WISH Weekend

The Make-A-Wish Foundation tries to grant the wishes of children ranging from two to 18 years old, who have life-threatening medical conditions. Through the help of local schools, volunteers, and donors, funds are raised to help fulfill the wish of a special child. On the weekend of April 24th-26th, Valparaiso University Law School hosted three events to help fulfill the wish of a yet-to-be-named child in a wonderful organization and put a face to the mission of Make-A-Wish. Miranda’s condition is currently in remission and she is a tremendously brave young lady. Alicia and Miranda are examples of the power of a wish and the positive impact the Make-A-Wish Foundation has on people’s lives. A special thank you to Alicia, Joseph and especially Miranda for reminding all of us why the Make-A-Wish Foundation is important, how we can all make a difference at what a dream truly is the heart makes!

Alicia Arceo and Joseph Langley are members of the Valparaiso Community. Alicia’s niece was a recipient of a wish through the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

For more information about Make-A-Wish, please visit their website www.makeawish.org. For more information about the Make-A-Wish Weekend at Valparaiso University, please visit makeawishweekend.valpo.edu.

- Nikki Knowlton

Forum Staff Writer

On Saturday, April 25th, The Running Club hosted a 5K Run, The Ambulance Chase. The event brought together law students, the undergrads, and members of the community. The weather was perfect and through the help of the Valparaiso Fire Department, people circulated the race started without a hitch. The Running Club estimated there were at least 90 participants. Josh Hood, president of The Running Club, had no idea what he was getting into while he planned the 5K Run. But he would have never known this was the first time that Josh Hood planned a race. He mapped a route, got the cooperation of local law enforcement and sponsorship from local establishments. Donations and sponsorships were provided by: Panera Bread, Color Me Bronze, Csi Smith Barney, Joseph & Mary Vancouver, Starbucks, Au Natural, Dunkin’ Donuts, VUPD and Blilocks’ Athletics. Participants paid fifteen dollars which covered entry fees, a T-shirt and a generous donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The Valparaiso Fire Department volunteered their time and ambulance for the cause, even announcing over the ambulance’s PA system the countdown to start while flashing the lights and sounding the sirens. There were some runners who got lost, but all-in-all, the run was a wonderful success. Even the weather cooperated, giving just enough sunshine and cloud free skies for the race. Once the race was over, The Running Club was able to collect a generous donation that they were still counting at the time this article went to print, but it is estimated at almost over $1,500. Great job Josh and The Running Club!!

Sunday, April 26th was the last event of the Make-A-Wish Weekend, The Juris Open. The Juris Open was a golf tournament hosted by BLA. The tournament was held at Duck Creek Golf Course. At first it looked like the weather might not cooperate but in the end, it turned out to be a good day for golf. Forty participants representing the law school and members of the community came out to show their support for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The cost was fifty dollars a person, which included eighteen holes of golf, a cart, lunch and generous donations. Winners were awarded with gift certificates from Gaucho’s Brazilian Steakhouse and Duffy’s as well as golfing equipment. The lunch was catered by Wagner’s with BBQ pulled pork, hamburgers, baked beans and coleslaw. The Juris Open raised approximately $500 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The Make-A-Wish Weekend is about community spirit and raising money to fulfill the wish of a child who has a life-threatening medical condition. While attending The Ambulance Chase I met Alicia Areco and Joseph Langley. Alicia’s niece, Miranda Springer, received a wish through the Make-A-Wish Foundation. They came out to show their support for this wonderful organization and put a face to the mission of Make-A-Wish. Miranda’s condition is currently in remission and she is a tremendously brave young lady. Alicia and Miranda are examples of the power of a wish and the positive impact the Make-A-Wish Foundation has on people’s lives.

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The Docket

&%(#) this: Supreme Court rules on profanity during live broadcasts

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FCC v. Fox Television Stations, 2009 WL 1118715 (U.S. 2009), the 5-4 decision uploaded as FCC rule which threatened fines for the use of expletives on live television. The Jus­tices, in a 5-4 decision with six separate opinions, overturned a Second Circuit ruling for Fox. The circuit court's decision remanded the case back to the FCC for an analysis of a tougher standard. Instead of issuing an analysis, the FCC appealed to the Supreme Court.

The controversy started when Bono, Cher, and Nicole Richie used the F and S-words during award shows. As a result of these outbursts, the FCC changed its long standing policy and implemented the "fleeting expletive" rule. The rule finds some words are so offensive that when they are used, they always evoke images of sex or bodily functions. The previous policy allowed one free expletive before being fined and words now considered "fleeting expletives" were not offensive. According to the Associated Press, the FCC felt the policy change was necessary to keep broadcast television and radio free from profanity when children may be watching.

The crux of this case focused on whether the FCC reasonably changed the policy, concluding that profanity related to sexual or bodily function is always indecent. Justice Antonin Scalia, for the Court, wrote that the agency's action does not require a more extensive standard of review, arguing that an analysis that is more extensive than that used to adopt the policy is not required for every policy change. Additionally, Justice Scalia held that the new policy was neither arbitrary nor capricious. In her dissenting opinion, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote that the FCC's actions violate the First Amendment right to freedom of speech. Justice John Paul Stevens, in his dissent, wrote that while "fleeting expletives" can be bad, there is also allowable language that can have an equally negative effect on children, citing the vast number of commercials advertising erectile dysfunc­tion and prostrate prescriptions.

This decision is likely not the end of the debate, as the Justices stated the rule could still be found unconstitutional, and asked if the Court of Appeals should determine whether the "fleeting expletive" rule violates the First Amendment.

As expected, there was reaction on both sides of the issue. An Associated Press article stated that Acting FCC Chairman Michael Copps celebrated the decision, as did Tim Winter, the presi­dent of the Parents Television Council, an advocacy group. Fox was upset by the decision, but felt it would win on the First Amendment claim.

And now for the opinion of the Associated Press. I see the need to ensure children can watch TV and listen to the radio without being exposed to indecent language, but I do not find the major­ity's view media with today's television view­ing. As the Associated Press noted, FCC rules are only enforceable on broadcast media, so cable stations and the internet can do as they wish without worrying about fines from government agen­cies. Having said that, celebrities must take responsibility for what they say and do. It is unfair to punish a television sta­tion for the words of someone looking for publicity based on what they say. We also must realize that news events can happen live on television and the reactions to those circumstances may cause expletives to be said. Common sense should rule how the FCC enforces this rule.

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The Federalist Society Debate

Students learn about how the Freedom of Religion is affected after Smith

David Johnson
Forum Managing Editor

On Tuesday April 28th, the Federalist Society held a debate on Freedom of Religion and Supreme Court jurisprudence. The two keynote speakers for this event were Valparaiso University School of Law's Professor Rondale Levinson and Professor Patrick Garry, of South Dakota University School of Law.

The specific topics of the afternoon were the Establishment Clause, the Exercise Clause of the United States Constitution, and what the Supreme Court's decision in Employment Division v. Smith which is a case concerning a ban on peyote and Native Americans. This case spawned the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. An additional topic covered in the debate was the various approaches Supreme Court justices have utilized in examining what constitutes a violation of the church-state barrier.

Garry stated that the lack of a consistent and encompassing approach to challenges against the Establishment and Exercise Clauses has led to a "jurisprudence of minuita." Solitary events like a rabbi saying a prayer prior to a middle school graduation ceremony have led to excessive litigation because there is currently no definitive test on these Clauses in operation.

Although Levinson interprets the holding of Smith and the Clauses differently, she was in agreement with Garry over the years of ambiguity Supreme Court decisions have caused on the topic. As Levinson said, although we may hold the Supreme Court and its justices in the greatest regard, they're people too, and the mingling of religion and government leads to a terribly slippery slope of what's too much and what action is permissible.

And, as a question at the end of the two presentations pointed out, the deeply personal issues of religion and government will likely continue to divide the justices on the Court for years to come.

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From the Other Side of Campus...

IMPROVED HIGHWAY SAFETY AIM OF PROFESSOR'S WORK

VALPARAISO, Ind. - A Valparaiso University engineering professor is using his expertise in traffic safety to help revise the nearly 50-year-old standards for the safety zones bordering the nation's highways.

Dr. Kiel Zimmerman, assistant professor of civil engineering, has received a grant of approximately $40,000 to support his work on a project being conducted by the National Cooperative Highway Research Program to develop improved guidelines for highway safety zones.

Dr. Zimmerman, whose research has focused on traffic operations, safety and analysis, said he and other researchers are re-examining clear zones - unobstructed, relatively flat areas beyond the edge of highway lanes that allow a driver to stop safely or regain control of a vehicle.

"The idea of having clear zones for freeways developed in the 1960s because engineers realized that people who lost control of their vehicles needed a recovery area or they were likely to hit objects near the sides of roads such as trees or signs," Dr. Zimmerman said.

Guidelines for how large of a clear zone to leave were developed at that time based on traffic volume, speed and other roadway conditions, but those standards are based on old and limited data.

"The distances that were developed for clear zones are based on data that's 50 years old - when the nation's highway system was much different than it is today," Dr. Zimmerman said. "There's a need to update the clear zone values for the United States, to better reflect the present state of our roads and the vehicles traveling on them."

Curbs, walls, barriers, signs and signal supports, mature trees, landscaping items and power poles are among the features that can affect a driver's speed or lane position if located too close to the roadway edge. Dr. Zimmerman noted that recovery areas along highways are often not completely clear of all such objects and have steeper slopes than desired, while at the same time it can be very expensive for transportation agencies to provide as large a recovery area as they desire.

"There's a balance that needs to be struck in providing a reasonable opportunity for a driver to regain control of or slow down an errant vehicle without making the cost of road construction prohibitive," Dr. Zimmerman said.

Dr. Zimmerman's current focus is revising a computer model he created as a graduate student in the 1990s to determine what impact clear zones of different widths have on traffic crash rates. "We can't do that type of testing on highways for two reasons," Dr. Zimmerman said. "First, setting up a potentially unsafe situation violates the ethics of professional engineering practice to ensure the safety and welfare of the general public. Second, crashes are relatively rare occurrences in any single location, so data collection would literally take years or even decades - too long to be of much use. By the time we had enough data on any one location, the conditions surrounding crashes would have changed again."

After revising his computer model to analyze data from a variety of highways across the country, Dr. Zimmerman also will be involved in the cost-benefit analysis of using different widths for clear zones. Dr. Zimmerman expects his work on the project will take approximately 18 months to complete.

Dr. Zimmerman joined the faculty of Valpo's College of Engineering (valpo.edu/engineering) in 2007. He previously conducted traffic research at the Texas Transportation Institute and won the TTU/Frinity Industries New Researcher Award in 2005. Scholarly journals have published his studies on improving intersection safety, detection control systems at intersections, red-light running and roadway safety.

For further information regarding this news release, please contact Dustin Wunderlich or Reggie Syrcle at 219.464.5114 or via e-mail to University.Relations@valpo.edu. Visit Valparaiso University on the Web at www.valpo.edu.
New Orleans Pro Bono Trip

Report on Annual New Orleans Pro Bono Trip

Derrick A. Carter
Professor of Law

Twenty-four Valparaiso University School of Law students met Professor Carter in New Orleans during spring break, from March 1 - March 8, 2009, to work in the Orleans Public Defender Office and the Legal Aid Office. There are 33 public defenders in New Orleans and 93 prosecutors. While the city is recovering, the criminal justice system is far behind.

Many students drove through a massive snow storm in Atlanta and Alabama. It took them approximately 20 hours (normally 11) to arrive on Sunday, March 1st. They shared many good stories of the trip. They were tired, but in very good “spirits.”

The criminal students (19) handled motions and evening bond hearings, wrote legal memos, watched death penalty trials, conducted projects on the appointment of counsel, and called family members to secure the release of inmates.

The civil students (5) handled forfeiture, housing issues, title issues, and employment compensation. They worked very hard and received many compliments from the attorneys and administrators. Valpo Law has an outstanding reputation at the Defender Office for delivering thorough, creative, and speedy research to the trial attorneys. Assistant Administrator Steve Singer has invited us repeatedly to summer externships.

The students worked late each night, and still enjoyed the sights and sounds of New Orleans. No matter how late they (we) pursued the innocent joys of New Orleans, basketball games, the historical Church of the St. Louis, or watching death penalty trials, they (we) were ready for every morning bond hearings.

In each of the previous five trips to New Orleans, the Valpo law students show energy, competence, and professionalism. The students were a joy to behold and I am extremely proud of them as they jumped into real litigation and turned losing cases into magic. The students were well versed in search and seizure law - to the delight of the attorneys. I see the same effort in our criminal externships and in our criminal clinic. It is important for students to study criminal procedure (both classes) before taking a bar exam and because these issues touch us in our daily legal lives.

It was a lively group of students who attended: Joe Bunt (you can only imagine, laugh gales). Vanessa Strethem (knows all about river dancing and more), Kent Steck (former bartender from South Beach, a quick study), Rob Woodward (who would introduce himself to anyone - in and out of the French Quarter), Elizabeth Flanik (will work an issue to death), Gregg Shankman (quiet guy during the day, comes to life at night, knows all about juvenile law by now), Alisa Preest (veery, veery quiet), Anthony Bernardi (stayed up with the best), Brian Bernardino (the greatest compliment - “you’re the coolest professor, evee”), Nicole Knowlton (the glue to hold things together, she visited twice, “Cartier”), Terri Mayweather-Jones (Terri “still waters”), Chad Nally (the general), Amanda Hires (visited twice), Uma Sarai (visited twice), Mary Burnett (and her pick-up truck), Viet Pham (scientist at work), Emily Meyer (another scientist, future administrator), and Adam Harris (remember Halloween, great company).

The Legal Aid students were Bill Fagerstrom (received his own office), Rick DeJong (New Orleans was the perfect place), Korin Knautson (many followers). Dustin Detzer (the driver), and Sameer Aleem (businessman at work).

The Valpo Law students were wonderful. Please consider the trip for next year.

Dialogues Project

Greener Pastures for the American Environment

Nathan Vis
Forum Staff Writer

Meeting for the last time this semester, and perhaps for the final time in its tenure at the University, the Conversations Project addressed the future of American environmental policy, in an event entitled “Greener Pastures: A New Era of Environmental Policy?”

The three panel members brought a wide variety of views and backgrounds to inform the audience. Dana Dobosz, a current Valparaiso University School of Law second year student, started the conversation by discussing her view of environmental policy through her experience as a park ranger in the Indiana Dunes. “I came into the service with high hopes of utilizing the national park as an educational tool for its visitors,” said Dobosz, “but instead I found it to be more concerned about financing state-of-the-art bathrooms and the newest vehicles we could buy. Environmental policy shifts only work if people are educated at a local level, if changes are made at a local level - we need to move beyond dropping Twinkie wrappers wherever we please.”

Kim Ferraro, the Executive Director of the Legal Environmental Aid Foundation, agreed with Dobosz that education and action at the local level was key, but added that strong federal measures were needed. “I believe that a strong federal comprehensive agenda needs to be set, to ensure decisive action.”

Mary Irwin, the appointed Director for Indiana’s Center for Coal Technologies, cautioned a hastened approach to more stringent federal regulation. “We have come a long way in cleaning up the air in America - anyone that has lived in a major city for a period of time can attest to this.”

When asked about their approaches to cleaning and greening the environment - each of the three had a different idea. For Dobosz, “It’s not enough to say we are going green. For too many folks it becomes hip to do, we feel good about going green in a certain area of our life, and we feel out duty is done.”

Irwin asked back, “What more can we do to turn coal, a dirty black rock, clean? We need it and its energy to fuel steel mills and other industries to create photo-voltaic cells for solar power and to create and transport wind turbines - is the expenditure of more energy to create these sources of energy really enhancing air quality?”

Ferraro replied that they did indeed enhance the environment, “for these are sources of renewable energy which over time do not contribute to carbon pollution of the environment.”

The Conversations Project, a collaborative effort between the Valparaiso University and the Law School, designed to address issues of our time and foster civil discourse, has been in existence for over five years. Professor of Law Jerome Telfair has led the group’s successful efforts over the past five years, and recently announced that he was stepping down from chairing the group, leaving open the leadership position to someone new to carry on the tradition of intelligent discourse and simple conversations.

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International Law in the Domestic Context

Penelope Andrews
Professor of Law

American legal scholars, citing The Paquita Habana, contend that international law is part of United States law. However, recent American legal development suggests that there has been a shift from this conception, towards an increasing assertion of American sovereignty, or American exceptionalism. This trend stands in direct contrast to recent international legal developments on how other democracies regularly consider international law in their domestic jurisprudence. The Canadian Supreme Court and the Indiana Supreme Court represent such a trend, as well as regional courts in the International Court of Human Rights and the International Court. In fact, the judges of the South African Constitutional Court, another example, are mandated by their country’s constitution to consider international law in their deliberations.

These contradictory legal trends therefore raise some questions. First, what role should international law, particularly international human rights law, play in the American domestic context? Second, which American legal issues lend themselves to greater recognition of international law? Third, are there comparable legal experiences in other jurisdictions from which American legal advocates, judges, and legal scholars could learn? These are not mere academic inquiries. Indeed, contemporary American legal issues, including the use of torture, immigration, the death penalty, national security, raise questions that resonate both at the national and international levels.

On Friday, April 3, 2009, Valparaiso University School of Law hosted a conference entitled, International Law in the Domestic Context, in which these questions were explored by a group of legal scholars and advocates from around the United States, as well as South Africa, Australia, China, and Canada. The keynote speaker was Professor John Dugard, an esteemed international law scholar based at the University of the Western Cape, and a Distinguished Visiting Professor at Duke Law School.

The opening panel considered the implementation of international human rights law in the domestic (American) context, some arguing for the reiteration of international law as part of United States law, while others questioned the experience of international legal principles to a robust and well-established American constitutional structure. In particular, one speaker resisted what he saw as a growing international human rights hegemony, that sought to supplant well-established American constitutional principles.

This question also surfaced in the second panel that considered the issue of national security and international law. Strong disagreement surfaced among the speakers about the balancing of national security concerns and the human rights imperatives of various international legal documents, including the Convention Against Torture, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Geneva Conventions, and others.

The closing panel, evaluating comparative perspectives, explored the role of international law in the panelists’ domestic jurisdictions. The speakers from Australia and Canada argued for a vigilance by Australia and Canadian judges about their country’s international legal obligations. One, a practicing attorney, explained how he utilized his training in his representation of clients who were charged under Australia’s national security laws. They all lamented the fact that Australian and Canadian courts were not always loyal to their international obligations when adjudicating legal issues that have international resonance.

The closing speaker on the panel, a Chinese legal scholar, gave a thoughtful presentation on halting attempts by Chinese lawyers and judges to utilize international law in their deliberations, in line with the reality that international law is part of Chinese domestic law. The interesting range of papers raised important and provocative questions, without necessarily answering any of them decisively. This is the measure of the success of the conference, namely, leaving participants and the audience with further questions for later exploration.

The papers from the conference will be published by the Valparaiso University Law Review.

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The Fifth Annual Judges’ Dinner

Terri Mayweather-Jones
Production Editor

On April 27, 2009, Phi Alpha Alpha held its fifth annual Judges’ dinner at the Valparaiso University’s Christopher Center. Judges and support staff of the Valparaiso University’s Christopher Center came out to enjoy a delightful dinner and conversation with prestigious judges and magistrates from the Valparaiso University students to have a one-on-one with the dinner was a successful networking environment. Overall, the so many students came out which was a great surprise considering finals around surrounding Indiana area. Each thirty students and faculty members came out to enjoy a delightful dinner and conversation with prestigious judges and magistrates from the Valparaiso University’s Christopher Center. Over half of the librarians and support staff of the Valparaiso University School of Law held its 38th, and final conference this academic year, I wish you a good summer.

Fifth Annual Judges’ Dinner

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The Dean's Corner

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Teaching You—A Personal, Even "Sappy" Reflection

I am sure you have wondered what makes law professors "sick." I know that I did from the first moment that I stepped into a law school class—and that was a long time ago, 1972 to be exact. There is no way that I could speak for the whole faculty, but I can explain my conclusion that I am incredibly privileged to be your professor.

My decision to get a legal education was first about becoming a practicing attorney. I came from an extended family that was very loving, but had few resources and little education. I was the first person to go to college and certainly the first of our "kins" to get an advanced degree. For us, lawyers seemed to have an incredible amount of political power, secure jobs, and higher social status, and we wanted to know what that was about. Our family was also focused on social justice—after all, my grandfather had worked on a dock boat for a couple of dollars a day, seven days a week and we wanted to know what that was.

And, I attended high school in a state where racial segregation was still the practice more than a decade after Brown v. the Board of Education. Ultimately, let me say I embraced the feminist movement with my four brothers constantly telling me that I could not do things because I was a woman.

I went to law school to better myself and make a difference in all those areas and more, but I was not clear on what that meant to me.

Initially, law school was difficult to figure out. My undergraduate education had been at a place where the ethnicity of the student body and everyone was treated as an individual. Let’s face it, I was "Lord Nelson" as well—my idea of a good time was to watch a documentary about ancient languages or read a book about number theory. So, intellectual curiosity and a love of knowledge for its own sake has always been a part of my make up to pass that forward is a large part of who I am today. But, it was not until late all of this when I began law school.

At UCLA, I was one of 50 or 60 students and I felt silenced and confused at first. It didn’t help that the Socratic Method was hard to decode and I couldn’t connect it to the issues that I really cared about. Also, there were very few women in my class and few women professors. But, after several months, things started to jell and I actually began to enjoy the give-and-take.

One thing that I will always treasure about my legal education is that it made me (I hope) a more analytical, tolerant, and sophisticated thinker about different points of view. "I got it" that you can’t persuade people who disagree by simply repeating how much you care about a position—arguments matter. As Professor Bernstein is fond of saying, real dialogue begins when each person concludes he or she might be wrong. Later on, when I went into legal education, I was able to connect the dots between these insights.

By the time I graduated, a number of my professors had become role models for me and I speculated about what it might be like to teach. I had no idea how to make that a reality. Having no family experience with advanced education, I had little idea how to become a law professor. I wasn’t sure you with the particular details—my journey into legal education is a product of great timing and luck, and my time practicing law also made a difference to my skill set and attitude toward teaching. Over the years, I have taught in four different law schools all over the world; Valparaiso is the one that I love the most. So where does that leave things?

It is a unique opportunity to be able to explore in teaching and writing how legal institutions affect human behavior, normative values, social justice, and equal opportunity—reasoning—you name it. The greatest gifts of a legal education is that it applies to so many topics and empowers us to school ourselves to become experts in almost anything, by doing that we help our clients. Much more important than the intellectual freedom law teaching provides me personally, however, is the joy of connecting with you. And that is my main point here. Each year, I have the opportunity to meet new students, to learn from people with a myriad of life experiences, and to share ideas with individuals who show the full range of human personality. And, I learn an immense amount from you. It is the interaction that makes the magic—when things are really working in—and outside the classroom. You can pass your kind of homage you as our students. I have the best job in the world, because you and I can ponder together about the law as it is, and should be, and what it means to us and our children’s future. Thank you for the privilege.

Cooperatively Submitted By:

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Career Planning Student Advisory Committee

Collaborative Efforts Introduce Wall of Success

The Career Planning Center recently launched a new initiative, the "Wall of Success." The Wall of Success profiles students who have volunteered to share employment updates with students and employers with whom they have secured either full-time or part-time employment. In response to the invitation sent to all law students, the students who volunteered to be on the "Wall" are helping emphasize the importance of gaining professional experience prior to and upon graduation.

These students have secured employment through a variety of resources some of which include personal networking, student membership in bar associations, the Career Planning Center's Symplicity recruitment technology, participation in networking and events, direct application, on-campus interviews sponsored by the Career Planning Center, and alumni network. The Wall of Success is part of a larger initiative to collect the employment information of each class (1L, 2L, and 3L) and to report it to the National Graduate Employment Survey the CPC conducts for NALP. The National Association for Law Placement is the largest and most comprehensive provider of employment information for new lawyers. It reports hiring hundreds and even thousands of new attorneys. The data is organized by size of firm, years of practice, area of law practiced, and student background.

The Association for Legal Professionals (NALP) is the national association representing professionals in the legal employment sector. The Wall of Success program is largely inspired by these mergers and acquisitions that were very few women in my class and class. I have been aware of the need for women to have a voice in the workforce, and now I am glad to be a part of promoting this success.

Efforts to promote diversity in the legal profession have been ongoing for years. However, with the recent mergers and acquisitions, many women are now included in the workforce. The Wall of Success program is a way to celebrate these achievements and raise awareness about the importance of diversity in the legal profession.

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THE INSIDE SCOOP

INSIDE ... STUDENT PROFILES!
Rockin' The 'Burbs ... The Music Buzz

Joshua Hermes & Nathan Vinjng
Forum Music Critics

Asher Roth - Asleep in the Bread Aisle

With the changing of the seasons and the migration into libraries and coffeeshops for finals preparation, there is a good chance you caught wind of Asher Roth's first single, "I Love College." We know someone who has. The song depicts an all too familiar college party scene, the kind of single, "I Love College," or known to many, "The College Song." From start to finish, the album is a good listen, and features a lot of the great new music out lately. But despite the fact that Roth has already followed up his debut album with another release, it is really hard to tell if Asher Roth is a one-hit wonder or if he'll evolve into the cosmopolitan, freewheelin', lyrical magician he hints at being capable of. Critics so far have formed a love/hate relationship with Roth which is probably because his first single, "I Love College," and several other songs on the album are difficult to take seriously because of their lyrics. For instance, the song "As I" is a song where he tries to distinguish himself from Eminem, which is really just unnecessary to do on his debut album and just creates a large song.

In a positive note, though, the album has two redeeming qualities. It is really dynamic and features a lot of varied beats which makes the album as a whole an entertaining listen, and it samples some quality songs from other artists such as Weezer ("Say It Ain't So") and features a lot of other artists which add to the dynamic qualities of the album. Stand out tracks include "Love College," "Be By Myself," and "Look On My Go Cart." While Asher calls himself a Blonde Bob Saget and boasts about his great Mario Kart skills, they have all heard of them, listened to them, and probably loved or hated them at various moments. But despite all of the great new music out lately, we wanted to include something in the columns that you all have heard of and could definitely enjoy, and this is it.

Through their previous releases it's been easy to criticize Death Cab as being overly soft. But, on the album "The Open Door," Gibbard and Co. push the limits of their gentle sound. Songs like "Leslie Brides," feel more like early Wilco, with that Acoustic-style all-country guitar and stompy rhythms backing up fourth-gear Gibbard vocals, than typical Death Cab. But, even of Death Cab's softer side fear not, "The Open Door" never strays far from the band's traditional sound. In fact, much of the album plays like a second side of "Narrow Stairs." Their album is filled with quality music that has the soft, persistent beat of great roadtrip music. Overall, it is really hard not to like this stuff.

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Fanfarlo - Reservoir

If you have been searching for a new indie album to keep in your car on repeat all summer, then Fanfarlo's debut album, "Reservoir," is a good candidate for the position. "Reservoir," this London-based, indie pop outfit has crafted a quirky symphony of sounds that draws comparisons to the backward trail sounds of bands such as Architecture is Helsinki and Arcade Fire and the warm sounds of Beirut. Their album is filled with quality music that has the soft, persistent beat of great roadtrip music. Overall, it is really hard not to like this stuff.

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T作為 the first install­­ment of Noshing with Nikki and the Ninja, I will be allowing you to read about the first place I ever visited. The place is called Designer Desserts. The atmosphere is essential to any good eating experience. Whether or not to go back to that establishment depends on how the place is. If it’s a place where you feel like you’ve just walked into a store, there are sure to be many, many more places to go. However, if the service is the same as the food, you may want to consider another restaurant.

Let’s get started. The first place I visited was Designer Desserts. The atmosphere was perfect. The place was clean and well-organized. The service was excellent. We were greeted by a friendly staff member who noticed the atmosphere of the place and engaged us in conversation. We then sat down at a table and were served our food. The food was delicious. It was a perfect way to start our day. We highly recommend Designer Desserts. If you’re looking for a place to eat, Designer Desserts is a great choice.
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Watermelon and feta cheese ... try it.

2. Which movie trilogy do you prefer: Pirates of the Caribbean or Back to the Future?
Neither.

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White macadamia nut.

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Miller Lite.

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St. Nick.

6. Where would you go if you won an all expense dream vacation?
South Africa for the World Cup.

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Handcuffs if in front otherwise boxing gloves.

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Tennis rackets, balls, books and clothes.

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Depends — could go both ways.

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**SUDOKU**

David Johnson — Forum Staff Sudoku Creator

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**Profiles**

**Roman-Lagunas**

**Hometown:** Munster, IN
**Undergraduate School:** Purdue University-Calumet
**Undergraduate Major:** International Studies

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**Lucy Weiss**

**Hometown:** Summerhill, PA
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**Undergraduate Major:** History & Social Studies
**Secondary Education Class:** Major

1. Do you have any secret cooking recipes you're inclined to share with The Forum's readers? Hungry readers are inclined to know...
Two things... because I love to create in the kitchen and cannot decide on just one recipe.
1. Go to allrecipes.com and find some delish & easy stuff to make.
2. Always modify every recipe by adding a lil love... in my secret ingredient & makes everything taste better (unless you burn it!)

2. Which movie trilogy do you prefer: Pirates of the Caribbean or Back to the Future?
Back to the Future because you can't beat a time traveling De Lorean.

3. What kind of cookies do you like to snack on?
Kashi oatmeal & dark chocolate chunk... they are good and good for you!

4. What's your favorite type of beer? (If you're not a beer person, what's your favorite type of wine?)
I like neither beer nor wine (despite my Irish & German roots)... I'm a liquor kinda gal... the best drink ever is called a Red Death (how the name)... it's an Alabama Slammer & Karrizkate mixed together... it tastes like Kool-Aid if made correctly!

5. Who would win in a fight, Santa Claus or the Easter Bunny?
No, it's not even a question... I'll take Marty McFly over Jack Sparrow any day! Who wouldn't want to ride in the Delorian or punch Biff in the face?

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First aid kit, flashlight, a couple plastic grocery bags, Umbrella, and a Chinese dictionary for some reason.

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Handcuffs for a week ... you still have mobility to take notes and wink, nudge, nudge!

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Silly because parties are usually held for a reason and most people might think there is a surprise party if its their birthday, anniversary, etc.

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International Criminal Law.

While the admin is fiddling with the CPC, perhaps they could request that the office does more to help students navigate the muddy waters of applying for the bar. Granted it might be time consuming to compile requirements and general deadlines for all 50 states, but if they're not going to help us find a job, the least they can do is help us apply to take the bar exam. — March 31

Would someone please tell me who absconded with the couch in the ladies room and if it's coming back? — April 9

Did you know... That each time the school sends out those pro­fessor trading cards, it costs at least $11,000 ($5,000 for printing + $6,000 postage), and we've sent out 18 of those mailings... which means that we've spent nearly $200,000 on that nonsense. — April 20

Why can't Valpo Law come up with a way to allow the Law Reg­isters to request official transcripts on behalf of students when state bar's request them from the school. Or are we supposed to consult our crystal balls to know when our respective states make those requests and then fill out the form over at Kretzmann... — April 29

Can anyone else see China through the potholes in the law school parking lot? — May 1
Over $34,000 for tuition and only 300 prints and one law review? Have you seen the building? — May 1
Why doesn't the student lunch line take student meal plans cards or credit cards? — May 1
Can we get some comfortable chairs in the library? I thought we voted against the ones that they put in the basement? — May 2
Starting Heritage Hall construction in the winter? Really? — May 2
Can we upgrade the Valpo wireless infrastructure, please? I'm tired of waiting ten minutes for my e-mail inbox to load. — May 2
International Moot Court

As Colin Powell once said, "The more we know about each other, the more we learn about each other, the more we engage on differences that we have between our societies and between our social systems and between our political points of view, the better off we are. The more dialogue we have at every level, and especially at the academic level, where opinion-makers are located...the better off we are."

Jessup International Moot Court welcomes the following new members and looks forward to a competitive year ahead:

- Jacob Blackstone
- George Catanzeare
- Gabriel Eberhardt
- Tracey Farnsworth
- Jacob Gardner
- Elizabeth Genova
- David Johnson
- Njoki Kamiru
- Peter Kirby
- Anne Klasiewicz
- Godwill Tachi
- Yun-Hao Tan
- Laura Talamonti
- Kimberly Wydeven
- Nils Wysinick

For more information on International Moot Court, please contact Katie Korwinski at Katie.Korwinski@valpo.edu.

SAB Election Results

Executive Board:
- President: Jonathan Morris
- Vice President: Adam Pope
- Treasurer: Nick Potere
- Secretary:
- Special Events Coordinator: Nikki Knowlton

3L Class Representatives:
- Jon Fay
- Jonathan Morris
- Josh Hood
- Nancy Rau
- Lucille Wess

3L Faculty Representative:
- Dave Roods

2L Class Representatives:
- Carter Allem
- Robert Elliott
- Nicholas Hood
- Viet Pham

2L Faculty Representative:
- Christina Talamonti

For more information on SAB, please contact Benjamin Galin at Benjamin.Galin@valpo.edu.

Moot Court

Law students gathered to Moot. Each pretending to be very attentive, they continued to be very attentive. The authors with the top three scores will be published in the Moot Court Journal. The competition will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2009. Students will have three weeks to research and write about their chosen cases. The competition will be held on the Westlaw database. For more information, please contact Treasurer Nick Potere at nicholas.potere@valpo.edu.

For more information on Moot Court, please contact Steven Olsen at Steven.Olsen@valpo.edu.
Michael Wild
Sports Editor

K now what really grinds my teeth is seeing Hal Valpo Law. Seriously, all jokes and asinine comments about our U.S. News National Ranking coverage aside, there is no reason why a collection of doctoral candidates aren’t smart enough to park a car between two lines on pavement.

I started to notice this problem over the winter of my 11 year. I couldn’t help but notice that in the lot located further down Greenwich Street, when the lines were covered by ice and snow, nobody could figure out how to park their cars in any semblance of an orderly fashion. Being the kind and generous soul that I am, I forgave this daily series of gaﬀes in the parking lot etiquette because the lines weren’t really visible. Then, I began realizing that even on the most busy of daily school law grand, I lost patience with the subtle and irritating nuances of everyday affairs. And now, every day, I see at least one breach of parking lot etiquette, regardless of the weather, and it is not ok. So let me ask you: are you really文明 professional while walking within the halls of VUSL, or while extruding or working? No matter the environment, classroom or courthouse, you are always a repre­

Since some of you may have never worked and may still be “verging behind the bar” on what appropriate professional conduct consists of, below I offer some simple examples of how one can act as a professional. I deal with a lot of lawyers and attorneys who usually transact very easily from law school to the workplace and vice versa.

5 Easy Ways to be More Professional in Every Life
1. Do not show up to class twenty minutes late daily. Would you show up to a meeting with partners almost a half hour late? I hope not, it is just plain rude. Show some respect for your professors, despite what you might think, they are smarter than you and could teach you something.
2. In some larger sections, the professor may not know you personally. However, if you are called on in class, please do not pretend that you are not there. I do not think that this needs further explanation, but if you did not prepare for class or do not understand the material... man up and say so! If you have a job to do, do not even go to class. Would you avoid a client who urgently needed an answer to a legal issue? Could you then, but you would probably get a legal malpractice claim. Profes­

Heather Looby
Editor in Chief

I feel I just wanted to say that I am very excited to be taking over as this upcoming school year’s Editor in Chief of The Forum. Last year’s Editor in Chief, Alixe Pehr, has left me with some pretty big shoes to fill, but I look forward to working with members of the faculty and stu­dents alike in continuing The Forum’s tradition of providing the Valparaiso University School of Law with a qual­ity publication.

While we are very sad to be losing some talented 3L writers, the executive board has lot of great ideas and an excellent staff of new writers to work with this year. Doing all the stuff this year, we have Megan Flaherty and Daniel Robbins taking over as the re­placements for Drew Taylor’s Julia Doctor of Love column, Chas Koup and Andrew Erickson will be the new faces of Jon Barbell’s Really Legal, Nikki Knowlton is coming on board as our new food critic (we will miss you Kirsten and Gus), Ross Brennan is filling in for Sean Hatfield as our new movie guy, Nate Vining will be “Rocks the Sabres” as he takes over Brett Stein’s former column. Mike Duffy and David Baum are sure to be entertaining as our new Point and Counterpoint columnist and our new Sports editor, Mike Wild, has come up with his own new column, let us know what you think. Please join me in welcoming this year’s new and returning staff.

However, on a more serious note, I will get down to the real issue of this month’s editorial, a topic that should be relevant to all those entering the legal profession or any other profession for that matter.

Numerous VUSL students will be working this summer. Many 3Ls are working within the legal field for the first time, 2Ls will be slaving away as summer associates or law clerks in both the private and public sectors, and after the bar exam, hopefully, many graduat­ing 3Ls will find themselves employed, giving me the idea to write about this topic which is crucial to success both in law school and out in practice in the “real world.”

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Aphrodite and Ares: Advice from People who have been in Relationships

Danyel Robbins and Megan Flaherty
Forum Staff Writers

Aphrodite & Ares are taking over for the Juris Doctor of Love this week and would like to introduce two new refreshing points of view from two females that have actually been in relationships. It is time the guys get a little advice that could help them improve the quality of their relationships. It is time the guys get a little advice that could help them improve the quality of their relationships. It is time the guys get a little advice that could help them improve the quality of their relationships.

- If there is anything that we have learned over the years is that there are NO rules and NO games in love and relationships! There are no balls and no rules to play in. There are only two people, true problems, emotions, desires and decisions. We welcome any questions that anyone would like to submit.

1. I have a question that woman kind wants answered why do guys think girls will always want more?

From, Girl Who Has Needs.

For all the gentlemen who say they don't understand women listen up! Here are a few pointers that could do you all some good. First, just because a girl flirts with you doesn't mean she wants to date you. Sometimes we just flirt because we like the attention. Second, if that flirtation continues, it doesn't mean we want to get married. The friendships, relationships and fun times that everyone has shared will always be remembered. We want to wish everyone good luck in their future endeavors.

2. I've noticed that some of the girls who lurk around the local watering holes really tend to pour on law school guys. I know they are 12 years my senior, beyond the pre-wrinkle stages and their boobs are beginning to fact to gravity, but should I fear them as competition?

From: A Innocent Kitten Amongs Hungry Lions.

This is a very serious situation with which females are forced with to deal. Due to the double standards that every woman has about her choices we have at this lovely law school, and yes, this does go both ways, we never get attached. If you seem to always find the stage five clinger then you just haven't found the right girl to have fun with. We are out there.

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May 2009

PORD Hosts Meet and Greet with Local Attorneys

Students Network with Members of the Local Bar

John Bayard
Forum Staff Writer

On April 14, 2009, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity (PAD) and the Porter County Bar Association co-hosted a meet and greet at the Buffalo Wild Wings in Valparaiso. Both members and non-members chatted and enjoyed food and beverages with several of the local attorneys in the community. Students asked a variety of questions. Several of the 2L students sought career advice on employment opportunities and how best to prepare for the bar. The attorneys themselves were quite curious about what type of law different students were interested in and courses they were taking. Since several of the attorneys were themselves Valparaiso University School of Law graduates, they often asked if certain professors were still teaching.

A general concern on most students’ minds, especially 3L students, seem to be attorneys themselves, was the job market. While some students noted they were looking at working around northern Indiana, many students indicated they were planning on returning to their various home states. Many of the attorneys present indicated that they have been surprised and delighted at the geographical diversity of the VAL, student body. While most attorneys were realistic in their answers to students, given the current economic climate, they generally were optimistic in their advice on how to secure employment.

Many of the outgoing PAD officers stated that this event is not only great for networking with prospective employment opportunities, but also that it is important because by talking to different attorneys students often hear about areas of law they might have interest in learning more about. Ana Patricia Oan, a local attorney from Valparaiso, noted that she is excited to see so many talented people who want to make law their profession. “An event such as those held by PAD and other organizations at VUSL are great because they allow attorneys to get to know the types of lawyers they might work with in the future,” Oan said. Oan works at Bering Knappe, Associates, LLC and always enjoys working with students at VUSL. Oan also stated that PAD has done a lot of work in hosting events and programs which allow students and attorneys to communicate with each other. “I am always willing to come to VAL and talk to students about their interests in the law,” Oan said.

As the evening wore on, the students and attorneys began to leave and most conversation became more casual. Even though the Buffalo Wild Wings began to joke around with some students. Those who are members of PAD indicated that they wanted to continue such events and even increase the number of opportunities in which students can meet attorneys. Some students did joke that they like to see a new location for this particular event, not because they don’t enjoy Buffalo Wild Wings, but because it is a great location for events. For example, Law Review had an event the next night. In general, students, faculty members, and attorneys enjoyed the event.

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For the Bible Tells Me So...

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Forum Staff Writer

The Valparaiso University School of Law Lambda Student Association (Lamba) collaborated its film series with the thought provoking documentary entitled For the Bible Tells Me So... The documentary covered the growing conflict between religious interpretation and homosexuality. The film presents a range of interpretations and quotes of the Bible that have been the staple of those that oppose homosexuality.

The film includes interviews of several families, diverse in their religious affiliation, ranging from Baptist, to Catholic, to Christian, and Lutherans. Each family is shown speaking on homosexuality and how their lives were personally affected when a loved one told them they were homosexual. Nine parents and four adult children talk about their marriages, their upbringing, the lost closeness at remembrance and their ability to accept or not to accept homosexuality within their families. Most notably is the politician Richard Gephardt, whose daughter Christine is gay.

The documentary follows the Ge- phardt family while on the presidential trail, and how Chrissy had a positive impact on his campaign. It also follows the Brown family, who is son was ordained by the Episcopal church as the first openly gay bishop.

The film is a virtual who’s who of seasoned theologians and historians who rebuff the fundamental idea that homosexuality is against God’s plan or its mere mention in the Bible. One by one, the scholars discredit many of the interpretations that are harbored by the religious community as the gospel truth. The film compared Literalists and Theologians, explaining Literalists tell you what the Bible says, but Theologians explain what the Bible means. Theologians preached acceptance and understanding. They explained that homosexuality is not a social disorder, that it’s not a choice and it can’t be changed.

A few quotes stuck in my head after I watched the film. “The sin is not homosexuality, but its homophobia,” and “just because it’s written in the Bible doesn’t mean we still do it that way.” The last quote was backed with examples of slavery, oppression of women, and sacrifices, all of which are encouraged in the Bible but are not followed in this day and age.

No matter what your opinion may be about homosexuality, the film will open your eyes and invites intellectual conversations about faith, religion and homosexuality. Lambda put together a very fun filled event so that everyone am have an enjoyable time. The winners donated their prize money to Porter County Special Olympics.

This fun filled event was co-hosted by Lucy Weis, SEIA’s Philanthropy Chair, and other members of the SEIA executive board. Costumes for the evening were provided by JoBeth Cruz, a Valpo Law alumna, and the Chicago Street Theatre. Assistance for the event was also provided by the Valparaiso University Union Board, the Valpo union staff, and Lorrie Woyck, who is the director of Porter County Special Olympics.

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First 100 Days: Malaise We Can Believe

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5. Obama's administration will most likely be the first of the prior 100 days. This sounds like a reasonable goal, for "the past 8 years, the authority of the Department of Health and Human Services, including the National Institutes of Health (NIH), to fund and conduct human embryonic stem cell research has been limited by Presidential actions. The purpose of this order is to remove these limitations on scientific inquiry, to expand NIH support for the embryonic stem cell research, and in so doing to enhance the contribution of America's scientists to important new discoveries and new therapies for the benefit of humankind." This speaks for itself, and I think it's about time. When the argument arises that this will encourage people to have babies so they can abort them and sell them to science, just smile, nod and then quietly retreat.

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Tag, Your Nose is broken!

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Y ou ever wake up in the morning and just wish to get the snot out of your nose? I don’t. But I’m quite lazy. For those of you looking to get in a good run in the morning, just imagine the next time you wake up and find your nose is stopped up—imagine the relief when you can breathe. And even better, imagine the fact that you have a sport you probably should try. It’s called Kabaddi, and it gets played almost all over the world.

Kabaddi is played between two teams of seven players. Depending on the version, the number of players can range from seven to ten, with the rest remaining in reserve. The two teams stay in the field, with one player allowed to enter the opposing team’s side and then return to their side. If a player is caught by the opposing team, it will result in a point being scored. The team that scores more points wins the game.

Kabaddi is played on a field, with a grid line dividing the two teams. The teams are divided into two teams—defenders and attackers. The attackers are required to enter the opposing team’s side of the field and then return to their side before being tagged. If an attacker is tagged, a point is scored for the defending team.

Additionally, the attackers are required to knock out any defender by touching them before returning to their side of the field. The attackers are allowed one free shot to score a point. If the attacker is caught by the defending team, a point is scored for the defenders.

In conclusion, Kabaddi is a fast-paced, high-energy game that requires quick thinking and physical strength. It is enjoyed by people all over the world and is a great way to get some exercise and challenge yourself. So the next time you wake up with a stuffy nose, just imagine the relief when you can breathe. And even better, imagine the fact that you have a sport you probably should try. It’s called Kabaddi, and it gets played almost all over the world.