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Law Center to begin externship program this spring

by Matt Dalton, 2L
Law Weekly

This spring will mark the first semester that the Law Center will offer an externship program. The program will allow students to work at such places as the Department of Defense, the Legal Aid Society for the District of Columbia and the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless during the semester, while earning two pass/fail credits for their work.

Law Center faculty voted for the program last year and authorized it to start in the spring semester of 2004. The externship program is a three year pilot program that is limited to 30 participants each semester. The goal of the program is to offer students the opportunity to gain insight into the legal sys-

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Felony theft at the GULC Market Café

by Nicholas C. Erickson, 1L
Law Weekly

Sometime in the late evening of Friday, Sept. 12, 2003 or early morning Saturday, Sept. 13, someone stole money from the "Straight From Seattle Espresso" café - the coffee café found in the corner of the new cafeteria. On Saturday, at 9:00 a.m., an employee opened the café in preparation for the day. He realized that something was amiss. The cash in two money boxes was missing and a deposit bag was gone entirely.

The same employee had closed the café around 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening. He filled out the closing sheets and placed cash in the deposit bag. The bulk of the café's earnings were placed in the cabinet underneath the cash register. He checked that everything was secure before leaving at 8:30 p.m. The money in both these locations was missing by the next morning, as well as, cash in the "change bank" - used to make change during business - also in the cabinet. In total approximately \$800 in small bills was stolen from café between 8:30 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. Saturday. He immediately reported the crime to the Office of Public



Photo by Mark Leighton, 3L

The coffee bar was a victim of theft last week as more than \$800 was lifted from the premises.

Safety.

Public Safety officers responded to the call and found that the cabinets had been rummaged through and two money boxes disturbed. D.C. Metro police were contacted and an investigation was initiated. MPD's Crime Scene Specialist (CSS) took photographs of the crime scene and dusted for fingerprints. They found latent prints on the cabinet, the counter,

and the money boxes. No witnesses to the crime are currently known and there are no security cameras in the new cafeteria to record the crime.

As of Monday, Sept. 22, 2003, no suspect had been identified. However, the Office of Public Safety was conducting an ongoing investigation and was following up

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Fall Float a big hit; GULC students party on the *Odyssey* Potomac cruise

by Avedis H. Seferian, 3L
Law Weekly

Hurricane Isabel came and went, and while it closed school last Thursday and Friday, it did not disrupt the Law Center's popular riverine tradition - the annual Fall Float went ahead as scheduled last Saturday afternoon. 320 law students enjoyed a 2-hour cruise on the Potomac, partaking of plenty potent potables along the way.

The crowd began gathering around 3 p.m. on Saturday, at the Gangplank Marina in southwest D.C., where the 240-foot long *Odyssey* was docked, waiting to be boarded. A buffet spread was ready within the boat's two dining rooms, and both bars were open, offering free beer and wine, as well as a cash bar for those with more discerning tastes and discretionary incomes.



Photo courtesy Sayo Kondo, 1L

GULC students enjoyed the aftermath of hurricane Isabel during the annual Fall Float sponsored by the SBA.

The prompt 3:30 p.m. departure took place at 3:39, and pretty soon the party was underway, headed south at 7 knots.

There had been a good deal of

concern about whether the event would go ahead at all, given the devastation wrought by hurricane

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CAROLA holds inaugural event

by Katie Tenney, 1L
Law Weekly

The Center for the Advancement of the Rule of Law in the Americas (CAROLA) held its inaugural event this Wednesday, hosting a panel discussion on the progress of rule of law reform in Latin American countries. CAROLA is the re-incarnation of what was formerly known as the Law Center of the Americas or LawCasa. The Center has been renamed and revamped to coincide with the upcoming completion of the new international law library and to take advantage of the other unique opportunities for studying international law at GULC.

Wednesday's panel focused on the current state of rule of law reforms in

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October Interview Program

Smaller and medium size firms as well as government agencies and public interest organizations will interview Georgetown students for summer and permanent positions. The bidding deadline is Sept. 26 and the program takes place Oct. 7 - 10.



Fun ACS Events

Come join the American Constitution Society for some exciting events this week:

Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 8:00 p.m.: Evening Student Reception featuring Marc Rotenberg, President and Executive Director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center discussing important issues of privacy in our current society in McDonough Hall, Room 200.

Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 3:30 p.m.: ACS General Meeting - Lisa Brown, Acting Executive Director - in McDonough Hall, Room 206.

And most importantly: Wednesday, Sept. 24, 4:00 p.m. there will be a keg on the quad - come graze on the green.



Externship Applications

Interested in applying for an externship for the Spring Semester? Externships are two credits and are graded pass/fail, using up two of your six pass/fail credits. Applications are due at the Office of the Registrar on Friday, Sept. 26 at 5 p.m. The application and additional information are available from Professor Michael Frisch, the Program Coordinator, or the Office of the Registrar.



See the Supreme Court

A limited number of reserved seats are available for the October term. Sign up in the office of Student Affairs, Room 170.



Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Daily masses will continued to be held daily at 12:15 p.m. and Mondays and Wednesdays at 5 p.m. in the Chapel.



Student Tickets Available at Office of Student Affairs

Come see the D.C. United vs. NJ/NY Metrostars on Sunday, Sept. 28 at 4 p.m. in RFK Stadium. Discount tickets are available for \$17.



Swap Study Guides!

The second annual Study Guide Swap will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 1 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Buy, sell, swap or give away used study guides and enjoy a beer on the quad (rain location: cafeteria). Sponsored by the Environmental Law Forum. Contact jmw54@law.georgetown.edu with any questions.



International Law Society

If you have an interest in international and comparative law or are trying to figure out what international law is, please join us for the first general meeting of ILS on Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 3:30 in Room 207. We will be discussing upcoming events, the mentor program, and how to be a 1L/LLM representative. Please note that this is in a different location than originally advertised.



Student-Faculty Committees

Want to make an impact on Law Center policies? Represent the student perspective on a GULC Student-Faculty Committee. Applications and information packets are available in the SBA Office, Room 208. The deadline for all applications is Sept. 24 by 3:30 p.m. For more information, e-mail tdw7@bulldog.georgetown.edu.



University of Arizona Government Honors Program Handbook Available Online

The best source for information on over 60 agencies which federal and state internships is now available online. E-mail OPICS at OPICS@law.georgetown.edu to request a password to access the site. Remember to put "University of Arizona" in the subject line.



Women's Law and Public Policy Program - Celebrating 20 years

The Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program is celebrating 20 years of enabling talented and committed women's rights advocates to work in the nation's capital with organizations involved in legal and policy issues affecting women. We invite you to join us as we commemorate the Program's achievements and honor Botswana High Court Justice Unity Dow and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the evening of Thursday, Sept. 25. For information on purchasing tickets, please contact the Fellowship Program at 662-9650 or stop by McDonough Suite 334.

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

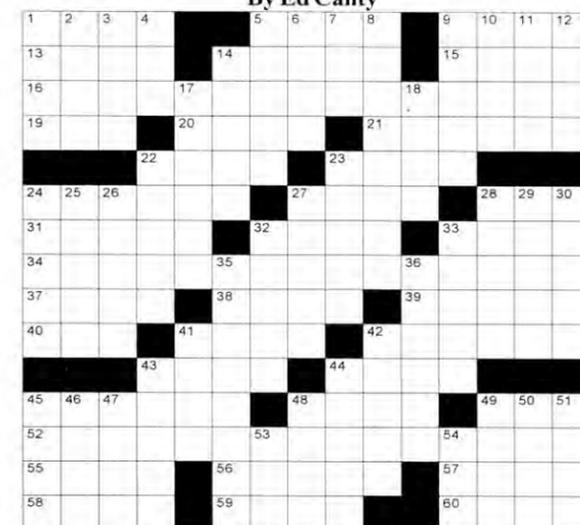
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- 35 Legally valid
- 36 Deserves
- 41 Farm measure
- 42 Promote
- 43 Relatives
- 44 Golf shoe part
- 45 Tubers
- 46 Stick in fridge
- 47 Olympic medal
- 48 Life stories
- 49 Shakespeare's king
- 50 Comfort
- 51 June 6, 1944
- 53 Baseball stat
- 54 Explosive

Quotable Quote

Human beings are the only creatures that allow their children to come back home.

... Bill Cosby

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Class Gift Agents Wanted

The Office of Development is looking for graduating students to volunteer for the 2004 Graduating Class Gift Committee. This program benefits students across the Law Center campus. The time commitment is minimal, and it is a fun way to show your school spirit! Contact Sara Strother at ses57@law.georgetown.edu for more information!



Insurance Waiver Deadline

If you are considering switching from the GU plan to another provider for the academic year, you must do so by Sept. 30. The Financial Aid Office has researched other options and made this available on their website at www.law.georgetown.edu/finaid/studenthealth.html.



Work up a Sweat at the Fitness Center

New to weight training or do you want to learn how to use our equipment? The Fitness Center offers weight training classes on a regular basis. Sign up in the Fitness Center.

The main campus intramural calendar has been posted in the Fitness Center. Sign up now for early bird basketball, volleyball and flag football. The deadline to register is Sept. 23. Register online at yates.georgetown.edu.

Did you know we have spinning classes? Sign up in the Fitness Center.

Presidential Management Internship Program

Interested in this government program for graduating students to enter the federal government with a high level of responsibility and prestige? OPICS will host an informational meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 3:30 in room 110. If you plan to apply, you must stop by OPICS by Oct. 8 to speak with a counselor.



SBA Elections This Week

If you are a first year student (1L, 1E or LLM), don't forget to vote for your Student Bar Association representative this Tuesday and Wednesday. Make your voice heard! Candidate statements can be found in this issue.



Help the EJF Auction

The EJF is looking for two students to co-chair the auction, and various students to join the Auction Board. To apply or send questions, please contact EJF@bulldog.georgetown.edu.



Exam Review

Exam review for Fall 2002 and Spring and Summer 2003 begins Wednesday, Oct. 1 and runs through Wednesday Oct. 29 in Room 322. Please wait until then to make any new requests to obtain your exams.

Hurricane Isabel unable to shut down GULC Fall Float

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Isabel in the general Washington area. Odyssey Cruises, the company that runs the cruise, had cancelled its Friday trips, but the weather improved enough over Friday night and Saturday morning to permit the Fall Float to go ahead. Drifting down the Potomac, evidence of Isabel's visit could be easily discerned, with all kinds of debris visible on the water. None of the branches floating about bothered the 1,200 ton Odyssey, and plenty of smaller boats made good use of that fact, staying in the cruise ships wake to enjoy the benefits of flotsam-free waters.

Meanwhile, law students on board were enjoying the benefits of a wholly different kind of flow - the free-flow of alcohol. The Fall Float is affectionately known as the booze cruise, and a half-hour into the trip, it would have been apparent to any observer why the name is so appropriate. Inhibitions blurred as tongues slurred, and everyone forgot about the law and remembered long lost dancing skills. At one point, a large number of students joined together in a surprisingly coordinated rendition of the classic Electric Slide routine. More modern "classics," such as "Baby Got Back," also drew enthusiastic responses on the dance floor.

The outer deck was an equally popular locale, with students enjoying the prospect of a couple of hours spent doing nothing but chatting with friends, beer/wine in hand, while watching the sights. The mon-

uments that define D.C. receded, giving pride of place to Reagan National Airport, the U.S. Naval Research Lab and Old Town Alexandria.

The Fall Float is among the most anticipated annual events at the Law Center, and the organizing body, the Student Bar Association (SBA), being well aware of that fact, always takes pains to ensure it is well planned. Nathan Headrick, 3L and SBA President, listed the principal organizers as Adrienne Watt, 3L and Chair of the Special Events Committee, Meredith Simmons, 2L delegate, James Bond, 3L and Day Vice President, and Sharon Houle, 2E delegate.

"Organizing Fall Float was a blast," said Simmons. "The team worked closely together to get each individual piece taken care of - which was great, because it made me realize just how fun being on SBA, and being at GULC, really is. We've been working on this since last spring - it takes a long time to orchestrate a 300 person booze cruise!"

Hours went in to ensuring a smooth 2 hour cruise. While students only paid \$20 per person for the ride, the actual costs of the cruise were much higher. "The student ticket price covers less than half of the actual cost per student for the event, but the SBA is always happy to make up the difference because we know how valuable the Fall Float tradition is," noted Headrick.

"Sharon and I had a great time slaving away over the constantly-

crashing SBA computer to get out tickets, flyers and posters. Adrienne did an amazing job organizing ticket sales, and James was instrumental in getting the boat reservations finalized," reported Simmons.

The work put in resulted in an event that was both well-attended and well-appreciated. "That was the best time I've had in law school so far," said an inebriated 1L, who talked over this reporter's attempt to get her name.

"We have our outstanding facilities, our acclaimed faculty, and our commitment to academic excellence. But more than anything else we are a university, a school for the people and thus for the students," explained Headrick. "The Fall Float is a chance to simply enjoy being a member of

the Georgetown University Law community - it is that rare pure hedonistic part of the law school experience we should strive to discover more often."

Hedonism did play a role in overcoming some students' concerns about the weather. "Isabel didn't deter too many people from showing up on what ended up being a great day for a boat ride," Bond said. "It looked as though everyone was having a great time! I'm glad it came together so well."

"It was definitely one of the best events that SBA has had the pleasure of hosting and we're hoping to make it better and better in the years to come," concluded Simmons.



Photo by Sayo Kondo, 1L

Students enjoyed the leisurely cruise down the Potomac river last Saturday.

Opportunity crime at GULC

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on a number of investigative leads. According to Public Safety Director Raymond Smith: "We are actively pursuing this [matter]. We will get to the bottom of this." Students who might have seen anything unusual during that Friday evening or early Saturday morning are encouraged to contact the Office of Public Safety immediately at 662-9325.

This was the first major crime to occur this semester. Most crimes that occur at the Law Center are "crimes of opportunity" - often thefts - where the victim turns away from their purse or laptop for a moment to find it missing. The Office of Public Safety considers this to be a much more serious event, which took place at an "unusual time" and required deliberation to remove all the cash from the café. This crime is classified as Theft I - money stolen over \$250 - and could result in ten years in prison and/or \$5,000 fine, if convicted. If apprehended the offender will be prosecuted in the DC Superior Court.

Public Safety Director Smith warns students not to become too complacent. "Although we have GO Cards and are not as open a campus as we use to be, it is still an urban campus." There are a number of contract and construction workers around and the students

should realize the potential danger of theft. People piggyback onto the campus by following students through unguarded doors. "Let us know if someone is piggybacking, Public Safety officers will respond immediately" and ascertain who they are and why they are on campus.

While crime is not a major issue at Georgetown, there have been occasional incidents in the past. Students have been victims of various assaults in the past couple years. Two years ago a student was robbed at gunpoint at the corner of F Street as he was returning to Gewirz on a Sunday evening. The year prior to that, a student was mugged in Gewirz, leading to the installation of student guards. Led by Georgetown's new campus construction projects, the area is undergoing significant urban renewal that in turn is improving the overall safety and security of the neighborhood.

Also, laptops disappearing from the study areas of the Williams library is not an uncommon event. The library now has devices that can be checked out that will set off an alarm once removed from the security perimeter.

For more information about safety and crimes of interest to the student body, please look in the Public Safety section of *What's Happening*.

IMPACT

on Law Center policies?

Represent the student perspective on a GULC Student-Faculty Committee.

Academic Standards, Administrative, Admissions, Campus Spirituality, Clinics, Communications, Faculty Appointments, Externships, Finance, Financial Aid, Food Services, Future Law Professors, Graduate International LLM, Graduate Tax LLM, Honorary Degree, International Summer Law, Joint Degree, Judicial Clerkships, Law Journals, Legal Research and Writing, Library, Placement, Professional Responsibility/Appeals, Public Service/Interest, Rank and Tenure, Strategic Planning, Student Life, Task Force for Diversity, Teaching, Technology Users, LRAP Endowment

Applications and information packets available in the SBA Office, Room 208

Deadline for all applications: Sept. 24th, 3:30 p.m.

For more information, email: tdw7@bulldog.georgetown.edu.

CAROLA kicks off with lively panel discussion

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Latin America. The event attracted more than forty attendees, including students, faculty, and individuals from several local non-profit organizations who are working on legal reform in the Americas.

Professor Joseph A. Page, CAROLA director and author of several books on Latin America, made the welcoming remarks and introduced the two panelists, Linn Hammergren and Christina Biebesheimer. Dr. Hammergren works as the Senior

many challenges facing the field. Rule of law reform is a policy arena that is hard to define, she said, because so many issues are encompassed, including judicial independence, court management, and access to legal counsel for the poor, among other areas. The multiplicity of goals creates a potential for conflict, Hammergren noted, but at the same time provides many opportunities for people who want to get involved in promoting justice in Latin America.

Dr. Hammergren emphasized the need for scholars and practitioners in this field to be critical of assumptions

suggested that systems that work in one country may not be as effective in other places.

Ms. Biebesheimer's presentation focused more specifically on the measurement problems that accompany the efforts for reforming Latin American legal systems. She echoed Dr. Hammergren's assessment that a more critical eye needs to be turned on the subject. Unlike fields such as health care, for example, which uses infant mortality to generally assess the health of a country, Ms. Biebesheimer said there is no single measure that can be used to measure the progress of legal reforms. She said that people working in this field should continuously ask themselves "what do we know and what do we assume know?" as they work on reforms. She also told the audience that students who are interested in this area should consider studying statistics and other social studies methods, so that the effect of reforms can be accurately measured in the future.

The audience was engaged by what they heard from the panelists, and a lively question and answer session followed the presentations. Pauli Obregon, LL.M., a native of Nicaragua, agreed with Hammergren's suggestion that achieving legal reforms is a cultural issue as well as legal one. He said that it was "not just judicial reform that is needed, but a change in people's point of view," and added that "the best laws don't work if people don't want them." Obregon also said that programs like

CAROLA brought him to GULC, and that he looked forward to getting involved with the Center.

Besides hosting more events like Wednesday's panel, CAROLA has extensive plans for promoting interest in the laws and legal systems of the Latin American region, here at GULC. It will work on recruiting top students for the law center's LL.M. program, and plans to help current students seek internships, training, and professional opportunities in Latin American countries. CAROLA will also continue to assist the activities of student organizations such as La Alianza del Derecho, Foreign Lawyers at Georgetown (FLAG), and the International Law Society. Finally, CAROLA hopes to develop opportunities for legal professionals from Latin America to research and collaborate with GULC faculty.

Those interested in getting involved with CAROLA can contact Professor Page at page@law.georgetown.edu.

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Public Sector Management Specialist for the World Bank and has been studying and writing about legal system reform for nearly twenty years. Ms. Biebesheimer is an attorney in the State, Governance and Civil Society Division at the Inter-American Development Bank, and is also the author of several books and articles on the subject.

Dr. Hammergren began the event with a discussion about what it means to promote rule of law reform and the

that are made about legal reform, and to look at what has been achieved and the unexpected results of some reforms. For example, Hammergren said that the introduction of computers into courts can create an opportunity for more effective case administration and increased access to litigation, but added that she has heard from judges who believed the new computers would just help them to work fewer hours. Because the legal system is so intimately intertwined with cultural norms, Dr. Hammergren

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Externship deadline close

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tem through practical work experience, and to develop understanding of an area of the law by integrating studies with this work experience.

"We hope to give students the opportunity to obtain academic credit to combine law school with real world experience," said Professor Michael Frisch, the externship program coordinator. "We've never done anything like this before, so we are excited," Frisch added.

Students interested in an externship must complete the application form and submit it to the Office of the Registrar on or before Sept. 26, 2003 to be eligible to participate. The program will take 30 students a semester. If more than 30 students apply, the Office of the Registrar will conduct a lottery for the available seats.

Students will be responsible for finding an employer for placement. The program coordinator has contacted a small group of employers and has arranged a small group of pre-approved placements. These employers will not necessarily take a Law Center student, but if a student is accepted by one of the pre-approved employers they will be guaranteed a place in the externship program, provided they notify the program coordinator of their placement no later than Nov. 3. Students interested in a pre-approved placement should apply directly to that entity and can find the contact person on the Office of the Registrar's website.

However, students will not be

limited to the above employers and can identify other employers contingent on approval. Dean Barbara Moulton and the OPICS office will help those seeking other employment options to research, identify and contact other employers.

To be eligible for the program, students must have completed 40 credits by the beginning of the spring semester and must have completed or be currently enrolled in an elective or upper-class course relating to the area of law they hope to work in during the externship. In addition, students may not participate in a clinic at the same time as the externship.

If selected, students will attend a week-long orientation at the beginning of the semester in addition to a class or meeting with the program coordinator. Students are expected to work a minimum of ten hours per week for at least 11 weeks to complete the program. During the externship, students will keep weekly diaries detailing the hours worked and the nature of the work. At the end of the semester, each student will be required to write a five to ten page paper about the experience and what they learned.

Student response for the program has been very positive. "I'm surprised to hear this is the first time the school has done something like this considering our large clinical program and our location," said Tye Andersen, 2L. "It sounds like a great way to encourage work experience and to reward those who chose to do it with credit for it," Andersen added.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

OPICS & OCS invite you to a
Government Opportunities Information Session

PMI
Presidential Management
Internship
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
@ 3:30 p.m. in ROOM 110

The PMI program is an opportunity for master's & doctoral level students (including law graduates) to enter the Federal Government. If you are interested in learning more, come to this informative panel that includes GULC alums who are currently serving as PMI's and a representative from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), the Federal Agency that coordinates the program.

Applications are available on the web at www.pmi.opm.gov

Applications must be submitted online to OPM by Wednesday, October 15.

All GULC students planning to apply MUST stop by OPICS by October 8 to speak with a counselor.

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Law student jailed after summer stint in Palestine

by Amina Rana, 3L
Law Weekly

Even before his second year at the study of law, Tarek Maassarani has learned a lot about uncontrollable circumstances in the pursuit of justice in only the span of one summer - first as a witness to the plight of Palestinians while working at an NGO covering women's issues, and afterward, two days before the start of school, for exhibiting an Israeli stamp on his passport en route from Palestine that landed him behind the cold iron bars of a jail cell in Lebanon.

On Aug. 31, just days after Maassarani completed a three-month long internship with the Women's Center for Legal Aid and Counseling working on women's and Palestinian-Israeli peace issues in Palestine, authorities at the Beirut airport in Lebanon arrested Maassarani for having gone through "enemy territory," as Maassarani later recounted.

Maassarani came away with a lesson in irony and justice that he had not expected to be as personal after what he first thought would be a hassle ended up being a four-day stint behind bars.

After three hours of questioning during which he explained to authorities he had only passed through Israel to offer his services in legal aid to the Women's Center, he was taken to an immigration prison, and later transferred to a military prison after a strip-search. The confinement, he said, gave him unique insight into the law in more ways than one.

"First, you feel just the basic sympathy for what it means to be locked up. You have all these clichés, but it's worse when you feel it's unjust. Many of these people I was locked up with at the immigration prison had done really nothing wrong, except for traveling to a certain place. I had to keep reminding myself that I had done nothing wrong. And for me, I realized I was not really a security threat and would be let out eventually, but some of these people had been there six months," Maassarani said.

While Lebanon has been documented for human rights abuses, Maassarani said he only saw one case where a man claimed to have been beaten with scars to prove it after starving himself in protest. And of course, he said he heard the few occasional screams down the hall.

"It has certainly allowed me to be sympathetic for the thousands incarcerated here who don't have papers and then to be treated as criminals is rough. I don't know how you would go about dealing with the issue without the notion of the nation state and the concept of boundaries," Maassarani opined.

The 2L appeared before the military court with an attorney secured through the help of his Lebanese mother and family he was visiting. He was relieved to not have to serve the full two-month sentence, but instead pay a \$600 fee. His ability to secure legal aid, he said, reminded him of the complexities befalling many immigrants who do not have the same luxuries, and of the plight of the Palestinians he had met during his summer.

"It was humbling to see so many people in much worse circumstances. The prison thing was intense-but I think it pails in comparison to what I saw in Palestine," Maassarani said. "For the most part the prison thing will be a

funny story I can laugh at and I am glad that I can now because at the time it was not funny but frustrating."

Maassarani said he could empathize more with individuals placed in "unjust" situations, whether it be his friends in Palestine or individuals incarcerated. In a series of e-mails Maassarani had written to his friends and classmates, his tone had grown much more skeptical by the end of his stay in Palestine, noting that much of his idealism had withered after realizing most of the tension in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict was "complexities or hooks imbedded in the culture," as he later put it. "It's ideologies on both sides and these are difficult to change. You want to say, 'get over it,' but then you meet people who have not seen their village in 50 years, and they want to return to them. These are people who, like the Native Americans, are very attached to their land and their villages." Maassarani said these were not simply drifting Arabs, but families from Beit Natif, Yafo and Akko whose identities were deeply rooted in their fertile land beneath the olive trees.

He recounted in an e-mail dated Aug. 18, "A sense of urgency and desperation has gotten the better of me. Increasingly sadness has filled me as if I were an empty shell of a human. I visited Gaza. My next door neighbors face the imminent demolition of their 'illegal' house. A friend was shot in Yanoun. My idealism flickers." He later noted, "It is not that I don't believe peace is possible. If anything, I see peace as so easy. It is that feeling of tragedy...I would liken it to the anesthetic melancholy of slavery, the holocaust, or South Africa's apartheid, but at the end of the day history proved apologetic and empathetic to both.

"I daydream of the day that Palestinian's story will be similarly retold, colored with dignity and compassion. That at least their children can grow up tall and proud. Yet in the meantime, millions of innocent lives continue to suffer under the weight of unforgiving history, forgotten. ...some of these lives are no mere statistics. Their smiles are carved into my memory. Their familiar voices on the telephone receiver warm my soul. We've shared laughs and tears, tea and memories. I play with their kids and sleep in their homes. They are such decent, ordinary people. Resilient and forgiving. In Arabic, the word for shame, in the sense of pity or sympathy for someone, is 'haram.' The word salts my tears."

After a trip to Bethlehem, Maassarani met a Palestinian businessman, Walid, who drove toward a hillside and pointed toward 15 acres of his land beneath olive trees, then encased by barbed wire that would soon be part of the 230-mile or so "security fence" Israel is building along the West Bank scheduled to entirely circle any Palestinian state. Israeli officials say the wall is necessary as a security measure to block out terrorists. The Guardian reports that the first 80-mile stretch of wall and fence runs north near Qalqiliya, while the second section to enclose the entire northern border of the West Bank should be complete by year's end. A third section will then shut off the southern part of the Palestinian territories around Jerusalem and Hebron.

When Maassarani asked one Palestinian whether he would accept compensation for his 140 dunums of olive groves that were being confiscated

by the separation wall, he asked rhetorically, "And would I sell my mother?"

"One kid that had run from his fields into the shadows of the wall to give us some cucumbers said simply, 'our city is a prison.' As we followed the wall on its path around the city, we met Muhammad picking grass from the banks of a small wash for his goat," Maassarani writes on Jul. 17. "After some idle talk, he showed us the scars where bullets had ripped through his flesh just a couple months older. Soldiers fired at him from the guard towers on his daily shepherd's routine. I look back at the wall with thoughts of separation and death."

In a visit to Hebron with his friends Paul and Mutaz from the Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights, Maassarani witnessed the economic and social hardships imposed by curfews and roadblocks requiring four-hour trips to Ramallah that were lined with checkpoints. When soldiers pointed the barrels of their guns at Maassarani's chest, he said his heart began to palpitate before he was ordered back to Jerusalem.

He had met the head of the "Jewish

Community of Hebron," who recounted the Israelis daily struggles while he heard a chorus of singing children. He later wrote, "Oh, the places you'll find humanity!"

He also encountered Israelis and Palestinians who often used the term "they" when referring to the other while he questioned how people with a cost living comparable to the First World lived with the unemployment and economic atrophy of a Third World country, minus the country.

After his visit to Hebron, he noted, "As the sun set over a red blur of fields, settlements, and bristly hills, I fell into deep melancholy. And I don't think it was only because of the resonance of the Palestinian people's friendless oppression, or even because I saw honesty in the soldier's eyes; it was because of a profound sense of being mistrusted that flooded my soul. This situation feeds contempt and fidelity to absolutes that encases life's fragility, yet comes to gnarl its beauty."

Tarek has said that he will return to Palestine.



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GULC did not go untouched by Isabel as crews remove debris after the hurricane.

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The Student Bar Association will hold elections today and tomorrow for delegates representing 1L, 1E, and LL.M. students. Students from those classes may cast votes at the tables near the chapel.

The Student Bar Association solicited statements from all the candidates. All statements that were received are printed below. The *Law Weekly* is publishing these statements as a service to the Law Center community. Publication is not an endorsement of any candidate.

For the office of Section One Delegate:

Nicole Castle

Hi, my name is Nicole Castle and I am running for SBA for Section One. As a representative of Section One, I plan to do the following:

1. Advocate for better access to student resources. This entails improving the availability of class notes and outlines, as well as facilitating student/faculty interactions.
2. Represent and support the various student groups and organizations at Georgetown Law.
3. Plan monthly Section One get-togethers, where we can unwind and enjoy each others company outside of a classroom setting.
4. Coordinate cross-sectional parties with other SBA representatives to enable students to get to know other students with whom they do not have regular contact.

As SBA representative for Section One, I promise to listen to the needs and concerns of my fellow students and to advocate your needs to the other members of the Georgetown University Law Center community. I am very excited about the year ahead of us, and look forward to the possibility of representing you in the future.

Paul Deeringer

Despite being a Democrat from California, Paul Deeringer is not running for governor. Or for President. Paul Deeringer is running for Section One SBA Rep. If elected, his first priority will be listening to his classmates to hear what issues are most important to them. But as SBA Rep, Paul will be more than just a conduit for the Section's views; in addition to communicating Section One's priorities to the SBA, some of his goals for the coming term include: Wireless access: Working with IST to improve wireless access at the Law Center; Section funding: Securing Section One funding from the university to hold special social and academic events for the section; SBA on-line: Increasing the SBA's online presence to better inform students about ongoing SBA efforts and activities at the Law Center; Life outside of law school: Keeping students informed about cultural events outside the Law Center; GOCards, the Irish Times and you: Getting GOCards accepted at the Times.

Paul is from Sacramento, CA, and graduated from Princeton in 2001 with a degree in Religion and Politics. He spent the last two years working in San Francisco for a non-profit healthcare think-tank, running marathons, and cheering on Barry Bonds. At Georgetown, Paul is pursuing a joint degree in law and bioethics, and his long-term legal interests are in health law, bioethics and health policy. In addition to running for SBA, Paul is an active member of the Hoya Lawya Runners.

Feras Gadamsi

Hello. My name is Feras Gadamsi, and a lot of my 1L classmates know me from the message board. But for those who don't know me, I'll tell you a little about myself.

I attended Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas where I graduated with an electrical engineering degree and was heavily involved in campus activities.

With regard to SBA elections, I want you to know issues that are important to me after one month at the law center. Wireless and wired communication is near the top of that list, as is the issue of a shopping shuttle that runs more frequently and at more convenient times.

Other issues are long-term. I feel that orientation can be improved. Student health insurance premiums and requirements also require better knowledge of options.

Campus safety is another issue in light of two burglaries at the campus coffee shop. Rising tuition costs are also at the forefront of my agenda. Costs will rise based on the economy, but it is my belief that students and the administration can do more to limit increases.

Another key issue is minority enrollment and minority faculty. Or, rather, the limited numbers of both at the law center. Working together, I believe student advocates can influence the decisions of the university but those issues must be properly studied in order to achieve the necessary changes.

It is my belief that my previous experience as a resident assistant, an editor in chief, and student senator as a student advocate will help in listening to concerns and mediating differences with the ultimate goal of representing what is in the best interests of Section One.

I hope that by choosing me to represent our section I will be given the chance and honor of representing our ideas and goals at the SBA. Again, thank you and please elect Feras Gadamsi as your choice for Section One SBA representative.

Liz Hollander

Liz is very excited about the prospect of representing Section One in the SBA delegation. She is an experienced leader who will work to effect the changes that students in Section 1 deem important to their law school experience. She is a strong believer in teamwork and encouraging a supportive, non-competitive student government that is geared toward achieving the goals of students. Liz's initial personal goals as a delegate include working to get a more widespread wireless network at the law center, and increasing the visibility of SBA to students and faculty, especially with regard to website accessibility. She would also like to see a published campus/student phonebook, GoCards taken at area pubs, and Section 1 social events. In addition, she plans to take periodic (voluntary) student surveys, to stay informed about the concerns and ideas of Section One students. Liz also welcomes comments and suggestions anytime, and can be reached at eeh9@law.georgetown.edu.

Mohsen Manesh

My name is Mohsen Manesh, and I am running for Section One SBA Representative. I would like to serve in SBA because I have always found it important as well as personally rewarding to be involved in my community and

the people around me. To me SBA presents me with that opportunity.

I don't plan to do any real "campaigning" because I don't really like trying to "sell" myself or make people think that the only reason I'm talking to them is to get their vote. Plus I don't think people should take first year SBA elections that seriously. So though this is the only "campaigning" I'll be doing, I would still appreciate your vote. Thanks.

For the office of Section Two Delegate:

Jeff Kleinman

My name is Jeff Kleinman and I am running for SBA representative for Section Two. I know this year will be a time of great academic growth and camaraderie. I have some ideas that I think can improve our overall experience at Georgetown:

Planning activities between Section Two faculty members and students. Dinners, museum trips, sporting events, and other faculty-student bonding activities would offer additional opportunities for developing relationships with professors outside the classroom.

Starting a Section Two website devoted to exchanging academic information (outlines, notes, etc) and organizing social activities - including a message board similar to the one we had on the Admitted Student Website.

Setting up a regular bar night or social activity for members of our section. Everyone deserves some relaxation after a week of reading the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Organizing a Section Two dinner party some time before finals. The Last Supper would be a great time to relax, relieve stress and re-energize before finals week.

If elected, I would always be open to your suggestions. I look forward to getting to know you and having an exciting year at Georgetown.

Danny Mayans

As a former resident of the Lone Star State, a state with a strong sense of community, ethics and leadership, I now find myself awash in a large metropolitan area. Yet, I very much feel part of an important community-Georgetown Law. As a member of the GULC community, I feel compelled to use my personal talents to represent the Section Two interests, to improve GULC, and to leave it a better place than when I found it.

Over the course of the last few weeks, I have spoken with many of you in Section Two. Throughout my conversations, I have gathered a few common and resonating interests of Section Two. If elected to serve as a Section Two delegate for the SBA, I will endorse a current resolution seeking to overhaul GULC's grading curve. Many prestigious law schools around the country have modified the grading curve, and I feel that GULC must modify the grading curve to better reflect the competitiveness of our graduates. As a delegate, I would petition GULC administrators to construct additional lockers and enlarge current lockers. Also, being part of such an intimate community, I feel there is work to be done to bring more unity and a stronger sense of togetherness to campus. I will introduce initiatives to enlarge the scope and increase the frequency of GULC social events.

In summation, I will promote an increased sense of community. I will endorse grading curve modification res-

olutions, and I will initiate petitions to GULC administration to correct the current locker crisis. I am always available to hear concerns, discuss course materials or to shoot the breeze with. I look forward to represent the interests of Section Two, and, to modify a favorite slogan of mine, "Don't Mess With Georgetown!"

Cherine Smith

When you vote for Cherine Smith you are guaranteed:

Leadership with commitment and conviction to objectives; Leadership with ability, experience and imagination to get the desired results for students' satisfaction; Leadership with motivation for advancing your intellectual potential; Leadership with governance that encourages participation, cooperation, equity, trust and respect; Leadership with listening ears to make your concerns heard; Leadership with open-mindedness and perhaps most importantly, leadership from someone who understand and share your concerns and experiences.

With youthful exuberance, I solemnly offer myself to represent and serve my student body, with a difference only you can help me to make.

It is my unequivocal belief that the empowering of students is essential for further advancing the quality community at our University for those who are here today and for those who also aspire to make Georgetown their Alma Mater.

It is critical that we all work together to make our environment comfortable, stress free, enriching and safe. Let me be your link to channel your numerous concerns, opinions and ideas to the student government. I will not only be your voice but I will be your change agent who will work tirelessly to secure the results you demand.

Jordan Usdan

My name is Jordan Usdan and I am running for Section Two delegate to the Student Bar Association because I have the energy and the ideas to improve our first year experience at Georgetown. I have been in DC for the past four years (graduate of GW) and I am originally from Florida. I hope for your support in the election this week so I can start working hard on the ideas you bring to me and on those that I have outlined below.

Academic Help - Pass on the information to you; Make available outlines from older students; Post past exams for your use on our section website; Make a list of study group meetings times/places;

Intramural alerts - Organize captains for each team. Flag football; Basketball; Ultimate Frisbee, etc.

Website - Let's take advantage of technology; Bulletin Boards for each class; E-mail Lists; Students can post events; Class chat rooms; Pictures from events; A way to get the word out about anything.

Social Events - We need to get to know each other better; Happy Hours; Concerts; Sporting events; Dinners; Political Networking; Explore The District; Neighborhood get-togethers - Dupont, Capitol Hill, Arlington, etc.

Your connection to GULC - I want you to feel connected.

Cameron Winton

My name is Cameron Winton, and I'm from Philadelphia. I went to college there, and since then I've earned a master's degree and worked in London and

Boston.

I'm running because I want to advocate our interests, and there are three issues that I care the most about.

First, I want to ensure that if it costs anything extra to use the new gym, the fees are affordable for all of us.

Second, I want to support the SBA's current efforts to explore how the grading curve could be shifted higher. Currently, too few students receive A's.

And third, I want to continue pressing Georgetown's administration to allow the student health plan to fund birth control for all female students who want it. In case you didn't know, unlike most universities, Georgetown restricts how female students on its health plan can obtain birth control. True, Georgetown is a Catholic institution, but students' health is not a religious issue, so I'll continue pressuring the administration to change its policy.

So, reasonable gym fees, possibly shifting the grading curve, and fully funding all health care for all women. If you agree with me on these issues, I hope you'll consider voting for me.

For the office of Section Three Delegate:

Christa Gaines

Hey Section Three! My name is Christa Gaines, I'm from California, and running for SBA section rep. As your liaison to our student government, it is my goal to ensure that our section has a voice in the decisions made and issues that arise on our campus. To do so, I plan to generate a Section Three listserv, where we can all exchange ideas for improvements and concerns that may develop as the year goes on. I can then represent our collective interests, as well as any specific concerns that you might have, at SBA meetings. Of course, we can also use the space to post information about social events and other opportunities to keep up the Section Three cohesiveness! Beyond that, I'd also like to publish a newsletter about the happenings at SBA meetings, both to keep you all informed of what really goes on backstage, and to ask for your feedback on questions you might have so I can be sure to voice them at the next meeting. I will make myself available in any way I can to better represent the issues that our section finds to be important. In my freshman year at UC Berkeley, I was a dorm representative to the residence hall association, and the ideas that I have described above proved really helpful to my dorm-mates in gaining a better idea of what was discussed at hall association meetings, and in keeping abreast of upcoming events. I hope you will give me the chance to do the same for our section, so that we will be a force to be reckoned with in student events, funding, and other governance issues. I look forward to representing our section this year! If you'll allow me one bad slogan: California's loss is SBA's Gaines.

Paul Lee

As your section representative, I hope to achieve three simple goals:

1) Class Unity - There's more to class bonding than realizing that we're all going to get cold called in the first semester. I think we've already demonstrated as a section that we can work together to accomplish a lot. In three years, I hope we all walk can out of these law school doors knowing that we have some amazing colleagues on whom we can rely.

2) Class Voice - We the students

are the reason this school exists. I will make sure that the administration and the faculty never forget that. I promise that the every person in the class-regardless of their age, race, religion, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or disability-is represented fairly and fervently to the administration so that what we like stays and what we dislike goes.

3) Class Fun - These can be three VERY long years if you're not having some fun along the way. I love bringing people together to have a great time-watching people connect, building relationships that will last a long time and taking advantage of one of the most entertaining cities in the country.

Coming into law school, I was a little skeptical as to the type of people with whom I'd have to spend the next three years of my life. But surprisingly, and thankfully, my preconceptions were proven wrong. I am very proud to call all of you my classmates.

You are brilliant. You are compassionate. You are unique.

Matt Levy

OK, I admit it. I want to be a delegate to the SBA. That's one vote, but unless we can get another 100 candidates or so, that won't cut it. I need your vote. I've got no candy to give you, no posters on the wall, no buttons with a snappy slogan. That's not what you need in a delegate, anyway. I've worked on volunteer executive boards, I've worked on a programming team, and I'm experienced at helping groups stay focused and get their work done. I'll speak up when something needs to be said, but I don't need to hog the floor. Will I benefit from being an SBA delegate? Of course. But I can also be an effective delegate for Section Three, and the whole 1L class. We're lucky to have such a strong slate of candidates to choose from, so you can't go too far wrong no matter how you vote. I hope you'll cast one of your votes for me.

Adam Solomon

Vote for me. Adam Solomon. Please. No, really. Vote for me. If you vote for me, I'll give you candy...Oh, wait...I already did. Vote for me because I gave you candy! Wasn't that candy good? Remember that candy? You like candy don't you? No way would you have had time to get that candy in between classes. I walked all the way to Union Station to get that candy ya know. Not in between classes actually. Well in between classes yes, but not those two classes. I planned ahead and bought the candy the day before. On the way to get the candy someone told me it was his birthday and asked me for a dollar for a "Tall Boy." Maybe that wouldn't have happened if I took the shuttle, but I'm not lazy like that. And I've heard non-laziness is a good quality in a SBA representative. My roommate is a 2L and he told me so. Not really, but I'm sure if you asked him if he was pro-lazy SBA representative, he'd say...well he'd laugh at you. He'd say he wanted better wireless in the classrooms because Minesweeper gets boring. And the sound of the clicking annoys the people sitting in front of you. He'd also ask why the TV's in the classrooms are from like 1984 and Gewirz has those plasma screens behind the front desk. Though I heard black shows up semi-gray on those things...so wait a few years to buy one ok. Regular HDTV is a better value. Take the money you save and buy some candy. Not that you have to, but it's an option. Like voting for me.

For the office of Section Four Delegate:

Nadia Asanchev

Hello! My name is Nadia Asanchev and I am running for one of the three 1L Section 4 Delegate seats of the Student Bar Association. I am extremely proud and excited to be a member of Section 4, the Class of 2006 and of the Georgetown Law community, and I want to go a step further: I want to be personally involved in the administration of our class. Involvement in student government ranges from those who aren't interested in taking charge (but are glad there are people who do) to those who have good ideas and want to pass them on to the student government to act on, and finally those who want to generate ideas, consider where we could improve, do the groundwork for activities and operations of the student body, and most importantly, be accountable for those actions and decisions. I am excited to.

My experience managing the office of a small law firm has helped me understand how important efficiency and good organization can be; but I think the most important qualities of a successful 1L Delegate will be someone who not only has great ideas and energy to implement them, but who is willing to do the legwork to get things off the ground and running. From planning class social functions and coordinating student groups to addressing students concerns, successful organizations need a lot of worker-bees, and I would be honored to work for Section 4.

Thank you for your time and your vote; I am very excited to be a Section 4 Delegate of the Student Bar Association.

Ryan Blumel

My name is Ryan Blumel and I would love to be one of the Section Four representatives. Last year I was President of the Graduate School at the University of Essex. Instead of going into a resume, I thought I would give everyone a joke to remember me by.

George Bush Jr. has a heart attack and dies. He goes to hell where the devil is waiting for him. I don't know what to do here, says the devil. You're on my list but I have no room for you. You definitely have to stay here, I've got three folks here who weren't quite as bad as you. I'll let one of them go, but you have to take their place. I'll even let you decide who leaves.

George thought that sounded good, so he agreed. The devil opened the first room: Inside was Richard Nixon and a large pool of water. He kept diving in and surfacing empty-handed over and over. Such was his fate in hell. No! George said. I'm not a good swimmer and don't think I could do that all day long.

The devil led him to the next room: Inside was Tony Blair with a sledgehammer and a room of rocks. All he did was swing that hammer, time after time. No! I've got this problem with my shoulder. I would be in constant agony if all I could do was break rocks all day!

The devil opened a third door. Inside was Bill Clinton, lying on the floor with his arms folded behind his head. Bent over him was Monica Lewinsky, doing what she does best. George Bush looked at this in disbelief for a while and finally said, Yeah!!! I can handle this.

The devil smiled and said...Monica you're free to go!

Chris Cole

Before setting foot on campus last month, I like many others harbored fears of our school's cutthroat reputation and the atomizing dynamic of a large first-year class in an urban locale. That concern motivated me from the get-go to seek out a spirit of teamwork within Section Four and collegiality in the GULC community as a whole.

Yet if the abundance of new friendships, extracurricular engagement, and eager intellectual inquiry has shown anything, it's that my initial anxieties were baseless. We are winning the battle for well-balanced lives as law students through the accumulation of positive, everyday choices and associations. I feel fortunate indeed to belong here.

Dark days of exam prep, exhaustion, and self-doubt surely lie ahead. May we never forget, whether in the capacity of an SBA Delegate or the classmate buying a round of drinks at bar review, to carry on the good fight. The law school experience is ours for the making, so let's make it grand.

Best of luck to all the fine candidates. And for the section-mates who choose to support my own bid, please...vote early, and vote often.

Conor W. Daly

The Law Center is already a great place to live, study and work, but there is great room for improvement. As 1L's we have been here for just a few weeks and yet the majority of us could likely list numerous things about student life that we would like to see changed or improved.

I, like many of you, have recognized these problems and want to find some solutions and make improvements to student life, which is why I am running to be a Section Four delegate to the Student Bar Association.

Consistency in wireless connections across classrooms needs to be drastically improved, and I want to see a stronger connection on the grounds of the Law Center as well.

Service at the student computer help desk needs an overhaul to eliminate inefficiency and to cut down wait times from days to minutes. A larger staff or a network of student assistants should be added.

We need to improve the gym in Gewirz by adding new machines and replacing older ones, as the completion of the new fitness center is still many months off.

I want to see that the planning of more social events like last week's "Fall Float" and "Kegs on the Quad" becomes an S.B.A priority.

The S.B.A should continue to discuss with the administration and look into raising the grading curve so that our job prospects are bolstered.

There are many important issues that need to be tackled and as an S.B.A delegate I will work diligently to do so. Improving student life here at the Law Center should be the S.B.A's number one priority and as a Section 4 delegate, I will be committed to ensuring that such improvements are realized.

Rachel Hetland

I'm really excited to be a candidate for 1L Section Four delegate to the Student Bar Association. To give some background, I'm from Saint Louis, Missouri and am a tried and true Cardinals fan. I got my BA in Spanish from Truman State University in 2002. At Truman, I was a Resident Advisor

and a Student Senator, serving as a member of the Diversity Committee. In these positions, I helped to articulate student concerns to the administration. As a result, we had many successful events that highlighted the diversity on our campus and created a more welcoming environment for all students.

Since graduation, I have worked on various political campaigns, most notably as a field coordinator for Senator Jean Carnahan's reelection campaign and as a fundraiser for Governor Bob Holden's campaign.

At GULC, with my momentous amount of free time, I'm involved with the Law School Democrats, the Georgetown Softball Club and will soon be a member of Phi Alpha Delta. I live in Gewirz on the ninth floor and am a diligent hall desk worker.

I'm running for a delegate position because I'm very proud to be a GULC student and want to ensure that our school continues to improve and grow. I think our section is absolutely the best and I am very excited to plan activities and events that will pull us all closer together. I don't really have a talent for coming up with cool catch phrases, but I really do care about others and promise to stress myself out just enough so that you won't have to. If you want to know more about me before you go vote, please feel free to e-mail me at rlh7@law.georgetown.edu.

Frank Kwok

I am not going to lie to you, the main reason I am running for SBA is that I think it will look good on my resume. If I just wanted to get things done or have my voice heard I would simply pester someone in SBA or the administration until they were willing to do anything to get rid of me. However, because I want to make myself look good and because I have issues with control, I am willing to sacrifice my time to get things done directly. Now, I'm not so arrogant as to claim that I know what you want, nor am I so knowledgeable about SBA's resources that I can promise you anything particularly cool or exciting. However, I can promise that I will politely listen to all your desires and complaints, get really annoyed, and take out my annoyance on whoever can actually do something about what is on your mind. Then if nothing gets done, I'll promote your issues as vigorously as my own until something does get done (because as I said before, I have a control problem).

As for my own issues, I don't have very many and I don't know how realistic they are to accomplish. Mostly I am all for anything that makes my and your grades look better, free beer and food, and anything else that makes it a little less of a hassle to get out of bed in the morning. If you can think of anything else that you want me to add to that list I am more than happy to include it and make things that bother you into things that bother me instead. Please elect me as your SBA representative. You won't regret the decision.

Rachel Osband

Hello everybody! My name is Rachel Osband and I hope to be your new Section Four delegate to the SBA. As the haze of this first month begins to fade away I think we will all start to take a more active interest in our school and our community. As this happens, I am sure you will begin to have ideas about ways in which our experience at the Law

Center could be made even more productive and satisfying. As your section 4 delegate, I will be committed to making sure that these concerns and suggestions have a voice in our student government. I have spoken to some of you already about ideas you have for our section, our class, or for the school as a whole and I hope to hear from the rest of you as well. I know this last month has been incredibly crazy for most of us, but I would like to encourage everybody to take a little time out of their day to vote. Please feel free to contact me (rl04@law.georgetown.edu) before the elections if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you.

Tamaria Kai Perry

When faced with a choice for section representative it boils down to who is the best to get the job done. Here are a few facts to help in your decision. I have: Raised over \$600,000 as the 2003 Chair of the St. Louis Black Leadership Roundtable Education Committee Fundraising; Successfully advocated a +200% increase in funding allocated for student activities as the 2000-2001 Student Representative on the Spelman College Board of Trustees; Been the 1st President in four years to successfully amend and ratify the SGA constitution and initiated organizational restructuring as the 2000-2001 President of the Spelman Student Government Association; Created diversity programs as an Anheuser-Busch Fellow (Class of 2002 - St. Louis) in the CORO Fellowship in Public Affairs

Bottom line: No empty promises, only fulfilled potential...the potential to have a person working on SBA for you; a person who is dedicated not to resume building, but to doing whatever it takes to ensure the needs of the student body are met; the potential to have a person who actually enjoys student leadership and will work diligently to represent the interest of all the diverse members of our student body.

The potential to make potential reality.

For the office of Section Seven Delegate:

Doug Bend

Why have I decided to run to be a SBA delegate? Because I believe that I can understand and represent the diversity of views in the evening student community.

If elected, I intend to be a strong advocate that speaks on the behalf of the unique concerns of evening students. My primary goal would be to ensure that the schedules of part time students are taken into account during the planning of campus events and activities. I would also try to facilitate student activities and student support to make what has notoriously been predicted as a stressful year into an exciting and fun time.

I am committed to listening to your concerns and am willing to put in the hard work necessary to get your voice heard. I won't let you down.

Jeff Corsetti

I must admit I was at a loss as to what to say in a 300-word candidate statement. What could I possibly say that would distinguish me from the other candidates? Should I talk about the ideas I have? How fortunate I am to be here at the Georgetown University Law Center? Then a thought dawned on me. While each candidate is unique as an individual, we are all the same in one important

way: Each of us has a strong desire to ensure the voice of Evening Students and the student body at large is heard. This is a good thing as no matter which individual wins, all of the students will win.

But, ideas are important. Unfortunately, I have none. Well, at least none I could say with confidence are original. Yet, this may be what distinguishes me from the other candidates. I truly believe that any one of us, meaning any student in Section 7, would make an excellent SBA Delegate. Considering this, if elected, I would strive to be a representative in the purest sense of the word. The agenda of Section Seven and more broadly all students, would be my agenda.

I think it foolish to make grandiose promises, especially before I can honestly say I know the needs, desires, and hopes of most students here at GULC. I think I have a good idea of what those needs, desires, and hopes are, but it is something I will have to learn over time. Rather, I simply pledge to do my best to ensure the experience of Evening Students and indeed all students here at GULC is worth the commitment - in terms of our time, our effort, and our money - we make to this school.

Jim Day, John Butler

Jim Day and John Butler ask for your support as SBA representatives of the 1E "evening division." Through the organization of social events, email distribution lists, and the promulgation of general law-school information, Jim and John have made a concerted effort since July of this year to add a sense of teamwork and esprit de corps to the 1L experience. As your 1E SBA representatives, we promise to continue to do as we have done before; we will take every action necessary to ensure that the 1E's of the Class of 2007 become a fully integrated part of both the incoming law school class and the Law Center as a whole.

Amber MacKenzie

Evening students are already stretched. We need help in saving time and money.

Information needs to be easier to get. For example: Signing up for state bar(s). During orientation, it was briefly mentioned that it is imperative we sign up for the bar(s) of certain states. However, follow up information was very difficult to come by. Why not put a table of all the

state bar requirements, with links to all the state bar websites, on "first year students" webpage?

Office hours and locations for all departments need to be posted on their webpages.

It would be nice to know our profs + textbooks more than a few days before classes begin.

Keep IT services open late one night/week. It is too difficult to get to school before 4:30 PM in order to get help with wireless or computer problems. A better plan would be to keep the IT office open late one weeknight per week. To keep the same # of staffing hours and avoid increasing costs, the IT center could close earlier another day.

Orientation. Next year, keep all departments (bookstore, registrar, IT, lockers, Go Card, etc) open to 9PM on the first day of orientation. After all, it is only one day of the year, so shouldn't be too expensive or difficult to staff. That way, we won't need to take off of work to come back and finish administrative details.

Child care "parachute". There is a certain amount of "expectable bad luck"-cars will break down, babysitters will get sick, etc. Finding child care in the evening can be tricky. It would be simple to post a list of students who are willing to babysit on occasion. In an emergency, one could email that list and see if someone is available.

Ice cream in the cafeteria. It is simply un-American to have a cafeteria without a soft serve ice cream machine. Ice cream for everyone!

Alexandra Meise

I believe evening students contribute equally to the law school community when given the proper opportunities. I would push for more campus activities, including social events and guest lectures, to be scheduled late in the day so that evening students may participate side-by-side with the day students.

In addition, I feel the financial burden of school is an important issue that every law student must face. GULC does not offer its evening students grant aid, and therefore I feel we need to learn how to seek funding elsewhere. I would like to organize information sessions on outside scholarship opportunities geared to part-time students.

Thank you for your consideration. Please remember to take the time to vote.

The American Constitution Society For Law And Policy

THREE GREAT ACS EVENTS THIS WEEK!!!

ACS EVENING STUDENT RECEPTION Tuesday, Sept. 23rd, 8PM Rm. 200

- **Marc Rotenberg, Exec. Dir. of the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC) will discuss electronic privacy after the PATRIOT Act.**

GENERAL MEETING 3:30 pm Wed., Sept. 24th, Rm. 206 Address by ACS Exec. Dir. Lisa Brown

KEG ON THE QUAD! - 4 pm Wed., Sept. 24th Meet fellow ASC's, bring a friend, have a beer!

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College football gives fans a change to feel young again

Sports Weekly
by Tye Andersen, 2L

The NFL is off to its customary start: miracle wins (Dallas over NY Giants, Carolina over Tampa Bay), stunning upsets (Houston over Miami), and huge individual performances (Jamal Lewis's 295 yards vs. Cleveland). But around the District, there is one notable change. The Redskins have started out the season looking good. Really good.

The past two years, the Redskins stumbled out of the gate (2-4 in 2002, 0-5 in 2001) and could never catch up, finishing in the middle of the pack. But this season, the Redskins are 2-0 and have the NFL's most optimistic fans; excitement abounds. So, the \$24,000 question is this: Are the Redskins for real? As a football enthusiast with no loyalty towards nor hatred of the Redskins, perhaps I can offer an objective analysis.

Let us begin with the most obvious difference in Washington this year, the offense. When coach Steve Spurrier took over a year ago, he preached the Fun n' Gun - pass, pass, pass. As evidenced by last year's 7-9 record, the results were mixed. Enter wide receiver Laverneus Coles, offensive lineman Randy Thomas, and quarterback Patrick Ramsey as the full-time starter. After two weeks, the Redskins are third in the league in total offense. So far, so good. The wide-outs, led by Coles and Gardner, are unquestionably solid. Coles, in particular, has impressed. Many, including myself, thought that the Redskins overpaid for Coles, but with 16 catches for 286 yards in the first two games, he is proving critics wrong. He is among the very best in the league in terms of yards after the catch. Expect Coles' production to drop when he faces better defenses, but Coles is no fluke. However, the lack of consistent third receiver and a tight end able to command attention will hurt.

The Redskins' offensive line is also a team strength. Tackles Jon Jansen and Chris Samuels are

always in contention for Pro Bowl honors and guards Thomas and Dave Fiore have helped solidify the line's interior. In the first couple of games, however, the team has given up too many sacks. This could be because of Spurrier's offensive scheme, which involves a lot of seven-step drops, Ramsey's inexperience, poor pass protection, or some combination of these factors. Whatever the case may be, this must be corrected for the Redskins to ultimately be successful.

The Redskins have also altered their run philosophy and the early results are clearly encouraging. Exit Stephen Davis and his physical style; enter

Ramsey is not stiff. He is accurate with his throws, he sees the field well, and most impressively he has the competitive fire possessed by the great ones.

Trung Candidate and Ladell Betts, two backs with more lateral quickness than Davis. Spurrier has also shown a willingness to run the football enough to keep defenses off-balance. Make no mistake; this is a very positive sign for the Redskins. Whether these two backs can continue to provide production remains to be seen. Candidate is a poor man's Charlie Garner and Betts, while initially impressive, is still an unknown quantity. Running back-by-committee approaches have occasionally been successful in the past. Quarterback by-committee has not.

And so we turn to the biggest key for the Redskins' 2003 season - Patrick Ramsey. No more musical chairs at quarterback for Spurrier, he has his man. And after a couple of games, this much is clear: Ramsey is not stiff. He is accurate with his throws,

he sees the field well, and most impressively he has the competitive fire possessed by the great ones. Ramsey is not timid, and that serves the Redskins well. On the flip side, he is young and the high learning curve for young quarterbacks is well documented. Odds are he will struggle at various points in the year. Overall, however, it is not difficult to envision the Redskins remaining in the top 3 to 7 offenses in the league.

On the defensive side, the team has played well out of the gate. The defense is about half name players, like Bruce Smith, Champ Bailey, and Lavar Arrington, and half complete unknowns, like Martin Chase, Matt Bowen, and Ifeayni Ohalet. Collectively, this unit underachieved last year under acknowledged defensive guru Marvin Lewis. Because of this, the impact of Lewis's departure should be minimal. Jesse Armstead, in particular, appears to have shaken off a disappointing 2002 season. Bailey remains one of the best two or three cover men in the league and Arrington has skills that simply cannot be taught. The depth on defense is highly suspect, but we can all thank the NFL's salary cap for that; the Redskins are not unique there. Another glaring weakness, on paper, is their defensive line. Smith is old and tackles Chase and Jermaine Haley are unproven. Haley, however, could be a steal for the Redskins. Signed as a restricted free agent from Miami, Haley should help compensate for the loss of mammoth DT Daryl Gardener to Denver. As a group, the defense is talented, but not dominating. Expect it to finish around 12-16 in the league.

Perhaps the biggest factor working against the Redskins this season is their schedule. Simply put, it is brutal. They play in a highly competitive division, while also playing the AFC East and the NFC South - the two best divisions in football. My hunch is that this will take its toll on the team. My prediction: Redskins finish 8-8. But at least fans around the District will have some cause for hope this season.

FOOTBALL PICKS

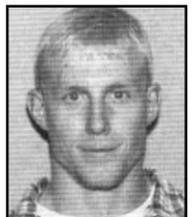


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| Audrey | 8 | 8 | .500 | 2 |
| Jon | 8 | 8 | .500 | 2 |
| Alaina | 6 | 10 | .375 | 4 |
| Avedis | 6 | 10 | .375 | 4 |
| Annie | 4 | 12 | .250 | 6 |

Mark and Emy's first forays into the world of recreational gambling have been successful so far. Tye, Audrey and Jon are still in the hunt, while Annie thought we were picking European football.

Tye Andersen

"Everyone's talking trash, so I'll break it down for you: I guarantee victory or I'll streak."



Mark Leighton

"I sure hope the teams I picked score the most home runs!"



Alaina Dartt

"Apparently, the cuteness of mascots does not necessarily translate to victory."

Emy Hancock

"The human head weighs 8 lbs., Aaron Gibson of the Bears weighs 400 lbs."



| NFL WEEK FOUR | TYE | AVEDIS | ANNIE | AUDREY | JON | MARK | ALAINA | EMY |
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| Kansas City at Baltimore | Baltimore | Kansas City | Kansas City | Kansas City | Kansas City | Kansas City | Baltimore | Baltimore |
| San Francisco at Minnesota | San Francisco | Minnesota | Minnesota | Minnesota | San Francisco | San Francisco | San Francisco | Minnesota |
| Tennessee at Pittsburgh | Pittsburgh | Tennessee | Pittsburgh | Tennessee | Tennessee | Pittsburgh | Tennessee | Tennessee |
| Detroit at Denver | Denver | Detroit | Denver | Denver | Denver | Denver | Denver | Denver |
| Atlanta at Carolina | Carolina | Atlanta | Carolina | Carolina | Carolina | Atlanta | Carolina | Atlanta |
| Arizona at St. Louis | St. Louis | St. Louis | St. Louis | St. Louis | St. Louis | St. Louis | Arizona | Arizona |
| Jacksonville at Houston | Jacksonville | Houston | Houston | Houston | Houston | Jacksonville | Jacksonville | Jacksonville |
| Philadelphia at Buffalo | Buffalo | Philadelphia | Buffalo | Buffalo | Buffalo | Buffalo | Philadelphia | Buffalo |
| San Diego at Oakland | Oakland | Oakland | Oakland | Oakland | Oakland | Oakland | Oakland | San Diego |
| Dallas at NY Jets | NY Jets | Dallas | Dallas | NY Jets | Dallas | NY Jets | NY Jets | Dallas |
| Indianapolis at New Orleans | New Orleans | Indianapolis | Indianapolis | Indianapolis | Indianapolis | Indianapolis | Indianapolis | New Orleans |
| Green Bay at Chicago | Chicago | Chicago | Green Bay | Green Bay | Green Bay | Green Bay | Chicago | Chicago |

Avedis Seferian

"This week, I'm picturing each side fielding 11 of its mascots, rather than real players. The mascot team I think would win is the side I'm going with."



Jon Massimino

"Despite my lackluster performance so far, I refuse to resort to gimmicks to make my picks."



Audrey Perry

"This week, with the help of tarot cards and some rudimentary principles of astrology, I used my psychic powers to pick the winners."



Annie Wartanian

"I am using undisclosed astrological methods this time."



Good times at Cafe Japone outweigh bad service

by Amy Messigian, 1L and Erin Lien, 1L
Law Weekly

Ed. Note - This is the first in a series of restaurant and bar reviews to help expedite your discovery process of D.C. If you are interested in a particular topic, please e-mail the authors at amyerin_dcreview@yahoo.com.

This week's review is of Café Japone at 2032 P Street N.W. They are located just off Dupont Circle, and their phone number is 202-223-1573.

At some point - perhaps while you are watching Jessica Simpson prove that brain cells do indeed matter, or maybe while you are cooking up another quality ramen and toast combo dinner - you will find yourself thirsting for something more to do. You will realize there is more to this city than the Irish Times and, barring a hurricane, you may even decide to act on your inclinations to get out and explore D.C. Well, welcome to Drinking 101, boys and girls. Pull up a chair and take some notes.

This week, we decided to explore the fabulous world of karaoke. As a long time aficionados of karaoke, we will be the first to tell you that this is an activity that requires very little in the way of talent. Karaoke night isn't a place where you are likely to prove you are a hidden gem waiting for Simon Cowell to hook you up with a recording deal. And even if you are that good, we're sorry, but you've already missed tryouts for what promises to be a gripping new season of American Idol, so you might as well grab the karaoke microphone and practice stunning the crowd.

The goal of karaoke is to get the crowd pumped, and this can be accomplished in a variety of ways.

1) **Pick a recognizable song.** Sure you know the ins and outs of Michael Bolton's later albums. That is fabulous, but it will only do one thing - draw attention to your voice, and maybe also your unintentional plea for guidance in music. You want

your crowd jazzed by your selection, and better yet, you want them to sing along. Songs like "It's My Life" and "Vogue" are karaoke favorites, though no choice is more appropriate, or overdone, than "Friends in Low Places."

2) **Drink.** We really can't claim to have any true statistics here, so let's just say your chances of grabbing that mic go up exponentially when you've got a brew in your other hand. In a matter of minutes "There is no way I am getting on that stage" will turn into the chorus of "Sweet Home Alabama." One word of caution, however. While alcohol may lower your inhibitions, it does not magically increase your capacity to actually sing. With that said:

3) **Remember your range of talent.** This point cannot be stressed enough. We are both bad singers. We will not even talk ourselves up in this article to the masses. We suck. But, we know and accept our ranges. Husky, throaty women or Backstreet Boys songs are about the limits to our singing capacities. However, if you cannot be convinced that "I Will Always Love You" is a big karaoke mistake and you really want to walk that plank, at least be armed with dramatics, crowd involvement or a prop. Then go down fighting!

So now that you are prepared, where do you go? We visited Café Japone (pronounced "zhah poh nay") in Dupont Circle where karaoke is offered every night. Unlike many of the karaoke bars in Los Angeles, from which we both hail, this dimly lit joint attempted to class it up with sushi chefs, a full bar and an impressive song list. When we arrived, the place was packed, but no one was singing; again, very unlike any karaoke place we had ever been to. However, as the night went on, see Rule 2 above, the singers came out by the droves. In fact, it got so busy that the wait to sing became almost unbearable. While waiting, we sampled some of the menu items and were impressed by the quality of the sushi, though the prices

seemed a little steep. Also, be forewarned that Café Japone imposes a food/drink minimum of \$15 per person on weekends and \$10 on weekdays, and groups are automatically charged an 18% gratuity.

By far, the biggest negative experience of the evening was the service, which was pretty much non-existent. Members of our group often left the table to present their self-written orders directly to the sushi chefs. To order a drink, we had to hunt down the waiter ourselves - no small task considering how dark the bar was. Given the high number of wait staff and the fact that the bar was relatively small, we could not find a reasonable explanation for the meager service. This made the \$15 minimum and 18% gratuity even harder to swallow.

In addition, although a stage is not a requirement for good karaoke, singing space is. Singers were relegated to a corner at the end of the sushi bar. Spatially, the room does not look like it was intended for karaoke. As everyone was seated at tables clustered around the room, it became very difficult to get from our seats to the mic, which meant many a lost first verse, and who wants to hear John Mellencamp without hearing his opening line "This is the story of Jack and Diane?" Sorry Jack, I was too busy maneuvering to the stage, ordering another round from the sushi chef, and scanning the room for my imaginary waiter to tell the world about you and Diane.

Overall: Amy says yes; Erin says yes. All in all a fun night. Go there once, then find a dive.

Café Japone
2032 P Street N.W., Washington DC 20036
(202) 223-1573

Ambiance ★★★
Service ★
Fun Factor ★★★★★

GENERAL COUNSEL

Today's columnists:
Annie Wartanian, 2L,
Jon Massimino, 3L

This column was designed by the girls of the Law Weekly as a means of giving back to the community by answering your questions about classes, dating and everything else. This week's column was artificially enhanced in order to draw your attention and encourage your participation. Please submit your questions to lawweekly@law.georgetown.edu by Wed. at 5p.m.

Q: What do you do if you are on an interview and everything is going great until the interviewer asks you out for drinks. What do you do?

Well, the proper answer might depend on your goals. I would suggest engaging in a balancing test of sorts. Here are some factors you may want to consider: is this interviewer super-cute, is the interviewer married, do you really want to work for this firm. Now what side of the scales these factors belong on is probably up to you to decide.

Q: I have been finding myself too busy to go out but I wish I had a social life. What can I do to keep happy?

Don't worry; it's all a matter of perspective. First of all, it helps that many people in your environ-

ment share the same general outlook on life and lifestyle, so try to focus on that. Remember how great a substitute for real life fast internet access can be. Take *Friendster* for example. With photos, personal information and connections you would probably "meet" and learn about more people than you otherwise would even if you did get out. Then there is always speed dating, conveniently divided into religious and ethnic groups. Now instead of discovering what you like you can just figure it all out on your own. You're not missing out!

Q: I am new to this country and I am looking for exotic ways to unwind. Any suggestions?

I would highly recommend escaping to the exotic splendors of the Chi Cha lounge on 16th and U Streets. You can eat Cuban food and smoke a hookah, an exciting custom of the Middle East. Wait...what do you mean by exotic?

Q: How does one go about attracting an alpha female?

Well, let's be honest - you don't attract an alpha female, you are chosen by an alpha female. These women have been raised on *Sex and the City*, Prada, and cosmopolitans. You don't have a prayer.



Adopt A Pet Today!



This week's Pets of the Week are Hunny and Dugan. They are currently in foster care, waiting for permanent homes.



Dugan - Dugan is a sleek silver gray, 5 month old kitten. He is fun loving and affectionate, very friendly with the other foster cats and kittens in his home, and will grow up to be a wonderful lap cat. Dugan is really outgoing and likes the company of his foster parents. Please call 202-249-0041 or go to <http://www.mrgeof-freys.com> for details.



Hunny is a very sweet and friendly lab mix with a gorgeous honey-and-black brindle coat. This 11-month-old loves to play fetch and gets along beautifully with all humans, dogs, and cats. She is completely potty-trained and very well-behaved around the house. For more information call 301-681-6768 or e-mail vai-desi@msn.com.

Hunny and Dugan have many furry friends also available for adoption. For more details contact:

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DC Animal Shelter
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Washington, DC 20002
11-3 pm Saturday and Sunday
12-4 pm, seven days a week
202-576-6664 (24 hours)

If you'd like to help out animals, but can't adopt a pet at this time, consider volunteering. Check out the Washington Humane Society's website, at www.washhumane.org/volunteer.htm, for a list of volunteer opportunities.

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A four-day taste of justice in Lebanon

Tarek Maassarani

My first four days were spent in three different prisons: first immigration, then state security, and finally a military prison. After a lot of dead time and false alarms, I finally had my hearing before the military court and was judged with a \$600 fine reduced to account for my prison time. This sentence and release from confinement was a great relief to me and my family who had been anticipating the worst. As we know well from the experience of Israeli and American military detentions and tribunals, when it comes to security, lawyers, access to lawyers, evidence, and charges, due process, and contact with family, timely release can be a luxury.

These days were a rewarding and yet trying experience, one that should be mandatory for all law students. First, there is the incredible sense of injustice and anger; in this case, isn't it in Lebanon's best interests for me to be doing peace and human rights work in the Occupied Territories in terms of approaching a resolution of the massive refugee problem within its own borders? The law is a classic example of overreaching, penalizing those that are innocent within a legal bureaucracy that is insensitive to details and exceptions. Thus I was shuffled through the loops of a high state security case, while the judge could not erase the smile from his face when he heard my case. A 15-minute intensive interrogation and background check would have relieved me of any security suspicions, but instead the LAW required me to waste away behind walls of rubberstamps and metal bars. While the days carried on, I kept repeating to myself that I am not a criminal, and deserved nothing short of an apology.

Then there is the psychological torment of eternal time and claustrophobic space, both frayed with uncertainty and anxiety. No one tells you the when and where, you don't understand the process, the personnel and soldiers can

be as cold and intimidating as the handcuffs. After crying off the first bit of prison reality and self betrayal in a small corner where I hoped none would notice me, I began to do much better, though emotions kept returning in waves.

I started to befriend my fellow inmates, all characters carved from would-be clichés: there was Mostapha, the wise-crack Egyptian that like to slap with wet towels and Mohammed who wasn't so bright but had the warmth of a teddy bear (hard to believe he punched a soldier after a couple of drinks). Abu Harb, the old salt who fought with the PLO years ago. There was Hassan who had stayed the longest and acted the boss, throwing orders and authoritatively orienting the newcomers. The Palestinian who knew my friend Walid in Bethlehem or the other, a loose-lipped refugee and Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigadier who was picked up for traveling to the hills of the Israeli border with his 8-year old son for pointing to their old village in the forbidden distance. Baushe, a flaco well-styled coiffeur from downtown Beirut, the one guy that wouldn't give his name or his story but spoke English along with seven other languages including Russian, and Yahya who longed after his German sweetheart and the boom box in his bedroom...

There ensued rage-filled daydreams of cracking reinforced concrete and bullocking those responsible for my condition into tearful apologies. Or fleeing the compound by means of some comic-book power of fleet-footedness and slight of hand. These turned into intellectual attacks on the injustice of my confinement and a full recital of the righteous letter to the President I would release soon enough. Then back to insecurity and self-loathing.

At the end of the day I always felt a residue of detached sadness. Though I never knew it, I had two of Lebanon's best lawyers on my case and telephone calls to the mayor of Beirut on my behalf. I could afford the \$500 penalty money. Though she was only able to visit me once, a loving mother waited in the gar-

ing sun outside the compound and was on numerous occasions on the verge of tearing up her Lebanese identity in front of spineless sergeants and bull-headed bureaucrats. Now I am free, and soon to head back to my privileged life in DC. In the meantime so many that I met, especially those in the immigration cell, seem to while away forgotten and lost, stripped of dignity and humanity, perhaps many of them by the workings of wooden laws and a friendless bureaucracy, rather than their own menacing guilt.

My malformed ear for the Arabic tones picked up blurry stories of horror, injustice, and deceit. Some already over six months in detention, showed a fiery anger and rebellion in their eyes, others defeat. Is there guilt when the prisoner languishes in the genuine convictions of his own innocence? Is there rehabilitation? A bony Algerian law student, who had allegedly overstayed in his papers and couldn't pay his way out, showed me the marks on his wrists. "This is what they do you when you go on hunger strike." A Maronite from the south picked up on suspicion in the airport on his way to Kenya with his family, pointed out screams echoing down the halls. "Maybe because I'm from the South," he said.

Quite an experience. It's a powerful and symbolic act to take complete possession of a person's physical self and deprive them of the freedom to move, to talk, to simply turn away and leave - something not to be taken lightly. It can have an enormous effect on their psyche, their sense of trust and social identity. My pathetic four days have inspired me to continue working for the under-represented, and to do so with the empathy and understanding of how a valuable a single day in their life is.

While I do not wish to deconstruct the whole concept of punitive justice for the present, I do question the suffering imposed by unfair, overbroad laws; sterile bureaucracies; and a penal system that is alienating of humanity in its uncertainty and silence.

Many issues raised by Bali bombing trial

Goh Chen Fong

On Oct. 12, 2002, terrorists set off bombs at two crowded nightspots on the Indonesian island of Bali. A total of 202 people from 21 countries were killed and 513 buildings damaged.

In the ensuing investigation, Indonesian police arrested a total of 33 suspects. The key suspect, a mechanic by the name of Amrozi bin Nurhasyim, went on trial on May 12, 2003. Prosecutors asked the court to impose the death sentence on Amrozi under Indonesia's Anti-Terrorism Decree.

On Aug. 7, 2003, Amrozi was sentenced to death for buying the van and explosives used by the bombers. If the sentenced is carried out, Amrozi will die to a 14-man firing squad.

A few of the victims' families have opposed the death penalty. Australian Senator Andrew Bartlett, leader of the Democrat party, described the death penalty as 'barbaric' and warned against descending to the same level as the terrorists. But most people, for instance Australian Prime Minister John Howard, are quite happy that Amrozi

has been sentenced to death. But what is the legal basis for the proceedings against Amrozi?

The closest relative Indonesia had to an anti-terrorism law would probably be its Suharto-era Internal Security Act against subversion, which was repealed in 1999 and has no hope of ever being resurrected due to its great unpopularity. Despite mounting concerns about internal terrorism, such as the 1999 Christmas Day bombing of 11 churches in Jakarta, the Indonesian Parliament was unable to agree to an anti-terrorism bill due to controversy among members of parliament and human rights activists. It was not until after the bombing in Bali, and the international pressure that followed, that the President was able to override parliament and pass the Anti-Terrorism Decree on Oct. 18, 2002. Article 6 of this law specifies maximum penalties of death or life imprisonment for acts of terrorism. Unfortunately this law came to pass after the Oct. 12 bombings.

Does the Indonesian Constitution permit a man to be prosecuted under laws that are passed after his alleged crime? The answer is a resounding no. On Aug. 18, 2000, the Indonesian

Parliament passed the Second Amendment to their 1945 Constitution, adding a Bill of Rights. Article 28I(1) of this Bill declares that "The right not to be prosecuted on the basis of a retroactive law [is a] human right... that cannot be diminished under any circumstances." Parliament based this provision on Article 11(2) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

When East Timor voted for independence on Sept. 4 1999, the Criminal Code in Indonesia had no provisions attending to large scale crimes against humanity. It was only after the widespread human rights violations in East Timor, linked to the Indonesian military itself, that Indonesia enacted law 39/1999 addressing human rights. The Military lobby in the Indonesian Parliament was strong, and prior to the passing of the Bill of Rights in August 2000, human rights activists and academics publicly opposed the anti-retroactive provision on the grounds that it would exempt the Indonesian military from investigations into past violations committed in East Timor and other provinces. It seems likely that the

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Disjointed thoughts from the eye of hurricane Isabel

Mass Appeal Jon Massimino

Last week I was scolded by my Commentaries Editor, and rightfully so. Apparently the main points of my last article had nothing to do with each other. Basically, I mashed two commentaries into one, and one would have to die a slow death to really have the article make sense. After Annie and I searched for any coherent transition between our hunt for a new Dean and articles of *Law Weekly* past, I realized that she was right. What was I thinking? Well, to be honest I had serious space concerns for the back page and I was willing to sacrifice quality to avoid blank pages. But Annie's admonition gave me a great idea for my article this week.

I've wanted to do this for a while, but I didn't really think I could pull it off until now. Great columnists are allowed to get away with this once they have arrived on the national scene. The eerie pre-hurricane weather put me in a kooky, full moon type of mood, and now here it is: my disjointed and random thoughts unite to form a commentary. However, the question remains - who will pass judgment on this column next week? I'm sure everyone reading it will have an opinion or two, but I know for sure I will hear from Annie...

1. There needs to be a new type of air travel segregation - those who are used to traveling and those who aren't. That way, those who understand the temporal physics necessary to gauge whether a piece of carry-on luggage will fit into the overhead bins can avoid those who spend ten minutes trying to fit their guitar cases under the seat in front of them. In my rare appearance at Dulles International Airport last Thursday, and in the face of heightened hurricanally-induced paranoia, it seemed as though the majority of the people there likened a trip on a plane to the apocalypse. Many were visibly shaking in the face of flight. This day in particular, I was surrounded by the type of people, who were otherwise completely normal and reasonable human beings, but abandoned all common sense upon parking at the airport. Experienced travelers don't need to deal with this; they want to fly with other people who are equipped to handle it. They just want to travel as efficiently as possible, and that is impossible with the number of people who just do not understand the process.

2. Is *The OC* on Fox the most socially relevant television show to come

along since *South Park*? I think the answer is clear, but I'm not quite ready to talk about it yet.

3. Speaking of socially relevant, there is no way that Hillary Duff should be doing what she is doing right now. I can't decide whether she is simply an overachiever, a byproduct of greedy parents, or all of the above. Either way, she is walking dangerous ground that no 15 year-old should be on. I know that we will always have child stars, the Aaron Carters and Lil' Bow Wows of the world, but Duff is taking it to a whole new level. Didn't we all learn our lesson with Britney Spears? Her career has been downgraded to the point that whenever she needs a boost, she continues her game of strip poker with *Rolling Stone* and takes off one more piece of clothing for its cover. Not that I'm complaining, but it seems like Hillary Duff is a genuinely nice person deserves better. Am I the only person that thinks this way?

4. An interview tip - sometimes they are being quiet on purpose! It is a test to see how assertive you are and can be, and as I recently learned it is also a negotiating tactic to make you so nervous that you just start giving up information you never meant to give up, or at least you aren't as articulate as you would like to be. As my professor went over this in class last week, I thought that there is no way someone has the guts to do this. I could not have been more wrong. Jerks.

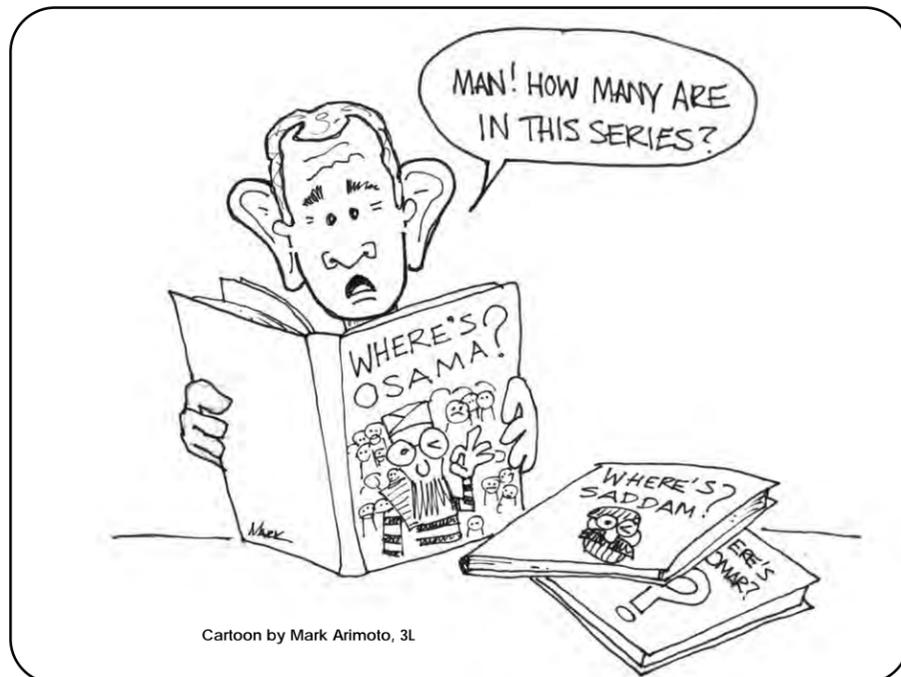
5. How can Space Mountain be closed until 2005? Re-launch in two years? I'm going to be sick. In my recent visit, not only was the best ride closed, but also Splash Mountain, the Haunted Mansion and Big Thunder Railroad. As far as I'm concerned, ride closures happen for the same reason as network outages - gross incompetence. Seriously, tighten the bolts and get those things up and running again. I didn't pay \$50 to ride Peter Pan all day.

6. Okay, I'm still upset about air travel in general, so one last thought there. Shouldn't people have the common courtesy to not invade your seat during flights? Remember back in the day how you would draw an imaginary line down the middle of the car and your younger sibling would, in a perfect world, respect that line as inviolate and avoid it like the plague? Such is the unspoken rule in airplanes. You know, on second thought, why am I pissed off about this? Come on over - the more the merrier! Of course I spent \$350 to share my seat with you! Do you need more

under the Anti-Terrorism Bill.

On the defensive, Amrozi's lawyers argued that his prosecution was retroactive, but their position was rejected by the panel of judges on May 22, 2003 claiming that there is no legal dispute in this case because "the application of retroactivity can be justified." What is the nature of this justifiable breach? Why are those accused of participating in bombings accountable to laws passed after their alleged crime was committed while members of the Indonesian army who participated in widespread human rights violations in East Timor less than five years ago not? The court clearly stated in Amrozi's case that the retroactive application of the anti-terrorism decree raises no legal questions. Amrozi is appealing his sentence.

It seems that something has been missing from the coverage of this bomb-



arm and legroom to spread out? I'll scoot over. Want to tuck your head my direction while you sleep? No problem. Does that love handle need some more breathing room? Go ahead and spill it over the armrest. Ye gods. Seriously people - know the line, respect the line.

7. This whole extreme weather thing needs to stop. First snow, then rain, then hurricanes, then I'm told to expect another record snowfall this winter? With that in mind, I am curious why people are shocked when told that Phoenix is the sixth largest city in the country. All you have to do is go inside to escape the heat - it doesn't disrupt your life.

8. While one of the most confusing human emotions is jealousy, even more confusing is the decision to act upon that jealousy. If one of your colleagues has more friends and is generally treated better than you for good reasons, what do you do? Do you look within, analyze your own behavior, and attempt to get back into the game? I used to think that was the way to go, but now it appears the only course of action is to accept no responsibility, complain to higher-ups, and instigate more plots for your downfall than there already were.

9. The stellar group of *Law Weekly* writers and editors have been forced to become nomads. We are now in our third meeting place for the four meetings we've had. I am reminded of the classic *Seinfeld* bit where even though Jerry had made a reservation at the car rental company, it really didn't mean he would get a car, leading to this dead-on exchange, "I know what a reservation is,

sir." "No, I don't think you do." Even though we are allegedly now in the same room for the rest of the semester, I am not inclined to believe it. What did we do wrong? Out of all the rooms, were there no others available to kick a class into at five on Mondays? If so, then this school really is too big. Wouldn't the class taking over Room 109 rather be in Room 205? Is the *Law Weekly* being punk'd in favor of other student groups? If so, then hell hath no fury like an EIC's scorn. I was advised that things will hopefully get better when the new buildings are done. That makes me, a 3L, feel a whole lot better. I have difficulty following the ill-fated leaps of logic behind moving us like we're in witness protection. The News Editors have come up with an idea for a series of investigative articles that will shed light on how certain GULC processes work. Emy's article on OJA and Feras's on insurance premiums are examples of this. Not that there is anything wrong with either of those processes, but it just helps us to understand how certain decisions are made. The room assignment process may need to be next in line.

So there they are - some thoughts from the eye of the hurricane that tore the area apart while I was riding the Matterhorn at Disneyland. I wish I could write articles like this every week, but I don't think I've built up enough journalistic credibility to get away with it yet, not to mention the wrath of my Commentaries Editor. I'll have to wait for the *Post* to come calling before I slide into newspaper decadence.

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Indonesian Parliament was aware of the import of article 28I(1) and fully intended it to prevent retroactive prosecution. This would hold true regardless of whether the article was passed with the intention of shielding the military, or out of a general desire to bring Indonesia into line with international practices in the post-Suharto era.

To further clarify the hierarchy of laws in Indonesia, its Parliament helpfully passed decree III/2000 on The Sources of Law and The Hierarchy of Laws and Regulations. Article 2 states that the Constitution is the Primary Source of law in Indonesia and subordinates all other legal instruments. It seems clear that their Constitution would bar the prosecution of Amrozi

and the subsequent arrests and trials. Everyone is only too happy that the main culprit is going to die. Looking over a variety of news sources, I have been unable to find any questions asked regarding the legality of Amrozi's trial.

A handful of scholars have noticed that the Bali Bombers are being prosecuted retroactively. They are in support of retroactive prosecution, and employ what appears to be forced argumentation by linking the Nuremberg Trials and the pressing urgency of human right violations with the right to make legal exceptions for prosecuting terrorists retroactively.

While terrorism is unpopular, the cavalier way in which the all-important principle against retroactive prosecution is bypassed raises uncomfortable questions. If a particular type of crime becomes extraordinarily unpopular,

could it lead to the enactment of extra laws and penalties that could be made to apply retroactively? If the US Congress decides tomorrow that tobacco firms violate human rights because they sell a product that ruins the health of millions, can even former tobacco company CEOs be arrested and sentenced to death by firing squad?

The arguments over retroactivity are much too deep and broad to treat in a short commentary like this. But it seems certain that we can expect Indonesia's nascent judicial system to wrestle with this problem over the next few months as Amrozi's appeal makes its way up. A poorly reasoned judgment against Amrozi will make a mockery of Indonesia's newly promulgated Constitutional Amendment and laws, possibly leading to disastrous consequences for its fledgling democracy.