Twentieth Five Years of Villanova Law Rugby Tradition Comes to an End

Keith Forkin

May 31, 1996. For most of the student body it will be just another Friday during summer vacation to make plans for the weekend or to have a brief reprieve from a hard week of work at a law firm. For thirty Villanova Law students and hundreds of Villanova Law Rugby teammates, this will mean the end of a rich twenty-five year tradition.

Dean Brogan's letter to the Villanova Law Rugby team describes succinctly what will happen on that Friday. The message of this letter is simple. I quote: "The University has agreed to approve insurance coverage of the Law School Rugby Club for the remainder of the season. This coverage will terminate on May 31, 1996. The University will not extend this coverage, and will specifically exempt Villanova Law Rugby from its policy as of that date. Thus, there will be no Villanova Law School Rugby Club after May 31, 1996."

On Monday March 25, myself and the new President of the Villanova Law Rugby Team, Justin Clancy, sat down with Dean Brogan and Dean Garbarino. Dean Brogan, of course, gave us the good news first. The rugby team could play out the remainder of the spring season. Then came the bad news. As of May 31, 1996, the team would no longer exist. By converting into percentiles the scores in one swift sentence. I was in shock and, based on Justin's expression, he was in a similar state. Dean Brogan explained that the University insurance carrier had put the University on notice that there had been three catastrophic rugby injuries nationally in the last eighteen months and the carrier no longer wanted to insure the Villanova rugby clubs.

Our first question was whether we could get independent insurance coverage and keep the team. The answer was "no," because the University did not want any possibility of liability. The name, "Villanova Law Rugby," cannot exist in any form. Additionally, Student Bar Association funding will be discontinued after the spring semester and the club will not be able to advertise rugby on the law school premises.

So now that you know the facts, now I will tell you what the Villanova Law Rugby club has meant to me and how I have grown as a person and a leader from the experience. Almost three years ago I walked out on the Villanova Law Rugby practice field behind the DuPont Pavilion never having played rugby before in my life. There were seven other first years besides myself who came out to play. At the beginning of this third year spring semester, six of the original eight players are still on the team and one of the other two players has died. I've grown to admire every one of the original players who are still on the team and after almost three years have the honor of being able to call them both teammates as well as friends. There have been many rugby experiences that have helped me develop a close bond with the five players in my class as well as my other teammates in the first and second year class. For instance, we have practiced together every Wednesday to learn the game of Rugby and we have played side by side as teammates in games every Saturday in the spring and fall. Many of these practices and games have been played on mud-covered pitches in pouring rain, sleet, and snow. It was on those days that you realized how special it was to be part of a team comprised of such quality guys. From the social side of the club, there were the after game keg parties and having fun with your teammates as well as your opponents. There was hanging out at my place watching rugby videos, and playing darts at our new clubhouse, Wayne Beef and Ale. There have been Halloween and Pig Roast parties, "Thanksgiving dinner and awards ceremonies," winter elections, a roadtrip to Mardi Gras, and countless nights out with many of my teammates over the last three years. No matter what the administration does, all of us will remember the Traditions and the fun we shared by playing Rugby.

Dean Frankino felt comfortable with Villanova's ranking among the top fifty law schools in the U.S. "Placing us in the second twenty-five is a fair assessment of our present reality. We are certainly among the rising law schools in a broad interpretation of the U.S. News and World Report rankings," Frankino said. Frankino also stressed the importance of the rankings on potential applicants to the law school.

"In a very substantive way, at a time when there is a contracting application pool and there is great competition among law schools for students, the being selected in any kind of a ranking has a strong impact on applicant comfort with their choice." Frankino said.

What we've wrought this month:

You may have noticed the return of the Mocket. Enjoy.

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More on Rugby: Page 3, Page 7

Real News this month! Honest!
One Last Whine: Page 3

S. B. A. Events

Jennifer Prince

On Friday, March 29, APALSA held a TG in celebration of the Chinese New Year. Although the Chinese New Year was in February, this was the only time that APALSA could hold their celebration. The TG included a martial arts show, traditional Asian food, karoke, and beer. Everyone had a great time!

The SBA is currently planning several events for this Spring. First, the Third Year Show will be held some time this semester. If anyone has any ideas about the show or is interested in helping out, please talk to SBA member, Melissa Woyticky. Moreover, the SBA is also currently organizing this year's Third Year Week. A barbeque and a trip to Atlantic City have been mentioned as possible events for this year's Third Year Week. If anyone has any suggestions about this event, please contact any SBA member.

The SBA is also planning to start an annual Bar Crawl for the law school. Possible dates for this year's crawl are April 19 or April 20. There will also be an outdoor TG held sometime in April.

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**Minutes of the meetings**

**STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes**
March 21, 1996
4:00 - 4:35

Members present:
Holli Sands, Elizabeth Drey, Jon Spadt, Ray Walheim, Teresa Reid, Melissa Wojtky, Sherri Affrunti, Jen Auerbach, Cathleen Kelly, William Linero, Andrew Monkemeyer, Lisa Nobile, Marissa Portillo, Keith Perkin, John Schelb

** Roll call.
** Budget report.

-Reuschlein Speaker Series: March 26 at 7:00. Prof. Gotanda will be the speaker. Topic: "What would happen if the law school closed tomorrow." A reception will follow. Thanks to Melissa and John for all their work on this project!

-** TC: March 29. APALSA is planning a TG for the Chinese New Year. The TG will include a martial arts show and Asian food. All will be welcome to attend! SBA may have the Karaoke TG in conjunction with APALSA 's TG. We need to find someone to do the karaoke on such short notice.

- Because BarBri helped to fund the 100 Days Party, West Bar Review will be asked to help fund the Karaoke TG. As with BarBri, restrictions will be placed on the amount of West advertising that can take place at the TG.

- Golf Tournament: March 29. See any member of the Corporate Law Society to sign up. There is a $45 fee for each player. After the tournament, come to the TG!

- ABA Book Drives: There are two book drives: 1) for St. Christopher's Hospital and 2) for Sarajevo Law School.

-** Third Year Show: Melissa Wojtky has volunteered to be in charge of the Third Year Show. If you have any ideas or are interested in helping out, please talk to Melissa.

- Third Year Week: If third years have any ideas about events the SBA could plan for that week, please give your ideas to any SBA member. So far, SBA is thinking of planning a BBQ and a trip to Atlantic City.

- Third Year SBA members will meet separately to plan for the Third Year Week and for the Third Year Show. If any third year has any ideas, please see a third year SBA member.

-** Third Year Gift Committee: We need a second year who will be in charge of the committee for next year. Selected a Washington insider like Dole, and recent elections have shown a backlash against Washington insiders.

- New Business: The SBA is planning to start an Annual Bar Crawl for the law school. The prospective dates for this year are April 19th or 20th. Cathleen (1L), Teresa (2L) and Liz (3L) are in charge of the event.

Happy Birthday Liz!

SBA MEETINGS ARE ON THURSDAYS AT 4:00 IN THE FISHBOWL.

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**Villanova Sports and Entertainment Law Journal Holds Third Annual Symposium**


By Robin A. Longaker

Approximately 200 people attended The Villanova Sports and Entertainment Law Journal's Third Annual Symposium to discuss collective bargaining in professional sports. The topic of the symposium, held on March 23, was "Labor Loopholes: Has Collective Bargaining Become Professional Sports' Fatal Attraction?"

The speakers for the symposium were Robert C. Berry, Professor of Law at Boston College Law School; C. Peter Goplerud, III, Dean and Professor of Law at the University of Oklahoma School of Law; Robert A. McCormick, Professor of Law at the Detroit College of Law; and Jeffrey S. Moorad, VLS '81 and partner, Steinberg & Moorad.

Moorad's firm represents over 100 professional baseball and football players, as well as other athletes and media personalities. His firm is now the country's largest firm devoted to the representation of professional athletes. Moorad's clients include Troy Aikman, Drew Bledsoe and Steve Young.

The speakers' topics included the conflict between labor and anti-trust laws, the history of collective bargaining, and collective bargaining in the National Basketball Association and Major League Baseball. Jason M. Richardson, Editor-in-Chief of the Villanova Sports and Entertainment Law Journal, noted that the Journal hoped to provide "[A] forum in which prominent sports law authorities can evaluate whether the collective bargaining process is in the interest of, or demise of, professional sports."

Professor Craig Palm moderated the event.

"We have a very unique situation in professional sports..." said Palm, "It may well be that the employee and the owners are killing the goose that laid the golden egg." When the average person thinks about professional sports, words such as "turmoil, volatility, hostility and perhaps greed come to mind. The fans are concerned about all those things," said Palm.

"All Journal members were extremely pleased with the event," said Michael Siegel, Managing Symposium Editor. He, along with his co-symposium director, Laura Colucci, began planning the event last semester by deciding on the topic and the speakers.

The topic of next year's symposium, which will be organized by Sean Brogan and Teresa Reid, will most likely be entertainment related, said Siegel.

The symposium was approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board for 3.0 hours of substantive law, practice and procedure CLE credit.

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**In the News**

Jennifer Price

Now that Senator Robert Dole has essentially wrapped up the Republican nomination with his recent primary wins, he will now have to focus on the major issues of this year's presidential campaign. One such issue that will be brought up will be the age factor. If Dole is elected President, he will be the oldest president to take office. Voters will thus put added emphasis on who Dole's running mate will be.

Several names have been introduced as possible vice-presidential nominees. First, one popular choice is retired General Colin Powell. Although Powell would be a favorite among voters, he would alienate the conservative wing of the Republican party because of his moderate views on abortion.

Another problem with Powell is his declaration that he does not want to seek elected office this year. In fact, he recently denounced "this feeding frenzy about my running for vice-president." Another popular choice for vice president is New Jersey Governor Christie Whitman. By choosing Whitman, Dole could score points with female voters. Whitman is also conservative on fiscal matters. However, like Powell, Whitman would upset social conservatives in the Republican party because of her pro-choice views, and this choice could thus alienate some members of the Republican party.

One traditional way of choosing a running-mate has been choosing someone from a state with a large number of electoral votes. If Dole decides to go this traditional route, there are several Midwestern governors who could be possible vice-presidential nominees. They include John Engler of Michigan, George Voinovich of Ohio, Jim Edgar of Illinois, and Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin. However, Engler is considered by some voters as "dull" while Edgar is viewed as not conservative enough to gain acceptance by the conservative wing of the party.

Finally, Dole could choose Senator Connie Mack from Florida. With this choice, Dole would get the support of a large electoral state. However, one problem with Mack is that he is a Washington insider like Dole, and recent elections have shown a backlash against Washington insiders.
DOCKET EDITORIAL
by Rich McGuire
To the Villanova Law Community,
O.K. Last time. This is Rich McGuire on the Docket.

But seriously, I’ve enjoyed my tenure on the Docket. Even if that old graduation time is rolling around again, and the torch must be passed on. I’m pleased to announce that next month, this box will be filled with the ramblings of Dave Kweee, new EIC of the Docket. You know Dave from Dave’s Corner next door. We’ll talk about the guy who’s taking my place when I go. Good luck to Dave.

Looking back over the past year’s Dockets, I have come to a conclusion. They weren’t all that bad. Now I know I’m never going to run the New York Times or anything. My first reporting was for the Docket. When I took over, the paper wasn’t in as good a shape as I felt I was doing. (To everyone who just said “no kidding,” “shhhhhhhhh” had one goal right in mind for the paper. Don’t let it die on your watch. And I succeeded. The paper didn’t die. We lost eight pages every month, even some of those were 5 pages of ads. We reintroduced the Crossword. We created the quiz. We had consistent columns. We had occasional photography. We had people who don’t feel that the University is the center of IT’S, who’ll hopefully carry this paper for a few more years. So let me finish before I sprain my hand patting my back: Not too shabby. Bye all, and worry about all the stuff.

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For the last three semesters, the University has refused to allow the Law School Rugby Club to practice or play its matches due to University grounds. Why? The club has not had any incidents of misbehavior by any of its members and there have been no serious injuries associated with it. In fact, the club has done is provide a good outlet for approximately 35 students each year, and this year it has contributed to Halloween party and a pig roast to the law school social calendar. (Note: this year’s Pig Roast will be on April 13th — all are welcome)

What does the club mean to its members? It provides them with an opportunity to play a sport they love against other graduate schools; it provides academic support for first year students; and it provides an opportunity to meet people with like interests. Why should such an organization be disbanded?

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The irony is that music that is not typically associated with a genre can actually be the very foundation of that genre. So is Metallica’s (a record store would categorize this as a heavy metal group) music influenced by classical musicians like Berlioz, Paganini, and Beethoven. So is Pearl Jam’s (a record store would categorize this as Rock) music influenced by Jimi Hendrix, who was influenced by Muddy Waters, who was influenced by 30’s blues artist John Robert. Blues influenced jazz. Jazz influenced pop, and rock. Classical and jazz both influenced heavy metal. African chants, and rhythms influenced rap, military marching songs, r & b. Indian sitar music influenced jazz. Chinese violins influenced the Beatles. I could go on, but that universal language cliché holds true.

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Dear Earlier this week, the law school administration informed the Villanova Law School Rugby Club that it can no longer exist. While the club is exploring its options, I write separately because I feel that this decision is part of a bigger issue at this school.

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Aries (March 21- April 20): Your patience rapidly decreases as the semester draws to a close. You expend your torturing theory of 'the bat' to include 5 different types which vary to your annoyance level and how much injury you wish to inflict. Make sure that you keep this theory from translating into practice.

Taurus (April 21- May 20): Fate will once again try to make your life miserable. Your car breaks down so you take to skateboarding. However, hip young skateboarders inflict mental damage by laughing at your feeble attempts. Fate is again your friend when you see the same hallgums AFTER your car is fixed.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): After weeks of effort, you break your Lenten promise and indulge in your favorite activity of crowd diving. Your failing is made public as you leap onto the cafeteria crowd and the groups of fresh-faced Villanova undergrads. Be repentant and careful not to break anyone.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You will excel in your first oral argument because of your ingenious tactics. You practice tongue-twisters for many hours, make faces at the opposing counsel, and play Survivor's 'Eye of the Tiger' during the entire previous week. Market your strategies and you'll be rich.

Leo (July 23-August 22): You become insanely jealous as someone else takes a liking to your favorite computer in the library, the one that was your buddy during the brief. Although you visit often, you realize that it's not the same. You must bury the grief and make a new friend as outline season is here. Remember the memories...

Virgo (August 23-September 22): Reliving your undergraduate days of continuous March madness indulgence causes you to forget about classes. As you feverishly keep track of the pool, you forget the location and time of your classes. However, your embarrassment fades as you join the army of others wandering the halls with the same problem.

Scorpio (October 23-November 22): An unforeseen expense creeps up on you: you need to purchase your first real suit for oral argument or a job interview. You realize that fuchsia is unprofessional so you jaunt to the mall to buy the required shirt and crop tops. Time to take action and help yourself. Try weight lifting with Law books to get pumped up or work out in the local Baskin Robbins, oops, I mean gym...

Capricorn (December 22-January 23): Troubles in your personal life cause you to seek professional help. You rush to the phone in a panicked frenzy to call the only one that can help: Dionne Warwick and friends' Psychic Network. You realize the $50.00 phone bill you incur is worth the money as you laugh for days because of the ridiculous advice you receive. The funniness fades however when the bill arrives addressed to 'Ima Schmuck'.

Aquarius (January 20-February 19): You plummet into a pit of depression due to your lack of E-mail. You try to compensate for the loss by joining idiotic news groups, e.g., Beverly Hills 90210 Updates and Vanilla Ice For Life. The inadequacy leads you to start E-mail insulting unknown classmates. Satisfied with the responses, angry though they may be, you kick the habit.

Pisces (February 20-March 20): Unexpected new friendships find you as a result of the brief 'bonding experience'. This fulfills the old proverb: blood and tears split during the writing of a brief binds forever. However, so do injuries received from grappling over the last available heavy-duty stapler 5 minutes before the deadline.

Bar Review: Annie's Cafe

by Rachelle L. Popowitz

Dear Danny Boy,

If you need to feel a touch of the Irish, Annie's Cafe in Ardmore, provides lads and lasses with the perfect remedy. This eating and drinking spot exudes warmth with its decor of wooden tables and Irish-related mementos and of course the lucky green; you won't be able to leave without sampling at least one beer. Your Irish eyes will smile as you choose between the beers on draught: Harp Lager, Bass Ale, Guinness Stout, Killian's Red, Half n Half, Black n Tan, Budweiser, and Miller Lite. As you sip your favorite glass of ale, the live Irish Band which plays every Friday and Saturday will bring tears of nostalgia to your eyes. Comfort yourself with the finest food Annie's has to offer. (Don't forget to bring your wallet as fine homemade food comes with a high price.)

Annie's offers Early Bird Dinners from 4:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. every Monday through Thursday. You can choose from 5 entrees that come with homemade mashed potatoes and fresh vegetables: hand-carved roast turkey, homemade meatloaf, herb grilled chicken, crab cake and shrimp combo, plus the daily special. (I do not recommend the Yuccotan Potato Soup as it does not compare with your dear Ma's.) Also, my Danny, you may choose between many salads, the delectable Shepard's Pie, and the more common sandwiches (chicken, tuna, as well as beef) and sides (french fries and onion rings). Shoot the blamey with your ale-drinking friends in the bar part and watch your favorite sport games (although I hear the Americans don't prefer football or as they call it, soccer).

Don't forget to tell your Villanova Law School friends to bring a bucketful of gold to: Annie's Cafe 98 Cricket Ave. Ardmore, PA 19003 649-0283

Love,
-M.

Do you have a local pub that's off the beaten law school track that you'd like to see BAR REVIEW cover? Contact Dave Kwee, Docket Columns Editor via the Box in Room 34, or by P-mail at Dkwee (or via the net: DKWEE@lawlib.law.vill.edu for any off-campus folk.)
How did you spend your days off during the winter storms this year?

John Sullivan - Third year: "A guy pulled into a gas station behind my house with his kids. In South Philly none of the streets were plowed, the gas stations were all closed and the whole family was stuck!!! My brother and I couldn't get their car out. I don't know how they finally got home."

Jennifer Reimel - Third Year: "After having dinner at my fiance's parent's house all the roads were closed but we tried to make it home anyway. We got stuck for over an hour and finally had to walk back to their house and spend the night."

Joe Flannagan - Third year: "I was in Maryland during one storm and the driveway is 1/2 mile long and we were stuck inside for 2 days. So we cooked a lot of unhealthy food and finished off the beer we stocked up on for just such an occasion."

Catherine Sokoloski - Third year: "The best part of all the snow was the 2 days off. But the worst part was that I was stuck at home right after the break."

Rich McGuire - Third Year: "Got these spiffy new Pizza Flavored braces!"

Tim Rosenberg - Second year: "With all of the days off from school and the time stuck inside, I have no excuse for how far behind I am in all of my work!!!"
Mariana's Cantina Presents:
The "Around the World in 80 Beers" Quiz.

Well, everyone, welcome to the Villanova Law Night Quiz. This month, we are not sure about the sponsor for the quiz but were winging it anyway. Therefore, the winner of this quiz will still receive as his/her/their prize a $50 gift certificate to Marita's Cantina. Yes, lovely Marita's Cantina, with Law School night every Wednesday. Please patronize them, so we can keep having a really cool prize.

ON TO THE QUIZ!

It's real easy for you, hah, hah, hah. Just write down the name of the country where the beer is from. Example: Q: Budweiser. A: USA. Got the picture? Now get to work.

Drummond is not eligible to enter; anyone else in the Villanova Law School Community is. There are 10 (ten) questions in this quiz. No deposit; no return. Post no Bills (posting Tims is O.K.). Submit your answers in writing to the Docket mailbox in room 34 before 5:30 P.M., Wednesday, April 17, 1996! No submission after this time will be considered a valid entry.

Beer quiz

1. Guinness
2. Stella Artois
3. Vailima
4. Tsingtao
5. Carlsberg
6. Holsten
7. Beer
8. Groesch
9. Tiger
10. Bummng
11. Caribe
12. Dos Esquis
13. Kirin
14. San Miguel
15. Fosters
16. Lowenbrau
17. Molson
18. Amstel
19. Killian's
20. Bass Ale
21. Yingling
22. Sapporo
23. Singha
24. Zywiec

Bonus question: The well travelled quizmaster has tried almost every single one of these beers. Which ones hasn't he tried? Most correct answers breaks the tie (if there is a tie).

ANSWERS TO THE "Hey, Groovy Chick" Quiz:

1) Buddy Hinton, that blonde-haired bully, whose father was no better as Mike found out.
2) Franklin.
3) Filmore Junior High. Remember Rachel's cheer? By the way, Rachel was Sherwood Schwartz's daughter.
4) Millicent.
6) Her secret admirer was Alice, also a tortured middle child.
7) Jan.
8) Aunt Jenny.
9) Fluffy.
10) Oliver.
11) Davy Jones. Yeah, the Monkey with the English accent.
12) The longest duration on a Teeter. Trotter/See Saw

BONUS:
The station wagon was a golden flake bordering on brown. The convertible was a groovy bright blue metal flake.

Well, of four absolutely perfect entries, we had to draw a name out of a hat. No way! By the way, Rachel was Sherwood Schwartz's daughter. The winner is . . . Jeff Nolle!

Contact a Docket staff member to collect.

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News Bits

By Mark Moore

VILLANOVA LAW STUDENT WINS MISS PHILADELPHIA PAGEANT.

Congratulations go out to Regina Drummond, Miss Philadelphia 1996. Drummond won the crown during the competition held at Drexel University's Mandell Theater two weekends ago. Drummond, a first-year law student from Baltimore, MD, floored the crowd and the judges with her accomplishments and her impressive vocal skills. In addition to winning the crown, Drummond will receive other gifts and prizes. Enroute to the crown, Drummond defeated eight other contestants in the city's first Miss Philadelphia pageant since 1989. Next, Drummond will represent Philadelphia in the Miss Pennsylvania pageant, which is scheduled for May 25, 1996 at Lehigh University.

VILLANOVA STUDENTS EXCEL IN FREDERICK DOUGLASS MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Congratulations also go out to Kim and Karen Gunter, two third-year law students, who represented Villanova Law School admirably in the recent National Black Law Students Association's Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition held in Minneapolis, Minn. The Gunter team of Kim and Karen stormed through the semifinals and advanced to the National as finalists from the MidEast Regional Convention. Despite barely missing the finals, the Gunter team won the award for Best Petitioner's Brief, and an award for Second Best Brief overall.

Enroute to their awards, Kim and Karen outdrew some fierce competition. The National Competition included the top two teams from each of the six BLSA regions. The teams were: Case Western Reserve and Hamline University (Midwest region); Georgetown formed the MidEast Region (Villanova is the other top team in this region); Yale and Seton Hall (Northeast region); USC and Loyola Marymount (Western Region); University of Mississippi and University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (Southern Region), and Texas Tech and South Texas (Rocky Mountain Region).

Due to their fine performances, Kim and Karen Gunter will appear in the May/June issue of the National Bar Association Magazine.

WOMEN'S LAW CAUCUS ELECTIONS

The final meeting of the year for the women's Law Caucus will be held on Monday, April 8th at 3:30 P.M. Elections will be held!
The SBA sponsored its annual Reuschlein speaker series on Tuesday, March 27. This year’s guest speaker was Professor John Gotanda. As always, the topic was “If the law school were to close tomorrow and you had three more years of great memories both on and off the field.”

Before an audience of more than forty students, faculty, and staff members, Professor Gotanda indicated that the law school closing could be viewed by students as both the end of their legal education and the beginning of their professional career. He urged students to take the role of a licensed professional seriously because of the potential to improve society. Additionally, Professor Gotanda remarked that an attorney’s actions outside the law school must be considered in light of real world circumstances. Whether a case you are working on is as landmark as Brown v. Board of Education or as routine as the consumption of a contract, Professor Gotanda reminded students that helping the client solve their problems is one of the most rewarding aspects of professionalism. “The fact is, this is not the truth. That is only the perception. In fact, the Rugby Club is made up of a very normal cross-section of this school (while there are no women members, we have tried to set up a section of this school (while there are no women members, we have tried to set up a section).”

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Concern that what they were saying is not politically correct. I have seen students glare, boo and hiss at other students because the student made a legitimate remark, but did not phrase it in politically correct terms. I have seen students confront other students after class - not to discuss an issue - but to chastise that student for the viewpoint they expressed. In my opinion, the banning of the Rugby Club is in a similar vein. The Rugby Club is perceived as a bunch of beer-drinking, fatty-food eating, raunchy, song-singing jerks. Even if this was true, is that any reason to say that the club cannot exist?

The fact is, that Rugby will no longer be a part of this school because Rugby is not politically correct. The insurance problem could be solved if the administration was willing to solve it. But the administration decided not to make any effort to preserve the Club because Rugby is not politically correct. All viewpoints and reasons for associating - that do not injure others - should be respected. I am deeply saddened by the possibility that Rugby will no longer be a part of this law school.

Brendan Sweeney
THEY ALL WENT WEST

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