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Moot Court Excels in Outside Competitions

By Ed Campbell

The 1990-1991 Villanova Moot Court Board is experiencing tremendous success. So far this year the Board has entered teams in four competitions. In the 1990 Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition represented Villanova in the National Moot Court Regional Competition sponsored by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. Last year, the Jessup Competition was won by Linda Ferrara and Rosemary Halligan. Villanova lost in the final round to Catholic University. However, Rosemary Halligan was singled out as the competition's finest oralist. Professor Anne Poulin served as the team's advisor.

Villanova also placed second in the John Marshall Law School's National Moot Court Competition in Information and Privacy Law. Team members Rob Cargianu, K.T. Thomison and Jane North were advised by Professor Richard Tumin.

Moot Court Board chairperson Catherine Walton notes that these achievements have brought a great sense of pride to all members of the Moot Court Board. "Our success in these four competitions has set a tone for other Board Members. No one wants to let the Board or Villanova down," Walton said. Third year student Christopher Lewis is currently preparing for the Giles Intellectual Property Moot Court Competition. He echoes Walton's comments. "No one wants to let us down." Walton's optimism is well merited. My partner and I are working harder because we don't want to be the first team this year not to excel in an outside competition," Lewis said.

Despite this type of enthusiasm, Walton's objectives for the Board remain realistic. "We look to field a strong team in every competition. The real reward or benefit of these competitions is not winning per se, but the process itself. Learning to work with other teams and members in the preparation of a brief or oral argument is often a valuable learning experience in and of itself. Long before a Villanova team argues at a competition, team members benefit from many practice arguments before faculty members. It is this thorough process of analysis and criticism that makes Moot Court an excellent educational opportunity," Walton said.

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by David Kreft

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On February 25, 1991 BLSA, ILS, IALS and LALSA hosted an anti-discrimination symposium. The symposium speakers were Kenneth M. Sawczuk, an attorney with Drinker, Biddle and Reath, Allen L. Rothenberg, Esq., representing the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs and Professor Gilbert Carrasco. Professor Lanctot moderated the event. Frazier spoke about his experiences in South Africa teaching trial advocacy, and he informed the audience of his efforts to bring South African attorneys to this country. Rothenberg addressed his comments to the protection of the rights of individuals of all faiths to maintain a religious existence in a secular society. Professor Carrasco focused on the treatment of Latinos here and abroad as well as the Refugee Act which provides protection to foreign nationals accused of violating immigration laws.

Dear Counselor at Large,

I have always heard that professors should not date their students. I have never known why. I was just curious to know how many of the professors at VLS end up marrying their students?

Signed Single Student

Dear Single Student,

I decided to change focus. Students and faculty would become more involved in extra-curricular programs. One reason why is that lack of attendance makes us as a school look bad. Most importantly, we should attend because broadening our minds and keeping us in touch with the world outside of law school will make us more well rounded, more able to relate to our clients, and thus, better lawyers. We should go because one way to broaden our minds is to listen about topics we may never have thought about before. Quite possibly, if we attend a symposium, even one which does not interest us particularly, we may come away with a whole new perspective to consider.

Top 10 Third Year Reasons To Be Glad That

To the Editor:

In response to Mr. Krell's recent article in the Student "War! What is it good for?" I must disagree with his basic premise. He argues that although war is a horrible curse, it is America's moral duty to cause this war to stop Saddam Hussein who is more than a bully. In addition, Mr. Krell suggests that maybe some of the protesters are "illegitimately" protesting, but I believe one can "illegitimately" exercise constitutional rights. Many "professional protesters" who march for things they don't know or understand.

I first must disagree that America has a moral duty to engage in this particular war. Even if Saddam Hussein is a bully, it seems to me that we allow plenty of other bullies to stay in power; instead we even encourage some. The reality appears to be that we did not bother the United States, certainly not during the long bloody war with Iran, not even when he used chemical warfare on his own citizens. Did not care, did not care until he took Kuwait. Cynically, I wonder, if "legal" in the eyes of the Constitution, does this mean that we must care? I suspect that the great American dream, as Mr. Krell says, the fear that democracy will be squashed forever. Rather, it is the domino theory of oil revolution. Also the number of what we are made. In my opinion, neither of these reasons are good enough.

As for Mr. Krell's arguments relating to the protesters, he is wrong to assume that the protesters are AGAINST the soldiers, but the leaders who sent them. Personally, I don't like to hear protests labeled specifically as anti-war. However, most of the protests focus on the basic issue of American involvement, blaming not the troops but the leaders who sent them. But unlike Mr. Krell, I do believe one can 'illegitimately' exercise constitutional rights. If it is constitutional, in my mind it is legitimate, even if I don't agree with the content of the protests. In a political climate that is reeling with jingoism, a counter-protestion of isolationism and pacifism is a welcome response. If the First Amendment means anything, it must mean that there is a free market for the dissemination of ideas. Such a chance to make informed decisions about what is happening.

Perhaps it is useful to note the recent protest at President Bush's funeral in Kennebunkport, Maine. In that protest, a man named Mr. Schludt interrupted the ceremony, the only audience of the millions of circlional Iraqis whose lives are threatened by the repeated bombing. The conversation as noted by the Philadelphia Inquirer, February 18, 1991 p. 11.

The congregation spontaneously drowned out the activist, singing "God Bless America". I am glad you spoke said, the pastor, who later — after addressing the protesters — gently asked Schludt to pray more quietly.

At the end of the service, the pastor apologized for what happened to our guests today and for what happened to us. She then removed the subject of her sermon — listening, I urge you to remember what I said, we need to listen to everybody.

I am not sure exactly what the pastor meant, but she seems to be urging that we all have an obligation to listen and to think. Mr. Krell has said "war is hell" and I agree with him, but I disagree with him that is all over. I hope he listens to me when I say, this war is wrong.

Francis E. Krell

Counselor at Large

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RUDDIGORE GALORE!
Yo George! Over Here!

by Mark Helwig

Now that the Persian Gulf War is a thing of the past, it's high time that George Bush and his administra-
tion turn their collective attention to the domestic front. Bush, of course, is the same real he demonstrated in his war against Saddam Hussein here at home.

As a result of his success in the Gulf, Bush will go down in history as a good, effective President. One need only take out one's wallet and look at our currency to see what we Americans think makes a President.—viscous crime! From Washington and the Revo-
lution, to Lincoln and the Civil War, to Eisenhower and World War II, and to JFK and the Cuban Missile Crisis (not to mention dying like that on national televi-
tion), it is clear that Americans love nothing like a good war.

Bush wants to take the opportu-
nity now to attempt to settle the Palestinian problem. However, it would be a mistake for Bush now to pursue peace in the Middle East

at the expense of addressing problems here at home. Bush has a lot of clout in the international community now, it's true. How-
ever, his popularity at home gives him more influence here. He can be more popular to the masses by solving the problems facing the citizens here, such as the deficit, drugs, our depressed economy and I am not advocating that Bush ignore the Middle East problem, but simply suggesting that he should acknowledge and address prob-
lems here at home.

The sort of inspired leadership which Bush is currently capable of was out of his reach just a few short months ago. Any casual real issues as much as possible instead of sticking to that Reagan-

Theater role that he has been capable of since his election to the highest office in the land. He must use some of his newfound political muscle, to find a dedicat-

of the National Endowment for the Humanities and as a Fellow in the U.S. State Department Scholar-

of Diplomat Program. Mr. Silkenat is the Immediate-
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tee of the Association and to the City of New York. Mr. Silkenat has particular expertise in the negotiation and drafting of international joint venture agreements, construction

aircraft financing and manage-

ment and has authored other international loan agree-
ments and related documentation, and has been involved in producing planning studies for both the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the New York State Urban Development Corporation. Professor Roberts' intellectual and scholarly interests have been diverse, and he has authored author-
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of the City of New York. Mr. Silkenat has also been Vice President of the Washington Foreign Law Society and previously served as Chair-

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Kim Whynot: "Whynot ... What an unfortunate name for a woman to have."

Dave Green: "The Prof. said 'Well Mr. Blue Shirt, the Emmanuels on your lap won't help you.'"

David Rosenblum: "You don't belong here, but I mean that in the nicest way."

Eli Brill: "After answering a question the Prof said 'I don't think the rest of the class heard you but its just as well because it would utterly confuse the class.'"

Dale Facey: "During trial practice the Prof. said 'I think counsel has a point however inarticulately he may have phrased it.'"

Francie Elek: "Sleep with me and I'll write your brief." (just kidding)

Sandi Robson: "After answering in class, the Prof responded after a lengthy pause 'anyone else?'"

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ALL STAR EXTRAVAGANZA

St. Mary’s gym was the scene of the annual Valley Varsity High School basketball intramural All-Star Extravaganza, as the ACC All-Stars defeated the Big East squad 64 to 60. The team was led by All-Star MVP Chris Ward, in front of a packed house at the points and by crowd favorite squad 64 to 60, who scored 14 points, along with... and we won because of team All-Stars upended the Big East...tion and fan turnout. I think...VLS IM basketball action is fantastic.” yelled 3L Nancy Noonan.

Commissioner Glenn Cunningham, who organized the “Extravaganza” and officiated the game, was all smiles and pleased with the voter participation and fan turnout. I think everyone had a swell time.” Cunningham stated further that he is currently being courted by the Sixers front office to head up the promotions/marketing department.

The game itself was a first class production, featuring a public address system, a game program that was handed out and an introduction of the starting lineups that was “NBA-like.” Ted Horan was introduced as the PA announcer.

The first half of the game was evenly played, as the Big East went up early with small three point baskets. The ACC squad rallied late in the first half to take a one point lead at half time.

Mike Owen was not at full strength, and I re-injured my thumb, offered Big East caption Peter Dawson. “I’m not using excuses, but the refs were.

The half-time entertainment was the three point shooting contest. 2L Andy Youmans and 3L Mike Fagan tied for top honors in the exciting contest. Fagan mounted an amazing comeback by hitting four threes in a row to tie Youmans.

I went to the baseline spot and Eric Schillinger told me, “You gotta...” and I feel...second half, when the ACC missed...the old Ackroyd” Cun...the Big East then fought back on the...Scores as of March 12, 1991

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The second half of the All-Star Game saw the ACC squad make a 100 run, as Wardson and Thurston scored seemingly at will. The Big East then fought back on the...souls of Ward Sanders...tion of balance, leaving three point later in the game to cut the lead to 2.

Downey coached the Big East like a seasoned professional. Situation...defense, defense...victory, as I feel...in the...as “Woodsenque.”

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The crowd at the TG was large and enthusiastic, as all parties reunit...the TV. The best TG I was ever at,” claimed one diminutive 3L partygoer, right before she slipped and fell into the beer mug.

"Breakdown."