hope will end, but maybe just maybe the next chapter in my life can begin.

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An alternative approach to polo

David Johnson
Forum Staff Writer

A lot of the sports I write about involve the use of animals. Men racing horses, camels wrestling camels, etc. This one takes it a notch - it has horses and goats. Buzkashi is an immensely popular game in Afghanistan and much of Central Asia, and can be played in two different styles: Tadabari and Qarajai. Tadabari is a more relaxed form of the game. Qarajai gets a little more intense. Before I reveal the specifics of each, however, I should probably lay down the basics of Buzkashi. Two or three teams of men, whose number may vary depending on how many participants are present, each have a goal. The game is divided into sessions or periods. At the end of each, the goal is to have the most points. The object is to drag a dead goat away from a swarm of opponents in an area about one hundred feet in diameter. After each session, the goat's neck is cut off and the head is left as a trophy to be carried by one of the successful teams.

Remember how I said the game had horses and goats? Well, the object of the game is to drag a dead goat away from the competing teams, around the pole, and then drop it into the circle, all while on horseback. This is Qarajai. Tadabari contests score points by just dragging the goat away from the crowd of competitors, there's no need to get it into the circle. The goal is specially prepared for the game; if you'd like to find out exactly how, wikipedia Buzkashi: even I'm not easy enough to write about the preparation details. In the event that a goal is unattainable, Buzkashi participants have been known to use a lamb instead.

Dragging the goat circums away from a swarm of opponents is not easy by any means. Good Sportsmanship is the exception to the rule in Buzkashi matches. Not only do most riders whip their horses to get to the goat faster, they also whip their opponents horses to get the animals to buck and toss the opposing riders off. Sucker punches to the face and back are also routinely administered to get the opposing riders to let go of the dead animal. Buzkashi riders often walk away with broken bones and dislocated joints. Although an unspoken set of rules exist, the only one routinely observed provides that participants cannot tie the goat to their saddle to score easy points. Even trooping horses with ropes, despite being heavily frowned upon, scarily occurs, especially in smaller, village-centered matches.

Like any other sport, winning the match means scoring the most points. How long you have to do it varies tremendously. Some matches take a few hours, some from sun up to sun down, some go for a few days. I'd like to remind everyone how bad a dead goat will smell after a few days. Regardless, the riders play until the game officially ends, even with a shattered pelvis.

The price for winning this strenuous competition ranges from receiving cash to promotions to a set of new horses. One thing the winner always gets is a giant slab of tenderized goat meat. (Note: Yes, That goat.) If anyone is in the market for a new hobby, I wouldn't suggest this one. Read my article on euskosnina and head to Finland.

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NCAA Women’s Basketball Tournament

Women’s tournament starts with few surprises
Brett Stein
Forum Staff Writer

By starting nearly a full week after the men’s tournament, the NCAA women's basketball tournament tipped off and the first few days of action resulted in few surprises.

Connecticut cracked triple digits and barely worked up a sweat in their easy opening round game against 16th seeded Vermont. The Huskies were paced by Tine Charles’ 32 point performance where she missed just one field goal attempt.

Texas A&M turned back surprise Evansville, who surprised many by winning the Missouri Valley conference tournament and the league’s automatic bid to punch their dance card. The only seed ed teams.

Maryland's biggest hurdle will be the Final Four. Coach Pat Summit's women’s NCAA tournament opened with an automatic 10 seed match lead over 16th seeded Stanford and Oklahoma in the Final Four and the Sooners. The home team will already miss the team’s first win against 2 seed Texas A&M and face off against 2 seed Texas A&M.

Stanford, Baylor and our own St. Mary's are the final three teams to break the top four. Ex­pect to see Maryland, Texas A&M and Wisconsin in the SEC.

A few other mild surprises included 10 seed San Diego State sending Oregon home early 76-70 and the Gonzaga women’s team, who have long lived in the shadow of the successful men’s team, made the most of their chance, sending number five seed Xavier home 74-59.

Much has been made of the Tennessee women’s team this year based on coach Pat Summitt's staggering achievement of 1,000 career coaching victories. At any level in any sport, 1,000 wins is so difficult that Coach Summitt is to be lauded not only for her on court success but because she has run her program the right way. Overall the regular season was not a typical one for Tennessee, who finished 22-10 overall and 9-5 in the SEC. As a result they enter the tournament as a 5 seed in the Berkeley region and face Peay on the road if the Lady Volunteers are to advance to the semifinals.

Most experts predict three teams to advance to the Final Four: Connecticut, Stanford and Oklahoma. The real challenge comes in predicting who will be the fourth team to claim a spot in St. Louis. Among the susceptors are two ACC teams who are #1 seeds in Maryland and Duke. Duke’s hopes hinge on the health of senior guard Allisky Walker. She will almost assuredly be the team’s first round game against Austin Peay and if she is out beyond that the Blue Devils could be in trouble against higher seeded teams.

Maryland’s biggest hurdle will be 2 seed Baylor, ranked 5th in both major polls and the most dangerous of the 2 seeds in the tournament. Back in November Baylor toppled Stanford in a lopsided 81-65 upset led by Rachel Allison’s 25 points andexcelled in back after falling to the Cardinals last season.

The joy of the tournament, both men’s and women’s, is that one Cinderella team who nobody expects, leaving Oklahoma in the Final Four and the Sooners. The top seeded teams watch out for Minnesota. The 16th seeded Lady Gophers knocked off 7 seed Notre Dame 76-72 and face off against 2 seed Texas A&M in round 2. If the Gophers can advance, they would face off against 2 seed Texas A&M and face off against 2 seed Texas A&M.