



Photo courtesy of Jillian Redding

Eric Miller '10 and Christopher Houck '10 emerged victorious from the Mock Trial Society's William R. Davis Competition on Halloween night. See commentary on page 6 for the opposition's view on the competition.

Triffon '09 wins Hastie Competition

By Christopher Parkin

The Connecticut Moot Court Board celebrated the culmination of the 30th Annual William H. Hastie Memorial Moot Court Competition October 24th as the William R. Davis Courtroom played host to final arguments in *Williams v. U.S.*

The dispute, modeled on the pending Supreme Court case of *Kimbrough v. United States*, asked competitors to consider whether a federal district court judge was bound to apply the 100:1 crack to powder cocaine sentencing ratio set by Congress and the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines. The largest Hastie field in recent memory was forced to tackle this very slippery

See HASTIE, p. 5

Law Review symposium discusses unconscious discrimination in law

By Lynn Kelly

Have you ever encountered a scholarly work that at once filled you with relief, despair and hope about the human condition and your own identity? It's unlikely, yet most panelists at The Connecticut Law Review's symposium on unconscious discrimination shared this reaction to the same piece: *The Id, the Ego, and Equal Protection*. The watershed article for critical race theory was written by keynote speaker and Georgetown Law Professor Charles Lawrence.

The symposium marked the 20th anniversary of the article's publication. Lawrence said he is worried about how the Supreme Court's stance on school desegregation has changed in that time — and indeed in the years after the high court desegregated public schools in *Brown v. Board of Education*.

The Supreme Court's recent decision *Community Schools v. Seattle* took explicitly race-conscious school assignment plans off the table. It was a decision Lawrence deemed "the rape of *Brown*" as he described the pain he felt over "the claim that it assented." The reasoning of the Court — that the only way to stop racial discrimination is to stop using race as a factor in these decisions — erroneously decoupled intent and injury, Lawrence said.

The keynote speech was followed by three groups of panelists, each with a fascinating contribution based on Lawrence's article. Professor Mari Matsuda, also of the Georgetown University Law Center, provided a particularly captivating reaction to the article: An "it wasn't me" attitude can stunt progress in any social movement — whether it be preserving the environment, immigration, or instilling the value of diversity in our culture.

Particularly problematic, said Matsuda, are apathy and denial in those with the tools to affect change. Disagreement with traditionally racist attitudes is not enough, she said. A failure to confront discrimination in social and administrative

See SYMPOSIUM, p. 5

Record-breaking auction

PILG Auction nets over \$30,000 to aid students pursuing public interest internships

page 2

Scalia likes defendants?

Federalist Society sponsors lecture on originalism and formalism in criminal procedure

page 3

Omission draws reply

Issues raised by lack of Latino representation at Law Review forum explored by three students

page 6

PILG Auction raises over \$30,000 to endow students

By Katrina Goyco

On the evening of November 9, the 15th Annual Public Interest Law Group Auction was an event to remember at the West Hartford Town Hall. The weather was colder than most nights this year, and the weatherman threatened snow, but this did not stop people from streaming into the Town Hall's large auditorium, adorned with flowers and pumpkins for the occasion. The Auction is the law school's only "special event" drawing the entire law school community including students, faculty, and staff, as well as local attorneys and alumni, and of course family and friends.

The Hall High School Jazz Combo provided classy entertainment to begin the evening.

Krause Caterers provided light food to boost people's energy and two cash bars to help loosen people's wallets. People toured the tables that lined the room with 213 silent auction items to feast their eyes on, debating which items to hover over in the final five minutes before closing time. A total of 69 live auction items were auctioned off by eleven lively auctioneers. Dean Jeremy Paul and Michael Nichols made for an energetic kickoff. Fallon Depina, in a classic black dress, and Ernesto Castillo, in a classic coonskin cap, continued the momentum. Assistant Dean of Admissions Karen Demeola then captivated the crowd with a one-woman show. Maura Droney and Matthew Shiroma kept people laughing and bidding higher just for the

entertainment. Professors Hilary Greene and Perry Bechky took over the reigns, and persuaded Julianne Lombardo, 2L lead singer from the band "Attractive Nuisance," to sing a couple tunes for the audience - people clapped along. To top off the evening, the Jo(h)ns, Jon Burby and John Kim, took the stage and kept everyone going strong after engaging the crowd in Auction exercises including "the confident bidder," "swipe the credit card," and the "congratulatory high five."

The event was a resounding success, raising over \$30,000 to put towards the law school's PILG endowment fund. This special endowment fund aids in the funding of PILG's coveted fellowships given out every year to a limited number of law students

who choose to take summer jobs for little to no pay at public interest organizations. Director of Student Services, Dr. Jane Brown, can not remember a time when the PILG Auction ever raised so much money or ever achieved an increase of over \$5,000 as compared to the previous year. The difference has usually been only about \$1,000 to \$2,000.

PILG owes it all to its three Auction Chairs: Ingrid Swanson, Naurin Hashmi, and Tiffany Camp. Ingrid took it upon herself to revamp our solicitation list, adding hundreds of new items. The chairs implemented new means of advertising. These innovative ideas surely contributed to the historical success of this year's PILG Auction.

Pro Se

Volume II
Issue No. 3
November 14, 2007

Student newspaper serving the University of Connecticut School of Law since 2006

Editor in Chief: Katrina Goyco
Managing Editor: Lynn Kelly
Executive Editors: Naurin Hashmi, Christophe Renaud
Production Editors: Patrick Linsey, Kyle McCarthy
Sports Editors: John Kim, Aaron Mensh

Contributors

Mariedy Collazo
Fallon Depina
Margaret Goodell
Christopher Hatch
Tarae Howell
Jonathan Lewis
Heather McRoberts
James Moody
Nicole Netkin-Collins
Christopher Parkin
Brooke Penrose
Alexandra Rosenblatt
Christopher Sanetti
Allison Silva
Alejandra Silva

Domestic violence spurs panel

WLSA-sponsored discussion centers on prevention

By Brooke Penrose

The panel hosted by WLSA on October 24th, tackled issues including domestic violence shelters, ensuring children's safety and the punishment of abusers. Lisa Holden, of the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and Kevin Dunn, Assistant State's Attorney for Bridgeport's Domestic Violence special docket brought their expertise to the panel.

Holden said the mission of outreach to domestic violence survivors at shelters has changed dramatically in the past decade. Where once they told battered women that they had to leave their partners, now they sometimes create

safety plans so that they may stay with their abusers. As Holden pointed out, shelters' prior attitude of insisting that survivors have to leave "just wasn't working." There were often complicated issues regarding children, economic duress, or feelings of emotional attachment. In order to keep victims safe, Holden discussed strategies for preventing violent abuse such as creating signals with neighbors to call for help or planting a cell phone in the yard so their children can call the police.

Dunn spoke about the state's relatively new mandatory arrest requirement established in response to the noticeable reluctance of police officers to make arrests in

response to domestic violence. Dunn pointed out though that one of the unintentional effects of this mandate is that sometimes it is the survivor of a pattern of domestic violence that is arrested for his/her single act of violence in defense. Part of his job, he noted, is to use his discretion in separating the cases worthy of prosecution and those that are not truly reflective of an overall abusive relationship.

The discussion left the audience with the sense that the key to successfully tackling domestic violence is keeping in mind a balance between the desire to punish abusers and the need to support survivors' choices.

Social justice and detainee rights discussed at NLG national convention in D.C.

By Alexandra Rosenblatt, Nicole Netkin-Collins and Allison Silva

Earlier this month, four UConn students attended the National Lawyers Guild convention in Washington, D.C. For three days we attended panel discussions and workshops surrounded by lawyers, law students and legal workers from forefronts of almost every major social justice movement in the last 70 years.

The National Lawyers Guild is the oldest and largest public interest bar organization in the United States. It was founded in 1937 as an alternative to the American Bar Association, which, at the time, did not admit people of color.

At the convention, we heard from lawyers representing detainees at Guantanamo Bay - including representatives from The Center for Constitutional Rights in New York City. The discussion centered not only on the details of Guantanamo, but also on the larger issues of due process and habeas corpus violations on a national and international level.

In addition, we heard from attorneys working with immigrant rights organizations across the country and activists from the ACLU who all spoke out against immigration raids. These raids tear families apart, violate people's constitutional rights, and detain individuals under deplorable conditions in immigrant detention centers, they said.

Those of us who attended the Dismantling Racism workshop felt it was one of the weekend's highlights. In discussing our own race and ethnic backgrounds, we were able to have more honest conversations about the way white privilege influences all aspects of daily life - often preventing the creation of alliances and thwarting attempts to eradicate racism.

After a weekend of networking with these inspiring legal advocates, we return to the law school with a host of ideas for creating connections with other student groups on campus and in the community at large. We look forward to developing "Know Your Rights" training, which may include instruction for people navigating through the criminal justice system, immigrants and veterans, along with "Legal Observer" training for public demonstrations.

Sixth Amendment under scrutiny in Fed Society lecture

By Christopher Hatch

The UConn Law Federalist Society hosted University of Pennsylvania law professor Stephanos Bibas last month for a lecture titled "Originalism and Formalism in Criminal Procedure: The Triumph of Justice Scalia, the Unlikely Friend of Criminal Defendants?" Bibas offered his analysis of two recent Sixth Amendment cases, *Crawford v. Washington* and *Blakely v. Washington*. In the *Crawford* opinion, Scalia confronted inconsistent admissible-hearsay provisions at the federal and state court level by analyzing the literal and Sixth Amendment's historical interpretations of the Confrontation Clause. He concluded the Framers would not have allowed admission of testimonial statements of a witness who did not appear at trial.

In *Blakely*, a Washington state judge increased the sentence of a man who kidnapped his estranged wife from the statutory maximum fifty-three months to ninety months because he acted with "deliberate cruelty." Washington State allowed judges to increase sentences beyond the guidelines if they had "substantial and compelling" reasons. The defendant in this case never admitted to acting with "deliberate cruelty" and the issue was never submitted to the jury. In an opinion by Justice Scalia, the Court held that the Washington State law violated the Sixth Amendment's right to a trial by jury; any fact that is used in a criminal trial to increase a sentence beyond statutory guidelines must be found to be beyond a reasonable doubt by a jury.

Professor Bibas applauded Scalia's originalist decision in *Crawford* because it resolved unpredictable hearsay determinations with a clear rule of law. However, he called the *Blakely* decision a failure because of the lack of clarity in the historical record concerning the right to a jury trial and his belief that the Court's rule is impractical in determining sentences. Bibas noted that, although the holding was supposed to ensure the idealistic notion of a jury trial, it could easily be eroded by legislative increasing maximum sentences or prosecutors piling on charges.

UConn Law's own Professor Lofty Becker provided commentary on Bibas' words, noting that, in his estimation, Justice Scalia is a "fair-weather originalist." In support of that statement he declared that under Scalia's notion of originalism, which Professor Becker interpreted as "what the words of the Constitution would have meant to an average person of the late 18th century," juries should be comprised of only men. Professor Becker concluded that, to an extent, we are all "fair-weather originalists" when originalism supports our position, but the true test is whether a decision produces a sensible rule of law.

The UConn Law Federalist Society is a group of conservative, libertarian and moderate students interested in the current state of the legal order. Members hold a variety of views and ideologies, but share a common belief that the state exists to preserve freedom, the separation of governmental powers is central to our Constitution, and it is emphatically the province and duty of the judiciary to say what the law is, not what it should be.

Film exposes plight of the wrongly convicted

By Margaret Goodell

"All of that pain must have had a purpose," entreats Barry Sheck in the film, *After Innocence*. That is the driving motto of The Innocence Project, a program that seeks to exonerate false prisoners, and of which Sheck is a co-founder. Since its inception in 1992, The Innocence Project has freed 200 wrongly convicted men. Many of them were convicted by faulty eyewitness testimony, and most of them were exonerated by DNA evidence.

After *Innocence*, was shown on October 26 and followed by a panel discussion moderated by Professor Furnow. The film follows six men who have been exonerated through the program as they struggle to reconcile

their years of imprisonment and reclaim their lives on the outside. False convictions took more from these men than time; in prison they were stripped of their identities, separated from their families, robbed of their livelihoods, and subjected to deplorable prison conditions. Despite the injustice they have faced, the men chronicled in *After Innocence* are only concerned with getting their lives back on track. "Anger stagnates a person's growth," explains Calvin Willis, who spent 21.5 years in a Louisiana jail for a rape he did not commit, "I can't afford to be angry."

The most troubling aspect of the film is the inescapable feeling that the government was more interested in convicting someone for these crime than finding the actual

culprit. Scott Hornoff, who was exonerated after being falsely convicted of murder, explains that, "I think [the judge, the prosecutors and other justice officials] were upset at me for being innocent," voicing a sentiment common to many men in the film. At the panel discussion following the film, Judge Michael Sheldon addressed the problem of perception trumping reality in the justice system, warning "if a person believes that if someone is arrested they are probably guilty," then jurors will never hold the prosecution responsible for proving the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The panel also discussed the power of new DNA technologies to redeem falsely convicted men. The Innocent

Project has used DNA evidence to free many men, but panelists Deborah Messina of Connecticut State Forensic Science Laboratory and forensic scientist Carl Ladd discussed the limitations of DNA evidence and emphasized that it is only one method of investigating a crime.

Ultimately, panelists Judge Sheldon and Attorney Karen Goodrow, the Director of the Connecticut Innocence Project, stressed to the audience that defense attorneys must strive to make juries identify with their client, and represent their clients with open minds to save them from the tragic fate of the men portrayed in *After Innocence*.

Information about The Innocence Project is available at www.innocenceproject.org.

Warding off the inevitable exam stress in six easy steps

By Dr. Jane Brown

As Thanksgiving nears we think about the holidays, vacation, family, and of course, exams. The first three conjure warm memories, the later, stress and tension.

So what can law students do to keep stress at bay before and during exams? Here are six tips to help you keep calm throughout the next 4 weeks until exams.

1. Keep organized. You know what needs to be done between now, the end of classes, and your exams. Write it out, make a schedule and keep to it.
2. If you have signed up to take computer exams, download the software and run a practice test. No one wants to be the student having computer problems at the start of the exam, another large source of stress.

3. Go to review sessions, exam workshops, etc. which will help you organize the information.
4. Stay healthy! Eat well, sleep 7 to 8 hours per night, and wash your hands frequently.
5. Relax! Large amounts of information do not enter or remain in a stressed brain. Take a walk, exercise, do some holiday shopping, or do something for yourself. You will then be able to study more productively.
6. Take Thanksgiving Day off! Your family and friends need to see you and spend time with you. Remember, they are the ones supporting you through these law school years - give them a day of your undivided attention and do not feel guilty.

Redding '09 claims prize for best brief

from HASTIE, p. 1

post-Booker issue and, after several rounds of fierce competition, Jillian Redding and Tara Lynn Triffon, both 2Ls, emerged as finalists.

Redding and Triffon fought hard to advance their positions before the esteemed judgment panel of U.S. District Court Judge Vanessa L. Bryant, '79, Connecticut Supreme Court Justice Richard N. Palmer, '77, and Connecticut Appellate Court Judge C. Ian McLachlan. Redding argued for the petitioner that the sentencing court was well within its rights to issue a below-guidelines sentence, as the guidelines are only advisory and the court fulfilled all its statutory obligations. Triffon argued for the government that the guidelines still have considerable weight and judges are not free to deviate simply because they believe the cocaine ratio to be unjust.

A split panel found in favor of Triffon. The runner-up, Redding, also earned the Best Brief Prize. Elissa Glucksman, 2L, was named Best Oralist. All three were invited to join the Moot Court Board. Additionally, invitations were extended to 2Ls Jared Cantor, Dallas Dodge, Brian Minehan, and Lena Tsvaygenbaum for their outstanding preliminary round performances.

After rendering its decision, the judgment panel graciously engaged in an impromptu question-and-answer-session on the issues presented by the case and oral advocacy generally.

Symposium sparks constructive dialogue; keynote speaker makes controversial remarks

Oquendo Urges Continued Dialogue in Response to Lack of Latino/a Representation at Diversity Symposium

Editor's Note: Prof. Angel Oquendo sent a campus-wide e-mail upon learning the diversity symposium would not include Latino representation and engaged the community in discussion. Prof. Oquendo continued the dialogue by submitting this letter to Pro Se. See pg. 6 for student commentary on the issue.

It seems to me that, in the aftermath of the Law Review Symposium, we have had a rich conversation on Latina/os and racism. I have learned an enormous amount through formal and informal discussions with the members of the Latina/o community on campus. The input of numerous other individuals and groups has been truly wonderful. The Law Review has also responded extremely positively.

Many people at the law school realize all too well not only the significance of the Latina/o experience in U.S. society, but also the importance of taking affirmative steps to incorporate the Latina/o perspective in any debate on discrimination or exclusion. The dialogue over the past week has hopefully helped to increase awareness on this issue and to dispel the notion, which some attendees may have taken from the conference, that Latina/o scholars and lawyers have not contributed much to critical race theory and practice.

Having already talked plenty on this topic, I would like to use this opportunity simply to open up this forum for students to have their say, pro se. A broader audience will thus be able to listen and to profit from their insights. Muchas gracias.

Ángel Oquendo

from SYMPOSIUM, p. 1

structures can be as much as in as conventional racism, Matsuda said.

Other notable speakers included the Hon. Janet Bond Arteron of the U. S. District Court for the District of Connecticut, who explained her concerns over the potentially discriminatory impact of jury questioning; Professor Catherine Smith of the University of Denver School of Law, who discussed the importance of minority groups adopting cooperative strategies to reach common goals; and Professor John Tehranian of the University of Utah College of Law, who noted the complexity of the Middle Eastern-American experience.

But the day was not without controversy. And, although the discussion acknowledged challenges confronting all racial groups, the regrettable absence of any Latino/a speaker on the panels was noted. Further, the event's second keynote speaker, Professor Amy Wax of the University of Pennsylvania School of Law, said challenges faced by the black community may be due to non-racist factors — including lower scores on standardized tests.

Some in attendance found Wax's remarks callously delivered, particularly when she spoke of educational and achievement differences among races as "fact," but declined to consider a solution to the problem beyond suggesting it is up to individuals to help themselves. Lawrence suggested the argument was a dressed up example of the "it wasn't me" attitude he believes continues to undermine progress in the black community. The event was considered a success by both its organizers and Professor Lawrence, and contributions by the panelists will be published this May in the C.L.R.

Production Editor Patrick R. Lindsey contributed to this report.

Latinos unrepresented at Law Review Symposium

*Students say the omission
detracted from event*

By Mariedy Collazo, Tarae Howell and Alejandra Silva

First and foremost, the lack of Latino representation at the Law Review Symposium was detrimental to achieving the overall purpose of the event. The school administration could be perceived as dismissive, and the fact remains that no one was there to represent the interests, perspectives and experiences of this nation's fastest growing minority group. However, this event has created a pathway to a more in-depth dialogue about the issues of diversity and inclusiveness.

In order to begin the process of remediating this situation, there needs to be an understanding of some factors that allow the cycle of "unconscious" discrimi-

COMMENTARY

nation to continue. One of these factors has come to be known amongst minority students as the "check-the-box" phenomenon, where the administration is unaware that their numbers do not accurately reflect students who will offer a diverse perspective and make positive and significant contributions to the community at large. The admissions process should be tailored to select students that do not only "check-the-box" and also select students that truly see the world through a different set of lenses.

Another factor is the lack of collaboration amongst student groups on campus. While these groups ultimately serve a very important individual purpose, there are larger community goals that can only be achieved through collaboration. The ability to work together will foster a more diverse and inclusive campus which will benefit the student body, the administration, and the Greater Hartford Community. Strong leadership in conjunction with meaningful partnerships will lead the path towards ensuring that Latino interests are properly represented on campus while simultaneously furthering the interests of the Law School community as a whole.

The Davis Competition: A student's perspective

By James Moody

COMMENTARY

It must have been around the second week of law school that I made the fateful decision to sign up for the Mock Trial Society's William R. Davis Competition. The second week. I had no idea what I was getting myself into. And so with that particular brand of enthusiasm only afforded to the utterly pants-on-head clueless, my partner and I willfully submitted ourselves to what would be, come October, the two most gloriously, awfully, wonderfully, horribly, psychotically, intense weeks of my long and storied legal career.

We, my partner Alec and I, had decided that we would spend all of October preparing for battle. Mustering the troops. Stockpiling weaponry. By the night before the preliminary rounds, we had assembled the equivalent of two amputees and a sling-shot. And so one sleepless night later we were in our first "courtroom" and I was doing my first cross-examination, and I was visibly shaking. Maybe even softly crying to myself, as I asked one objectionable question after another. And yet somehow, by the grace of Justice Holmes and his horse-drawn carriage alone, we advanced. One more sleepless night, one more pack of smokes, twenty-four hours to revamp our case after realizing, finally, that our defendant was covered in blood.

My apartment had become some kind of pathetic

god-forsaken boiler-room for law school degenerates. Empty boxes of Camel Lights and various editions of the Federal Rules of Evidence were stacked to the ceiling, balanced only upon microwaveable burrito wrappers, dirty socks, and maybe, just maybe, a dream. And yet somehow we kept advancing. And while it was our initial intent to do just that, after a week of sleeping in shifts and defiling our bodies with the worst that Ravi-Mart had to offer, our only wish was for relief.

The trials, though, were going better. No more shaking. We had stopped saying "Objection Your Honor, that question...sucks." I managed to spell the defendant's name correctly during my closing. Things were looking up. We had become accustomed to the capricious nature of the trial...of the law: some judges fell asleep, others did not. We were on a collision course for the Finals.

And that is where everything finally ground to a halt. The skipped classes. The extra lung cancer. The burritos. We got beat. Before professors, parents, piers, and a Federal Court Judge, we got beat. Sweet relief, so long desired, was finally afforded to us, albeit at the expense of some pride and public humiliation. But we made it. And during comments one of the judges told me that I was charming. Beat that, Counsel for the State.

Dean's Corner: A message from Dean Jeremy Paul

Lessons in diversity spur communication and understanding

For the last several months our collective study of law has been mixed with some striking lessons about our diverse community. No one can claim we have had an entirely smooth ride. Nor should anyone doubt that one source of our recent experiences is that the patterns and practices we have inherited from prior generations are insufficient to handle the communications technologies and increasingly diverse environment we now confront. Our growing pains should not cause us to forget that each step we take in making our campus look more like America is a cause for celebration.

Professor Calloway has already enlisted Faculty cooperation to explore issues arising in classroom discussion. The Diversity Advisory Committee chaired by Professor Berger is working on ways that our law school can become a leader in this area. I plan to ask Dean Chill to convene a small group of student leaders who can meet with the administration on a regular basis to improve communication across campus. I have no doubt we will all

"Our growing pains should not cause us to forget that each step we take in making our campus look more like America is a cause for celebration."

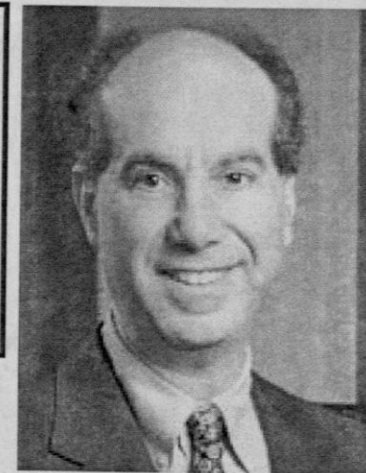
-- Dean Jeremy Paul

continue to impress each other in our willingness to work together.

Recent focus on one sort of diversity, however, has produced sufficient comment about other sorts of openness that I plan to raise the issue with the faculty. I've heard from students that they find some of our classrooms inhospitable to particular points of view, particularly those on the conservative side of the political spectrum. Alleged discrimination based on viewpoint, of course, is different from intolerance arising from long-lasting historical oppression. But we need not weigh one against the other. Better to acknowledge that we are failing as teachers to the extent that any student feels his or her heartfelt, reasoned

views on any topic are unwelcome due to where they fall on the political spectrum.

Of course, I don't wish to oversimplify the matter. Law is a public profession committed to public reasoning. Ideological stances based on inarticulate private conviction (that's my viewpoint and I don't care to discuss it) are difficult to incorporate within legal discourse. Moreover one sometimes wonders whether either major political party can present a coherent platform. Conservatives favor federal regulation in areas such as tort reform yet they long championed state approaches to topics such as family and medical leave. Liberals have been on the opposite sides of both questions. And, as I say to students at



every possible occasion, liberals and conservatives who sincerely believe their views are in the public interest are actually allies in the battle against greed and cynicism, which seem much more dangerous to our collective well-being.

Complexity aside, however, the law school owes it to each and every student to train you to think as long and as clearly as you can about the best solutions to contemporary problems, wherever such ideas originate. Our country has a lot of work to do, and we don't have a single lawyer to waste.

Dear UConn Community:

The SBA has been hard at work trying to improve inter-group communication to reduce event conflicts and guarantee that student groups use their full budgets.

We are currently developing a community calendar on TWEN so that student groups can communicate with each other and consult one another when event planning. Please

note that dates for events receiving SBA funding were due last week. These dates will be entered into the calendar. These dates are also important because pursuant to the SBA's spending guidelines, groups have 15 days from the date of their event to submit a request for repayment to avoid reallocation of their funds. As such, groups still in need of funding for events this semester should submit requests as soon as possible to

be considered for any funding that may be reallocated. However, there is no guarantee of additional funding.

Our hope is that these changes will encourage groups to use all the funds that were allocated to them and consider other event dates when planning future events.

Happy Holidays,
The SBA Eboard

A note from the SBA

By Fallon Depina

The Back Page

Red Sox triumph leaves students fulfilled, despondent

By John Kim and Aaron Mensh

"We did it!" screamed 2L Samantha Kenney. "It's a great time to be a Boston sports fan."

On October 28th, many members of the UConn Law School community celebrated as the Boston Red Sox defeated the Colorado Rockies to become the 2007 World Series Champions. This is the second title in four years for the Red Sox, a team that famously went 86 years between championships before winning it all in 2004. The team's sudden rise — from perennial loser to post-season juggernaut — has captivated Red Sox Nation, not only in Beantown but here on our campus as well.

The recent success has helped some Red Sox fans begin to forget about their once-losing ways.

"I thought it was a great se-

ries, but, as a Red Sox fan, I'm always expecting the worst," said U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Jonathan Burby, a 2L and member of the Arts, Entertainment, and Sports Law Society. "I still remember watching Bucky Dent's homerun in '78 while stationed in Santo Domingo."

Burby was last seen picking up J.D. Drew for his fantasy baseball team.

Not all is rosy though with longtime Red Sox fans. Boston's recent success has shifted the Red Sox image from underdogs to alpha-dogs, leaving some "hardcore" supporters viewing their team's sudden popularity as an affront to those who stuck by them through the more trying seasons. The many, many more trying seasons.

"It makes me sick when I see all of these people who are suddenly Red Sox fans, wearing those pink hats and talking

like they know what it's like to be a fan" remarked Tony Lu, 1L and a self-professed lifelong Red Sox fan. "Most [of] these people think Mo Vaughn was a sequel to Swingers."

Most members of Red Sox nation at UConn Law, however, are just happy to be enjoying another championship for their favorite team.

"I loved every minute of it", said Adam Marks, 2L and unabashed frontrunner. "I'm just glad it's over, though, so I can finally get some work done".

Fortunately (or not) for them, law students rooting for the New York Yankees did not have the same worry this post-season. The Yankees were defeated in the first round by the Cleveland Indians.

"I hope Derek Jeter is working on his intangibles this off-season", said 2L Yankees fan John DiManno, who has already outlined all his classes

and has moved on to reading for next semester. "At least I had fun at Fall Ball."

Yankees fans weren't the only ones with a gloomy look on their faces. Apparently there are Mets fans on campus too. The New York Metropolitan, who let a promising season slip away in the final month, barely missed the playoffs.

Amazings fans here on campus — from 3L Hilary Schwartzberg to 2L Scott Madeo — refused to answer inquiries for this piece. Madeo simply muttered, "Shame."

But a few hours to the north — and indeed for many sports fans across New England — there's a lot to smile about. When one couples Boston's victory with the Patriots current perfect season and the Celtics rejuvenation, it is quite a time to be a Boston sports fan.

Sanetti's Pearls of Wisdom *Studying for exams*



By Chris Sanetti

-- The "review benefit" of creating an outline far exceeds its usefulness in the exam room. As a result, you shouldn't rely too heavily on someone else's outline or agonize over the language in each little bullet point.

-- On most exams, you'll only have time to consult a checklist of 5-8 pages. Extracting this info from your outline is best done alone, so adjourn your study group (if you have one) at this point.

-- During exam season, get on a regular schedule for sleeping, eating, and some form of physical activity. It makes studying much easier and you'll probably perform better.

-- With weeks to go before exams, plan out your study schedule. Allocate specific times to specific classes and adjust it accordingly. Studying a subject on a whim "until you get it" leads to wasted time and sacrifices your comprehension.

-- All other things being equal, remember that clear writing has an edge over a massive block of text. Build in some time to plan out your answer, organize it, paragraph often, and spend more than 30 seconds proof-reading.

-- This one bears repeating every exam season. Nothing good can result from discussing your answer on an exam with classmates after you've left the room. Never, ever ever ever ever do it.