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A gleeful Professor Anderson proclaims “You Will Not Denigrate My Feminist Legal Theory Class.” 2L John Thiry sucks it up for the benefit of the annual Public Interest Auction. The event, held this year on March 16th, raised close to $50,000 to fund the Public Interest Fellowship program.

3L Set to Trek for AIDS Research

By Jen Owen

An estimated 800,000 to 1.2 million people in the United States are infected with HIV/AIDS. So what can we do about it? Although you may think that the epidemic is too grave a problem for one person to really make a difference, think again. Kari Samuels, a third year JD/MBA student at Villanova is truly helping us move closer to both raising AIDS awareness and discovering a vaccine for the AIDS virus.

Kari not only participates in the annual Palotta Vaccine Rides. This summer, she and other volunteers will ride 575 miles from Missoula to Billings, Montana in order to raise money for vaccine research. Last year, the ride in Alaska involved over 2,700 volunteers and raised $8,257,000.

The annual rides benefit with the UCLA AIDS Institute and the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center. Kari not only participates in the annual Palotta Vaccine Rides, but she also raises awareness in the local Philadelphia area. On March 15, Kari organized and coordinated a date auction at the Manayunk Brewery, which raised almost $7000 towards AIDS vaccine research. She recruited 30 of her best looking friends to agree to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Her not-so-beautiful friends helped out, too.

The date auction was fun and light hearted, but it also raised additional funds for vaccine research. Although the date auction was fun and light hearted, an event such as this takes an inordinate amount of time and personal investment. Kari spent months soliciting restaurants, hair salons, and bike shops for gift certificates to be auctioned. I was really impressed with her commitment and tenacity during the whole planning and implementation.

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3L JARI SAMUELS WILL BALE ACROSS MONTANA JUST DAYS AFTER THE BAR EXAM.

By Carmen Bell

For 2L's Elizabeth Fogarty and Erin Ginsburg, and 3L's Dennis Abramson and Andrew DiSanto, the Reimels Competition has came to mean more than just your typical credit requirement. These two dynamic duos succeeded in making it to the final argument of the competition, held in the Appellate Courtroom of Gasey Hall at 3 p.m. this past Saturday, March 31st. These two teams engaged in the final battle between the fictional Petitioner, Richard Worthy (represented by Abramson and DiSanto), and the fictional Respondent, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (represented by Fogarty and Ginsburg). It was a smashing match of whether Worthy was an innocent victim of civil and constitutional rights infringement, or just another criminal trying to escape conviction by the State.

Alright, this may not be the Miranda case revisited in the Supreme Court, but let's face it—it must be pretty cool to be a Reimels finalist. So how does this make our competitors feel? While DiSanto appeared to still be in shock over making the final four and had to think long and hard to come up with his response of "um, pretty good," Abramson went into a bit more depth about his expectations.

"At first I thought it was no big deal," said Abramson. "But everybody really makes a big fuss over this thing. At this point, it's pretty overwhelming."

"It's pretty remarkable to realize I've gotten to a place where I have wanted to be since the competition started, but never really believed I would get," said Ginsburg. Her partner was equally excited about becoming a finalist. "I love to see my name in print," said Fogarty. "If it can't be in lights, then print will do for now."

(Editor's Note: This article was written before last Saturday's competition. Abramson and DiSanto won a hard fought "battle of the brains.")

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Lots of Fun Stuff

Serving the Students of Villanova Law School

"Lots of Funky Pictures Issue"

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"Make Love, Not Law Review"

March/April 2001
Rub A Dub Dub, Thanks for the Grub, VLS!

By Dan DeLiberty

Ah, Nine days. No I'm not referring to that "Story of a Git," song but rather, the number of class days, as of this writing, that I have left here at VLS. Yes, time keeps on slippin', slippin', into the future. Just the other day while watching WrestleMania 17 (yes, they are up to Seventeen) I remissed with my dad about going to the Spectrum when I was eleven to watch WrestleMania 2 on closed circuit TV (before the days of pay-per-view!). Wow, that was fifteen years ago. Scary.

These three years of law school have flown by, I can't believe the end is almost near. We're going to try to crank out one more issue of the Doctet, but I can't promise anything. I do have about 1000 pictures from my digital camera that I may try to put in some sort of CD-ROM yearbook, so keep your eyes out for that in May. I have to say this, but some people have been unreliable when it comes to delivering promised content here for the paper. I'm outta here, so it's up to you readers to keep this thing going. Everyone loves to yell at me "hey, Dan when's the paper coming out," or "Yo, Dan, where's the Doctet," but it has to be a joint effort. I tried to turn things around and at least was successful in bringing the Doctet back to life, but there's still much work to be done if you want this paper to grow.

Some law schools have ample resources and dedicated office space for a student paper, and thus are able to produce regular, quality publications. We don't have much along those lines here, but we have good people. The Doctet was largely done on a few student laptops, "on the fly." Surprisingly, I recently tried to earmark my pledge to the student newspaper fund (substantial enough to put me at the "innovator" level) to the Doctet but was told that I couldn't. That was insulting. But, like I said, with nine days to go, I'm not losing sleep over it. But the point is, if you want a student paper, you have to keep it going. Before we brought it back, the paper had been inactive for three years. Don't let that happen again.

A few issues ago we joked by using the tag line "rivaling law review in influence and prestige." It was a total joke, but if you think about it, more students have probably read the VLS Doctet than have read the VLS Law Review. So that set the bar pretty high. Well, I'm the Doctet Editor, there's little difference. I'm asking for 30 grand more to start next year. This issue we've doubled our selves (the "assistant dean of law school newspapers" because I figured that since most of the school's staff has recently been given the title "assistant dean," they wouldn't notice. There are so many deans, the kid next to you in Torts class just might be an assistant dean. There's so many deans that now the school will begin reporting a new statistic in the annual law school rankings - the "Dean: Student ratio." So be nice to everyone-you never know who could be a dean.

ELECTION CONNECTION

It's election time at VLS. The system here at Garvey High needs some work, let me tell you. I can speak from experience. For the LS's that don't know, I ran for the SBA presidency the last two years in a row and lost - or at least that's what I was told. You see, here at VLS, all standards of normalcy in terms of elections are thrown out. Mainly, there's an absurd practice of not releasing the actual results of the elections, neither to the student body nor to the candidates. My first year, many were shocked that a "mere" 1L would dare to run against an upperclassmen "2L" for the SBA presidency. I thought that was a bunch of bunk - we only have two chances, so why not go for the top?

That first year, all the "honor" board would tell me was that I lost. They wouldn't tell me by how much, or how many people voted. Imagine that. It was "just trust us, kid, you lost." That was hard to take. So fast-forward to the next year. I felt that some things were handled improperly during the election. I approached the SBA president, a little embarrassed, and I was told that if you want to be in public office, a little embarrassment is a risk you have to take. So now I'm making a bid for 3L class speaker. Given my track record, I likely will not win. My campaign song this year might even have to be "Looser." But at least I forced the board to make some much-needed changes (several of the election rules have been rewritten, directly because of the racket I caused), for the benefit of those who will run for any position here at VLS in the future. But the election rules are still poorly drafted, ambiguous, and woefully incomplete.

My first year I was a SBA presidential candidate for SBA president, election only, one candidate for SBA president approached the Doctet about getting an endorsement from this paper. I'm in an awkward position since I know all four of the candidates. Any of the candidates (Mike Traud, Dave Koller, Jakob Norman, and Willis Watson) would do a good job but Mike Traud was the only one who thought to use the Doctet as a way to reach students. (Note: Curiously, the Honor Board extended the nomination deadline today, as we went to print, so there may be additional candi- dates). Hey, the way I see it, if nothing else, that shows a little foresight, a little gumption, and some smarts. All qualities I look for in a leader. So Mike Traud gets the nod. Good luck guys, and press for those results, you deserve them.

Since our last publication, The Villanova Law School Community was struck by the tragic loss of two of its own. This issue of the Docket is dedicated in loving memory to J.P. Fenningham, class of 2000, and James Ritter, class of 2002. The passion and spirit of our two colleagues will forever remain in our hearts.

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Mingling at the Public Interest Auction are Jessica Christie and Professor Lanctot.

Hillybilly Jim is Not Dead! He's actually alive and studying to become a lawyer here at VLS.

"I may look short next to her, but I'm a very powerful man at this school."

Jeff Kroh thinks, "Damn, those Law Review girls are frisky."

SBA Presidential Candidate Mike Traud with Jen Kramer

Do these girls have to graduate?

Chris Dolotsky relishes the fringe benefits of being a highly compensated summer associate.

Haggerty and Levay, causing trouble at Barrister's Ball.

Spiros Bozikis, the Greek Hugh Hefner?

This was just wrong.
Laurie Kleinman prefers guys who wear wifebeaters.

It's fun to play at the Y-M-C-A!, right Derek!

VLS is a melting pot of world religions and ethnicities.

Damn, what's this guy's name

Is that Dan Deliberty - or Dennis Rodman???

2L. Dawn Zubrick stormed the Docket's production office wearing this outfit and demanded to be featured as Ms. April.

Don't make me angry. ILs, you wouldn't like me when I'm angry. Armando Briganti hulks up with Danielle Joffe, Melissa Kurtz, and Meredith Whitney.

The next Docket editor in chief?

Damn, what's this girl's name again?

Damn, what's this guy's name
**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Docet Editor,

Not many students walking down the main hallway ever stop to look at the SBA Bulletin Board. On this board they publish their weekly notes. Most students don’t tend to think about what goes on in their meetings. It has come to my attention that in reading these SBA notes, that things are not in the interest of the MC Hammer, "TOO LEGIT."

Here is the situation: The Jewish Law Society and the Black Law Student Association each own sponsored a charity event at a bowling lane. Each group was given $500 for this event originally. This is the normal amount SBA gives to organisations for TGs. SBA then gave each group an additional $250 because they seemed to be lacking good. In my opinion, this is false. The day before the event, I looked at the sign up sheet and only saw approximately 25 names — at most. It is my belief that the additional $250 was to cover the expenses which they feared they would be unable to cover. Anyway, I am not arguing this, but just feel that is a little shady.

Thus far, SBA spent $1500 on this event. Well, the event turned out to be a success. It was so successful that an SGA 2L representative felt the need to expand the event without SBA permission. In order to expand the event, this student placed an additional $1500 on his credit card. Where was this money coming from in this student’s mind? Well, he felt that SBA would gladly give him another $1500.

When Warren reads the money aspect of the case culminates in a $3.5 million settlement which Seth accepts and the bosses of the firm rejoice over with drinks. Of course, the episode wouldn’t be complete without Miles seeing Anna on a couch nearby, somehow sleeping through the party, thus resulting in him pulling a jacket over her while she pretends to sleep. Gee, where is this going?

All in all, “First Years” isn’t that bad of a show if you are willing to overlook a couple of aspects and give him another hour of time to spare. Any way you look at it, it seems to be most of the viewers can’t change.

By Dan DeLiberty

CLEAR YOUR HEAD, BUT NOT WITH CRACK

By Dan McBeal, Thank God

If you are dying to know what your life will be like when you graduate from law school and you happen to believe everything that you see on TV, then NBC’s “First Years” is the next “can’t-miss” show for you. Strategically placed on the Monday at 8 P.M., this show attempts to offer a realistic portrayal of the complicated lives of five first-year attorneys. The show is set in sunny San Francisco, California which makes me just a little bit curious about what law school these young attorneys attended, be it yet to be disclosed. (California has 57 law schools, only 16 of which are accredited by the American Bar Association)

While the show undeniably portrays some aspects of the legal profession quite accurately, (such as getting coffee for the boss and being shooed off of all of the dead-end cases that none of the partners want) the aspect of the show that I find most humorous is the fact that these five attorneys attended the same law school (where four of them were best of friends and they all now work very closely with one another in the same large law firm, and with the exception of one of the five (Anna), they all

Two of the five characters, Egg and Riley, are a couple, while two of the remaining three, Anna and Miles, aspire to be. But don’t worry we will have to wait through many, more episodes until they realize that they are made for each other. The remaining character, Warren, is gay and struggling to find his place within the group. This fact is reinforced during an exchange in the second episode where it appears that the other four characters can’t even envision that Warren attended the same law school and was in the same class as the rest of them.

While certain aspects of the show are hard to swallow, there is a degree of realism. In episode one, we are given a dead-end case in which she must represent an incarcerated American mother who wishes to rescind her consent to allow her daughter to adopt a child. Riley accomplishes all of this without even breaking a sweat, mainly since she was told to carry all of these tasks including arguing in front of the judge — in her tank top.

In episode two, Warren and Miles break open a case against Brinner Pharmaceutical for manufacturing a drug that caused some of those who took it to develop cancer. In investigating the case, the two young attorneys grow close to their client, Seth, which leads their boss to remind them that they should not get emotional personally with their clients and that they should maintain objectivity. While working on the case, Warren secretly feels that Miles has been strolling all over him and taking the lead even when he doesn’t know what he’s talking about. When it comes time to write the request for a continuance, the two clash over the subject matter of that request, with Miles emphasizing the money aspect of the case and Warren emphasizing the life of another human being. When Warren realises his idea for the request to Miles, Miles dismisses it as foolish. In the end, the two attorneys write separate requests and it is not until their boss begins his request for a continuance in front of the judge with the very same words Warren had read to Miles earlier, that they know whose version was chosen.

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To clear your head before finals, go to one of my favorite places, which I only discovered a few years ago. It’s the rollerblade path at Valley Forge Park. It’s only 10 minutes or so from school and truly a hidden gem that not many students seem to know about. I believe this is the only place to rollerblade in the park. There’s some 15 miles of flat, paved path. Supposedly you can skate all the way from Valley Forge to Philly, but I’ve never made it that far. The scenery is awesome. (Although I was half-jokingly offered crack by a group of very young teenagers once while skating here, so be careful in certain areas.)

One way to get there: Take 202 S like you’re going towards the King of Prussia Mall. Take the 22 West exit. Stay on 222 for about 5 minutes till the Aubob/Trooper exit (you’ll go over a little bridge). Take a left off the exit you’ll see a Harley Davidson motorcycle shop, then another quick left and down a little hill to the park entrance on your right.

Of course, you can also always bike on Kelly Drive. Like in those VLS admissions brochures, which crack me up. One of my friends joked that if you believed what you saw in them, all VLS students have tons of time to hang out during the day at the Art Museum, Boathouse Row, and various Philly cafes.

PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIP PRIZE AWARD

All organizations who wish to host a "charity" event should look towards those who are public interest. For close to the amount spent in the flask I just described, they raised $4000, thus allocating ten students to work in public interest fellowships for the summer. I congratulate them on their job well done.

Signed,
A Concerned Student

(Name withheld by Request)
UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH THE FINAL FOUR

So what kind of brain force propelled these students this far? "I really didn’t go about this with any strategy," said Fogarty. "It was more like a cocktail of two parts knowing my argument, and three parts confidence." How about winning over these judges? "I would say my strongest technique is to let the judges set the tone of the conversation," said Ginsburg, "and then play it off of their personalities and demeanor, instead of posturing and becoming aggressive." Abramson and DiSanto appeared to rely on their inherent skills as well. "You just need to think on your feet," said DiSanto.

In addition to the traditional forum of holding the argument at the law school, this year’s final Reimels argument will be broadcast on the Internet through WebCast, which will allow users to check out the four argue live on Saturday (see accompanying article on WebCast). Does this make any of the finalists apprehensive?

"I am trying not to think about it," said Ginsburg. "The very large crowd behind me is nerve-racking enough!" While Ginsburg may have expressed some apprehension about this exploration into Internet broadcasting, there were also feelings of excitement expressed over the new technology. "I love an audience!" said Fogarty. "The more people, the better." DiSanto expressed similar fondness of the idea. "That’s cool," he stated. "I hope some of my classmates won’t have to leave the comfort of their homes."

When asked about the WebCast, Abramson did not appear to have stage fright concerns, but feared the "camera-adds-ten-pounds" rumor. "I’ve been working our really hard the last couple weeks," he replied. "The things we do for showbiz."

While the glamour and fame of the Reimels competition can get some a bit cocky, one must admit that there always is the chance that the judges can bring a competitor down. For DiSanto, many of the judges “blend[ed] into one person in a black robe asking questions.” Abramson, however, admitted that he had to exercise patience and discretion when it came to tough judges. "It’s a fine line, and I crossed it several times," said Abramson. "But that’s the advantage of having Andrew as a partner. He has an uncanny ability to smooth things over."

Last fall, several students lamented over the requirement of having to write another brief for the competition. While doing more work is never favored over, say, pouncing off to the Wild Onion, our finalists had positive things to say about the competition.

[The competition] provided me with insight into a skill I didn’t know I possessed, and has since helped me narrow my range of possible career choices,” said Ginsburg. Her partner agreed: "I think it’s a fantastic forum for lawyers-to-be to voice an argument aloud." Fogarty said, "It’s great for those who hate to speak in front of people, because it forces them to tap into a part of themselves that they’d probably rather not." Fogarty also admitted that the competition was good for those lawyers who enjoy speaking in public. "I think I love to hear myself talk, so I fall into the second category. I really am actually having fun doing this."

The benefit of the competition, however, were not without their negatives. "It’s an excellent learning tool for those with an interest in appellate advocacy," said Abramson, "but it’s flawed in a lot of ways." Abramson cited a problem with finding judges who were truly knowledgeable about litigation. "You have to take some [criticism from judges] with a grain of salt, especially when one of the judges is telling you how things really work, when you know he’s been behind his desk in a big firm doing taxes and estates for all of the year and a half he’s been practicing law."

Despite this problem, Abramson was quick to add that the moot court board did an excellent job of planning and preparing for this year’s competition. So what pearls of wisdom do our finalists have for next year’s aspiring competitors? "Make your brief brief," said Abramson. "Nobody wants to read a thirty-page brief when they aren’t getting paid to do it.” Both DiSanto and Abramson stated that being relaxed and composed was better than having a rehearsed argument.

Fogarty and Ginsburg agreed that getting worked up over the competition was not a good idea. "Have a blast," said Ginsburg. "It’s a great experience and a terrific opportunity to refine necessary lawyering skills."

"Learn to love to hear yourself speak," added Fogarty. "Form an opinion on everything you can, while at the same time being completely open to hearing other people's points of view."

So, do we now know the secrets behind our finalists’ appellate advocacy strategies and techniques? Perhaps not, but it is apparent that there is something to be said for just being yourself when faced with the challenge of being persuasive. ‘All you can do is what you've done, and do it well,’ commented Abramson. ‘That's what I intend to do. I'll let you know how it goes.'

BIKE RIDE CONTINUED FROM COVER

- mentionation of the auction. She works two jobs, is enrolled in a dual degree program, and still manages to make time to involve herself in something that we all believe is important. Her commitment has inspired me to volunteer this year as a crew member in Montana. As part of the crew member, I’ll serve food and snacks to bikers during the ride. I can hardly wait- and I won’t have to get into shape to volunteer! Kari has raised over $12,000 in just two years for AIDS vaccine research. I encourage all of us to ask Kari more about her experiences with the Vaccine Ride, so that we can share with us the importance of AIDS education and activism.

If you would like to make a donation for this year’s Montana Ride or volunteer as a rider or crew member, you can visit either web site:

www.palottateamworks.org or
http://www.vaccineride.org

Kari’s rider # is 10321.

One addition: the ride also benefits the Emory Vaccine Center (in addition to Aaron Diamond and UCLA).

31. Dennis Abramson
31. Andrew DiSanto
31. Elizabeth Fogarty
31. Erin Ginsburg

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MARCH MADNESS

By DAVE KOLLER

gotten some caught up in my basketball pool for March Madness that I bring my bracket into Evidence class every Tuesday and Thursday and stare at it for the entire two hour class period. As that is not bad enough, during Constitutional Law class, I sit there and cleverly devise my own personalized bracket of the girl of my dreams. This year, the championship game was between Brittany Spears and Krissy Reader. Sorry Brittany, but you lose in a major blowout. Anyway, the point is that I am so obsessed with March Madness that I have come up with several other brackets on anything and everything.

Here is a brief sampling of two final fours that are a little more entertaining and interesting than the same old annual one which seems to usually consist of Kentucky, Stanford, Michigan State, and the always highly favored University of Pennsylvania.

1) SCARE ME THING ABOUT LAW SCHOOL

In the opening round, the cheeseburger from the vending machine in the cafeteria upset the design of the parking lot (and a couple of stomachs too). It was an upset because not too many people knew about the cheeseburger. Thank god. Afterwards, I had the chance of interviewing the parking lot. They said, "The reason we lost this game was because we had trouble driving down the lane."

With its opening round victory, the cheeseburger went on to the final four, and faced the first-year property exam. The cheeseburger destroyed its rival Nomad. One of the first-year property exam appeared to have a head start on Duke, Stanford, and the Erie Doctrine, on its way to the championship game. During the game, featuring UCC 2-207 and the Erie Doctrine, the fans were really quiet and seemed uninterested. I guess that they had no clue as to what the hell was going on as well. 2) BEST ATTEMPT TO GET A GIRL TO LIKE YOU

Let me begin by saying that the pool of talent in this tournament was very watered down. The perennial favorite, "Do you need any out­lines?", had very little difficulty in coming out of an extremely weak field by defeating some of such pretenders as "Would you like to go to the symposium with me?" and "I'd like to take a picture of you with your naked - SLAP!". In the championship game, "Do you need any out­lines?" squared off against sending out an email to "all the girls you have hooked up with, should have hooked up with, and will hook up with." Oh wait. Never mind. For a moment, I thought we were in the bracket for Lamest Most Pathetic attempt by a male stu­dent at getting a girl to like you. Anyway, in the championship game, the real opponent of "Do you need any outlines?" was the eventual winner of the entire tournament, the singing valen­

tine during constitutional law class, who had no problem marching its way to the champ­ionship. This little-known tack­

tic was successfully implement­
ed by its genius coach, and is sure to be replicated by misspellers in the future.

Editors Note: You forgot another classic line, Dave - "Do you wanna see my Hebrew National?" The preceding was so full of inside jokes that it almost didn't make sense to print it, but hey we're like a high school here and Garvey High, plus The Docket is desperate for content, so any­thing goes.

BILLABLE HOURS - BECAUSE TIME IS MONEY

Oh What A Tangled Web We Weave

By Dan Deliberty

A few weeks back during an info session, a rep from the PA Bar told us it should take about two full days. Thank God, but you lose in a major blowout. Anyway, the point is that I am so obsessed with March Madness that I have come up with several other brackets on anything and everything.

Here's a tip that is sure to come in handy. If you ever need to send a bunch of emails, I recommend teaming up with your roommate and deciding who is responsible for the different part of the email. (This site works. I've been using Internet Explorer for many years now but only recently started using the "links" toolbar. The links bar is an additional little sec­tion at the top of your screen which is fully integrated into the browser. You can add it simply by going to "view" and check­ing "links." Then you drag your favorite links into the address bar to the links bar. Depending on your setup, it should show up right underneath the address bar.

By abbreviating the names of the sites, you can fit as many as ten links right on the bar. On my links toolbar, I have the following: VLS Email, VLS virtual classrooms, AOL email, Lexis, West, Wired.com, MySimon.com, DealCatcher, Wall Street Journal, and a few others. This setup is even more efficient than using the favorites drop down menu. This is where you can keep the sites you visit most often. You can go one step further by installing Yahoo Companion which adds yet another with direct access to all your customized Yahoo content.

Deal of the Month: Visit One of my all time favorite sites, Dealatcher.com. Find the Staples link and all the coupon codes. Then visit Staples.com and get a Handspring Visor Deluxe for $250. There's a $50 rebate from the manufac­turer plus a $20-30 online coupon from Staples. Total cost is $180 with free overnight delivery. They come in different colors and are great little but powerful tools with a ton of features. I love mine, I use it by the time you graduate, you'll get tired of logging that laptop around. (Sorry, I'm sounding a little like Aerosmith. "Jaded.")