

## Cost continues to mount for library repairs

By Alexa Lindauer

Yet another problem with the University of Connecticut School of Law library will add \$1 million to the \$19 million price tag currently attached to repairing the \$24 million building.

The latest problem involves a precast unit above the front entrance of the facility, and will set completion of the repairs back another six weeks, with an estimated finish time late in the summer of 2009. The building exterior is embellished with a number

of precast units, which are decorative pieces poured of cement. According to Library Director Darcy Kirk, "When they took the granite off, this [precast unit] wasn't secure, so the granite was helping to hold it up."

However, the problem with the precast is relatively small when one looks at the larger picture. The library is considered to be the signature building on campus but the problems with it are extensive, including pervasive leaks, particularly on the north side of the building,

due to substandard materials and improper installation, defective anchors securing the stone front, and the lack of steel reinforcing bars within the walls. The amount of water leaking into the building raised some concerns about mold and air quality; the air in the building must now be monitored continuously to ensure that it is safe for patrons and staff.

The exterior work on the library is well underway, as demonstrated by the extensive scaffolding which currently covers the building.

Many students on campus likely have never seen the building unobstructed by construction equipment. Kirk said, "[They] are hoping to finish the majority of the exterior by the time the snow flies." The granite has been removed from three sides of the building, but Kirk added that the workers are finding unexpected problems as they have been moving along.

After the exterior work is done, interior work around the windows will need to be completed. Most offices in the building have windows,

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## Potential change in U.S. News rankings could impact tier status

By Alan Merriman

UConn Law could drop out of U.S. News and World Report's top 50 law schools next year, as the magazine may change its ranking formula to include part-time and evening program admittees' undergraduate grades and LSAT scores. The magazine is considering the change in light of criticism that some law schools use part-time and

evening programs to shield lower-achieving admittees from counting towards the rankings.

The possible inclusion of evening and part-time program scores could have a significant impact on schools already near the cusp of each tier on the ranking system, according to a recent article in *The Wall Street Journal*. The top 50 schools are considered first tier, 51 through 100 are consid-

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## Economic woes cast fresh doubts on legal job prospects

By Lynn Kelly

As the dust settles from On-Campus Interview season, many students are either choosing among firms or considering employment plan B. But in this year's turbulent economy, many firms are also facing hard decisions.

Campus has been buzzing recently with rumors of qualified students waiting on delayed offers or receiving none

at all after summers at area firms. Maria Rivera, director of UConn Law Career Services, confirmed the number of offers nationwide may be leveling off, though it is difficult to get a complete picture of the factors leading to this trend.

Tangible proof that economic pressures are changing the legal landscape came with the recent dissolution of the Connecticut firm Tyler Cooper. Tyler Cooper announced

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## Dean's Corner with Dean Jeremy Paul

By Jeremy Paul

Many Red Sox fans are still cringing at the sight of Manny Ramirez in a Dodgers uniform. Yet we understand that trades are part of the game and that Pirate fans are equally chagrined watching Jason Bay patrolling the Green Monster.

But things would feel strange indeed in Red Sox Nation if Derek Jeter arrived next spring to play shortstop at Fenway only until the All-Star break, when he would return to New York. In contrast, such short-term stints are entirely common within the world of legal education.

I'm sure many of you have noticed the wonderful crop of visiting professors who have joined our ranks this fall. Jill Anderson from Western New England is teaching Contracts and will offer Law and Interpretation and Principles of Insurance this

Spring. Abraham Bell from Bar Ilan University in Israel is teaching Advanced Topics in Constitutional Law and Introduction to Copyright. Jeremy Blumenthal from Syracuse University's College of Law is teaching Advanced Topics in Property, and Law and Psychology. David Mednicoff from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst is teaching International Human Rights. We have three energetic and talented Visiting Assistant Professors at the beginning of their academic careers: Perry Bechky, Justin Long and Neysun Mahboubi, and an exciting new clinical fellow, Margaret Martin. This spring we will welcome Mario Barnes from the University of Miami and Noah Novogrodsky, formerly of the University of Toronto. All these temporary residents provide our campus enormous intellectual energy and enable our community to learn firsthand about educational strate-

gies being employed elsewhere. This healthy tradition of traveling law professors, however, has costs for students in a particular year. I'm sure many of you have wondered where Robin Barnes is this year (University of San Diego) or Bethany Berger (Harvard) or Peter Lindseth (Yale). Steven Davidoff, who recently joined our faculty, chose to spend a year visiting at Ohio State before coming to Hartford. And Willajeanne McLean will be at Fordham this spring while Anne Dailey is at Yale. We lose something, of course, when valued members of our community are away temporarily. But we also gain when such folks return refreshed and full of lessons learned. And the good news is that the vast majority of professors who visit elsewhere ultimately come back to Connecticut. A list of those who have returned would include Anne Dailey (University of Pennsylvania);

Mark Janis (Oxford University); Richard Kay (Boston College); Tom Morawetz (UCLA and USC); Angel Oquendo (Georgetown and Berkeley); Richard Parker (Georgetown); Richard Pomp (Harvard); Stephen Utz (NYU) and Carol Weisbrod (Boston College).

In short, the practice of faculty members visiting at other schools is simply part of the way that professors re-charge and learn new skills. Sometimes we attract top notch faculty members to join us permanently after they visit here. In recent years, Patricia McCoy, Peter Siegelman, and Michael Fischl have all joined us this way. But the real key to the many temporary new faces you see around campus is that they have a great deal to offer you in knowledge, creativity and drive. I urge you to get to know them and make them feel welcome. We are all fortunate to have them here.

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## A note from the Student Bar Association

By Ben Smilowitz

### Student Groups Fundraising Ban Is Problematic

We know. Student groups are feeling like they are on a choke collar, especially when they're told that if they raise money, they'll lose lots more. With tight budgets and less money coming from the school, groups are looking to SBA for more funding. Our budget hasn't grown. As a result, student groups are finding themselves in a tough position.

One solution? Lets work with the Foundation to raise money. I will be asking the Foundation to consider working with student groups to raise money. Student groups would send their members to participate in a

phone-a-thon for the Foundation. We would figure out an arrangement where a fair percentage of the money raised would directly support the budgets of the callers' respective student groups.

### Career Services Staff Changes

Our community will be losing a wonderful student advocate in Maria Rivera's departure. Given the importance of Career Services at UCONN Law, the SBA will be watching the situation closely to make sure students have a voice in decisions that determine the future of Career Services.

The students on the Career Services Faculty Committee, Allie Rosenblatt 3LD and Dan Csuka 1LE, and

the new SBA Task Force on Career Services (Task Force still has openings), will be keeping the SBA regularly updated as the Law School decides how to deal with the vacancy.

### Library Hours

Many students have been asking why the Library closes so early! I am looking forward to working with the student members of the Library and Technology Faculty Committee, Mike Yedinak and Ryan Redfield (also 1LD and 1LE SBA Reps), to ask that very question over the coming weeks.

Until the next issue, I hope to see you at SBA meetings. We have public comment at the start of every meeting.

## Summer Law Institute educates local students

*Law and Government Academy brings law to Hartford high schoolers*

By Patricia Ryan

Tenth graders from Hartford Public High School (HPHS) and 12 UConn Law & Government Community Teaching Fellows spent this summer learning about each other and sharing their interests in law. HPHS launched its new Law & Government Academy with the Summer Law Institute, a summer bridge program that was the brainchild of UConn Law's own Wendy Clarke and Keisha Palmer. Robinson & Cole was honored to be a part of the partnership between UConn Law and HPHS, even hosting a law firm tour and luncheon for the HPHS students. Professors Jennifer Mailly and Marcia Glickman coordinat-

ed the curriculum-development class and Summer Law Institute.

The curriculum was developed by the Fellows, and included a mock trial, mock legislature, civil rights and legal writing on the First Amendment in public schools. Exciting field trips included tours of the State Legislative Office Building, State Capitol, Connecticut Supreme Court, Connecticut College, the Kelo site in New London, and the law school itself. Students attended talks by U.S. Magistrate Judge Donna F. Martinez, Connecticut State Representative Marie Lopez Kirkley-Bey, Connecticut Supreme Court Justice Richard N. Palmer, Phil Tegeler of the Poverty

& Race Research Action Council (discussing *Sheff v. O'Neill*), and Robert Sitkowski of Robinson & Cole (discussing *Kelo v. City of New London Redevelopment Agency*).

The Summer Law Institute is currently an ongoing collaboration with several goals. The mission of the Summer Law Institute is to educate and encourage Hartford students and to inform them of the many career opportunities available to them in the legal profession. The excellent performances of the Summer Law Institute students on their legal writing, mock legislature, and mock trial suggest that many are well on their way. Creating stronger relationships between UConn Law and

*This summer a dozen members of the UConn Law community shared their love of the law with Hartford high schoolers. Interested in doing the same? E-mail jennifer.maily@law.uconn.edu.*

its community and opening up opportunities for UConn Law students and professors to work in the community are additional benefits. It is planned that Summer 2009 will bring a new class of rising tenth graders and a new Summer Law Institute. UConn Law is very fortunate to be a part of this enriching collaboration.

## New class of 1Ls adjusts to campus with orientation

By Drew Schaffer

Loosening their grip on their last remnants of freedom, 1Ls descended onto the UConn Law campus for day one of orientation August 21. The staff and administration of the school, with the assistance of enthusiastic student volunteers from the 2L and 3L classes, finally got to see the result of months of preparation in action.

Orientation was filled with a plethora of instruction sessions, housekeeping issues, speeches, and ice breaker exercises, the most notable of which was a downright hilarious session of the game "Apples to Apples" during which 1L Albert Fang gave a spec-

tacular recitation of why soy sauce is an inspiration to him. 1Ls also participated in a variety of community service projects and tours organized through volunteers from the area giving the incoming class their introduction to Hartford and to local outreach opportunities.

Other highlights included an informative introduction to case briefs and a very entertaining mock trial demonstration where Humpty Dumpty [Dean Chill] sought damages from the King [Professor Pandya]. One of the most helpful and informative events was the alumni panel which allowed 1Ls to get helpful tips about how to approach their next 3 years in school and their prospects upon graduation.

Though well received, the general consensus among the 1Ls was that the panel would have been made even better with the inclusion of current students in addition to the alumni.

On the first night, the 1Ls poured out of the Starr Hall Reading Room and inundated the Half Door, where they were introduced to what is soon to become their local watering hole. Matt Carlone said of the Half Door experience, "it was a perfect mid-orientation activity as it allowed everyone to really get to know one another in a nice informal setting."

The flow of the sessions throughout the weekend was flawless and the effort that the orientation plan-

ning committee put forth was evident to all those who attended the event, though the content received mixed reviews. Jessica Feldman thought that "orientation was a great opportunity to not only meet people, but to get a good base of knowledge regarding what we are all getting ourselves into."

However, many students would have much rather had the sessions been student led rather than faculty and staff directed. "I envisioned more of a student run orientation process similar to that of undergraduate schools," said Greg Rada, adding "it is my firm belief that future sessions would be made much better by the inclusion of more current to new student interaction."

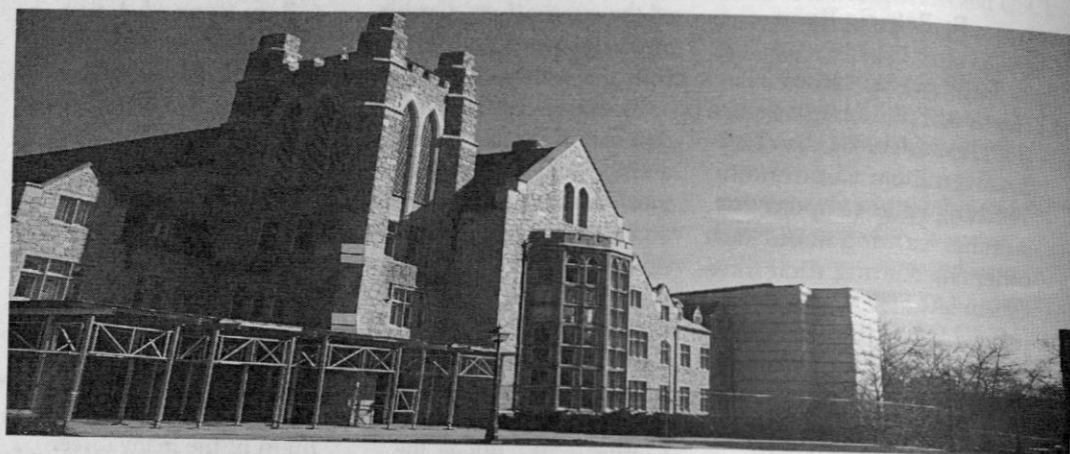
## Additional repairs to library push off completion to summer *Completion slated for summer '09 while lawsuit proceeds*

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and while some of these offices have already been moved to other spaces, a number of others will soon need to be relocated as well.

Although there have not been many incidents of students complaining about the situation, the gate counts for the library are down this fall in comparison to last fall. Additionally, the circulation desk has already gone through an entire case of earplugs. Students seem to either be avoiding the library and choosing to study in other locations, or blocking out the noise as best they can.

The building, which was completed in January of 1996, had already begun springing leaks during heavy rainfalls before the library's extensive collections were moved from the old facility in Starr Hall



*The Gothic-style library needs \$19 million in repairs to the \$24 million building to secure its structure*

Photo courtesy of Peter Hitt

to the new facility in August 1996. Despite the careful aesthetic design of the Gothic Revival, which is built of granite from the same quarry that supplied the stone for the other early 20th-century buildings on campus, something went very wrong in the construction process, which

led Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal to announce a 26-count lawsuit in February.

Meanwhile, the lawsuit is still moving forward, although its details cannot be disclosed at this time. Blumenthal announced on February 15th that he would be suing 15 de-

fendants on a 26-count action. Charges include negligence, breach of contract, product liability, breach of fiduciary duty, intentional misrepresentation and negligent misrepresentation. The State will be seeking \$15 million, which was the estimated cost of repairs at the time, plus other damages.

## Advice from 2Ls and 3Ls on how to adapt to life as a 1L

By Ami Koldhekar

With 2L/3L commentary reportedly lacking at this year's Orientation, *Pro Se* contributor Ami Koldhekar gathered anonymous advice from some UConn Law students who've been around the block – perhaps one too many times.

[Your friendly *Pro Se* editors share their thoughts in the brackets.]

“Don't be crazy and obsess over your outlines the third week of class. A good time is to start in early- to mid-November and work on them throughout the rest of the semester. They won't be

any better or worse than your gunner friend's who started on Day 2.”

[And if you fall behind, you can always take a day or two during Thanksgiving break to catch up. Your family didn't want to hear you make bad jokes about vicarious liability anyway.]

“Want to be popular? Think no one knows your name? Go hook up with someone in the other section and everyone will soon know your name. You will receive more Facebook friend requests than you ever received in a week of undergrad.”

[Maybe *Pro Se* needs a Facebook account. We'd totally friend you.]

“Do not hang out with friends who are now business school students or investment bankers. They will inevitably depress you by living their glamorous lives, working way less than you, earning more than you will ever earn and looking really, really ridiculously good-looking while doing so. In the Apple commercials, you are the P.C. You will never be the Mac.”

[We're feeling the i-bankers' pain right now. And FYI: A whole bunch of *Pro Se* gets done on Macs. Because we're hip. Yeah.]

“Pondering career options? You can always get a job at a TV law drama firm. At Crane, Poole & Schmidt:

Your suit is always fabulous. Of course you have time for a power-lunch with a big-shot client. You win your case at the last possible moment because the judge disregarded the FRCP and allowed your surprise witness to testify against your thoroughly evil adversary. You then spend several hours drinking martinis and eventually take home a hot associate. Oh, and somehow you bill 60 hours that day.”

[Just because you won't necessarily be the P.C. guy doesn't mean you'll be Alan Shore. Maybe shoot for whatever character Zack Morris is playing on that new TNT drama. But with a grown-up haircut.]

## 1Ls cross flood plains, wage war to take LSATs

By Patrick R. Linsey

Pre-test jitters are common before taking the LSAT. Essays, recommendations, even undergraduate grades aside, the Law School Admission Test remains one of the most important factors weighed by admissions committees.

But last fall, in the days before they would take the LSAT, incoming 1Ls Ami Koldhekar and Drew Schaffer had a few other things on their minds. Schaffer, an officer in the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division, was deployed in an Afghan war zone. Koldhekar, meanwhile, was planning a four-day-long journey across Western Africa, where she was serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer, to the get to the testing site.

Koldhekar was wrapping up a 27-month tour promoting economic development in Burkina Faso. She taught basic bookkeeping skills and encouraged entrepreneurship in the country where many people live on less than \$1 per day.

“It climbed up,” she said with joking pride. “It's now the third-poorest country in the world.”

The LSAT can be taken at only two places in Africa: Johannesburg, South Africa, and Accra, Ghana. Due to extremely limited air service between African cities, Koldhekar was forced to travel to Ghana by “bush taxi,” which she explained is “a minivan that is meant for 11 people but is crammed with 25 – and goats and chickens.”

Her trek was further complicated when she reached the Ghanaian border only to find a the area subject to a massive flood declared by

the United Nations a disaster area. After her bush taxi was mired in mud and water, she continued her voyage by canoe – “the only useful option at that point,” she noted. Even so, she arrived at the U.S. Embassy in Accra in time for her September test date.

“I was just kind of gritting my teeth. If I had to travel at night, I'd travel at night. I wasn't too worried about not making the test,” she said. “It's this weird intuition you develop being a Peace Corps volunteer. Even though it may take you a little bit longer, somehow you always make it in the nick of time.”

While Koldhekar was studying by lantern light in Africa, Schaffer was wondering whether he would take the test at all. At the time he was leading Army Rangers in Kandahar, a Taliban hotbed in Afghanistan.

“We got in skirmishes, but the meat of what we were doing is trying to build up [the Afghan] government from within,” he said. “Get the police trained up, get the army trained up and get the leaders within each province on board with the fact that there is a future for them.”

Schaffer's future was less certain. He had requested a military contractor to proctor the LSAT in Afghanistan.

“They said no,” Schaffer said. “I went to the staff judge advocate and he got in touch with them and told them no doesn't work.”

The judge advocate called a superior officer who called yet another superior officer. “Eventually I had a two-star general

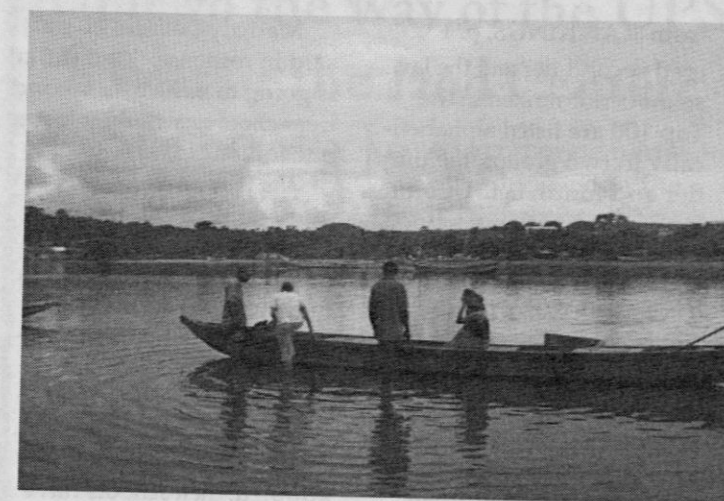


Photo courtesy of Ami Koldhekar

Boats aren't necessary for taking the LSATs in Chicago

making calls for me,” Schaffer said.

Finally, the contractor called back. A proctor would be flown from Germany to Afghanistan to administer the LSAT.

But even while prepping for the test, Schaffer participated in combat missions, sometimes taking his study materials with him in the Humvee to brush up on reading comprehension or logic

games.

He took the LSAT in October at Bagram Air Base, which, while more secure than Kandahar, is subject to occasional Taliban rocket attacks.

Said Schaffer: “I looked at my buddy Doug right before we took the test and said, ‘I really hope we don't get rocket attacked when we take this thing, because that would suck.’”

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## Potential change could send UConn Law into second tier

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ered second tier and the law schools not ranked in the Top 100 are listed alphabetically in two groups, the third tier and fourth tier. UConn Law is tied with five schools for number 46, currently the last slot in the first tier.

Tom W. Bell, a law professor at Chapman University, developed a model to mimic the one used by *U.S. News*, and ran data on first and second tier schools at the request of *The Wall Street Journal*. According to Bell's calculations, factoring in UConn Law's evening admittees could cause the school to fall out of the top 50 into the second tier.

Mariedy Collazo, 2L day, said in response: "And if that is going to make us a second tier school ... will they lower our tuition?"

*The Wall Street Journal* quoted Ellen Rutt, UConn Law's associate dean for admissions, as saying a change in the criteria would "catch the outliers but punish part-time programs that have existed forever and aren't doing it to game the system."

If the potential change is adopted, then schools have a difficult choice to make: raise standards and minimize part-time enrollment, which could hurt many non-traditional students, or leave the standards at the

status quo and risk a hit in the rankings.

Those who discount the *U.S. News* rankings' importance to law school administrators are reminded of Dean Nancy Rapoport, formerly of the University of Houston Law Center, who resigned in 2006 after the law school dropped in rank from the mid-50s to the 70s over the course of a several years.

According to figures from the Registrar's office, of the 651 Juris Doctor students UConn Law ranked last summer, 475 are full-time students and 176 attend part-time in the day or evening. While there were 72 part-time 1Ls, there were only 32

*"And if that is going to make us a second tier school ... will they lower our tuition?"*

*-- 2L Mariedy Collazo*

part-time 2Ls, due to many students transferring from part-time evening to full-time day division between first and second year.

## Market concerns spur recruiting anxieties

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earlier this month that it would be closing its doors, with a core group of its financial services and bankruptcy practice groups remaining to establish a Connecticut branch of the Rhode Island based firm Hinckley Allen & Snyder.

Tyler Cooper managing partner William S. Fish Jr. cited consolidation in the business world as the major factor in the firm's closing, as smaller firms are having difficulty competing with larger, more full-service firms for clients with increasingly broad legal needs.

According to the National Association for Law Placement, law firm recruiting classes and other indicators of the legal job market's strength remained healthy through 2007. The median class size has held steady while the average class size inched higher as some large firms took classes of more than 100, levels not seen since the late 1990's. However, the percentage

of summer associates accepting their offers jumped between 2006 and 2007, and indications are this percentage will continue to rise in light of market uncertainty.

Rivera said no employer has cited the economy as a decision not to participate in OCI, but added that she feels it is most certainly a factor in recruiting. She said firms are increasingly aware of the need to manage the perceptions in the candidate pool, especially as law students' views about firms are shaped by blogs like *abovethelaw.com*.

Rivera also said her office is in contact with recent graduates who seem to be having about the same success rate at finding employment as those in recent graduating classes.

"There has been no decrease in 2L recruiting that I can see, though there seems to be some leveling off of 3L recruiting," Rivera said. She noted one possible reason for the slight decrease in 3L recruiting is

that more summers are quickly accepting their offers, causing firms to meet their hiring goals faster.

Professor Patricia McCoy, who teaches banking law and regulation and is frequently quoted in national media on the current financial crisis, said the hiring climate is challenging.

"I'm advising students interested in business law right now to avoid concentrating solely in transactional work and diversify into litigation, bankruptcy, and regulatory practices that have a lot of work," McCoy said.

As of mid-day Sept. 22, both the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 stock indexes were down more than 15 percent on the year. The past month has seen wild swings and steep declines in financial markets, as the federal government has pledged many billions of dollars to bail out mortgage lenders, investment banks and the world's largest insurance company.

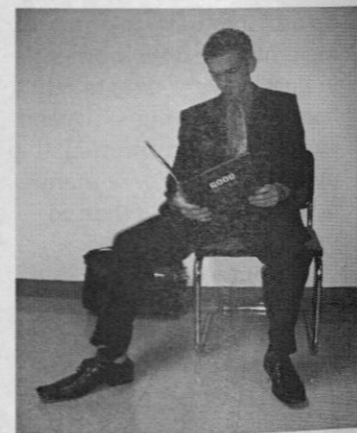


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2L Corey Fitzgerald reviews his resume ahead of an on-campus interview earlier in September

"The economy is at a tipping point, and no firm wants to over-hire," said Bryan Ward, 3L, about the current legal job market. "I think if the economy improves some we may see a more active spring hiring season. Even though some firms may be waiting simply for economic reasons, from the student's perspective, it looks the same as a 'no.'"

## Our View

### Education Before Rankings

Nothing clams the palms of law school administrators quite like a potential drop in the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings. Admissions is a hyper-competitive process – not just for students but also for law schools looking to draw the brightest minds. And in that regard, conventional wisdom has it there is no shinier lure in the tackle box than a "top-tier" ranking as calculated by *U.S. News*.

According to a recent *Wall Street Journal* article, UConn Law may drop out of the *U.S. News* top 50 because of our commitment to the evening/four-year program. The creators of the *U.S. News* rankings express concern that some schools are using part-time programs to admit students with lower LSAT scores and undergraduate grades without them counting towards the *U.S. News* statistics.

Undergraduate grades and LSAT scores are key determinants in how *U.S. News* ranks law schools. *U.S. News* is mulling a new ranking system that would include evening students in its calculations. It is possible UConn Law would fall into the second tier if proposed changes to the *U.S. News* formula occur.

These proposed changes may force some law schools into a difficult choice between conscience and prestige. It is possible some law schools will choose to eliminate or otherwise alter part-time and

evening programs in order to gain the highest possible ranking. We urge UConn Law not to succumb to such pressure.

UConn Law should not and must not be bullied into making substantive changes to its part-time program in order to pacify those who care more about a law school's numerical ranking than about the substantive education it provides. Our program as presently constituted allows access to those who work full-time and others who have shown the capacity for legal work during their professional lives. Many would not otherwise be able to attend law school.

The real problem highlighted by recent developments is not law schools gaming the rankings. Rather, it is a fundamentally flawed ranking system that neither LSAC nor the ABA wants anything to do with.

In the interim, if *U.S. News* wants to rank evening and part-time programs, let it do so separately. As David Bernstein wrote on *The Volokh Conspiracy* blog: "Not only would this provide very useful information to such students, but schools that, say, are revealed to have nine part-time day students out of a class of 200, with an LSAT 10 points below their full-time median, will be called out for abusing the system."

## Could the classic ballpark name go the way of the UPS 88 car or the Izod Center?

### COMMENTARY

By Melanie Dykas

Stadiums are American landmarks. Not only are they representatives of their cities, but they are immortalized as the sanctuaries of the home team and its fans. One cannot argue with the amount of history that exists within their walls. To fans of any sport, three lessons are learned at an early age: You always root for the name on the front of the jersey, not the name on the back. Never become too attached to a player, because he or she can be gone in a heartbeat. The team always comes first.

We are amidst an era when that spirit appears not to apply to the stadiums. While free agency has created a revolving door for players, it is the stadium we rely on to stay the same. Fans hold deep affection and attachment to these ballparks, and any changes, even those stemming from modernization, are met with displeasure. In many cases it is the taxpayers' money that builds these monuments, justifying the feeling of ownership many fans feel. And yet, of the 11 new ballparks since 1998, only Busch Stadium – named for former Saint Louis Cardinals owner Gussie Busch – has es-

caped a corporate name.

This spring came the most absurd possibility. Wrigley Field may no longer be "Wrigley" – and not even because the beloved Cubbies are getting a new ballpark. Along with Fenway and (the now-late) Yankee, Wrigley is one of the last classic ballparks. But that didn't stop "temporary" owner Sam Zell from announcing he would not hesitate to sell the naming rights. To Zell and the Cubs' corporate parent Tribune Company, it's all about money. It's all about economics. It's all about business.

The sale would alleviate some of the Tribune Company's debt at the expense of the emotions and attachments of all Chicagoans. These are the people who have paid, and continue to spend, a fortune on a team Zell's about to sell. What's worse is his sense of entitlement. To assert that others should not have a say because he holds the naming rights is both egocentric and unfair to those who support one of the most storied franchises – and ballparks – in sports history.

With this trend, I am left to wonder – how long will it be until the player's uniforms begin looking like NASCAR driving suits with sponsor patches covering all but the team name?

# The Back Page

## Ask Sanetti: Rise of a new era

By Dana Daniel-Sanetti

*What are the best places to eat around the school?*

Within walking distance, The Half Door is great for cozy comfort food like shepard's pie, the sushi at Ichiban is fresh and really good, Mo's Midtown has delicious and cheap breakfast food, and Braza has incredible \$5 deals for drinks and food at the bar and complimentary appetizers during Happy Hour.

*I would like to know why UConn is so disorganized when it comes to transfer students. The transition has not been easy.*

As a transfer student myself, albeit in undergrad, I understand that transferring is not

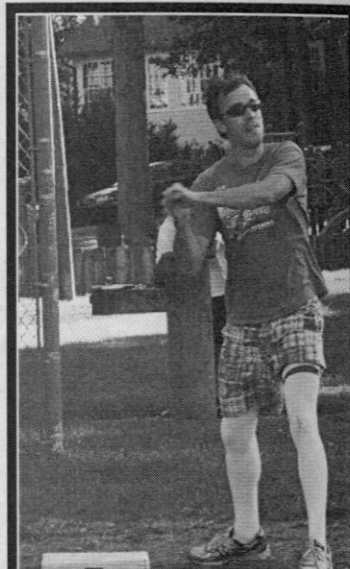
easy. One of my undergrad schools made transfer students live at the local YMCA because they lost housing applications. It can feel as though both the school and other students are indifferent. However, I really do think that everyone is doing the best that they can. In my experience, for issues that require dealing with administration, speaking with people in person generally makes a big difference. I'd also suggest joining one of the student organizations on campus so you'll have friends to vent to when it feels like the school has screwed up things up, again.

*I have a girlfriend who is perfect for me. We finish each others' sentences and she supports me in everything I do. But, I know that*

*law school can be really difficult, and requires a lot of work. I don't want to listen to her whine about not getting enough of my time and I don't want to be "tied down" by her when I graduate. I'm also worried that when I start making tons of money, I won't be interested in her anymore. I'll probably learn a lot of legal stuff that's over her head, and we won't have anything to talk about. I think the best thing is to break up now, so we can both move on. I plan on doing it October 1st, our four-year anniversary. Am I making the right decision?*

Yes. I hope she reads this, recognizes you, and kicks you in the junk.

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## Restaurant review: Rizzuto's Wood-Fired Kitchen

By Elisabeth Pimentel

Few things annoy me more than mediocre Italian cuisine. Thus I am reluctant to try new Italian restaurants. After all, who wants to pay to be annoyed?

But let me put all of your fears to rest. Rizzuto's Wood-Fired Kitchen and Bar at Blue Back Square is a great Italian restaurant.

I ate there on a whim on a Thursday night. I had no problem getting a table outside at 7 PM.

The menu ranges from simple comfort food to interesting

and tempting combinations. The wine list is comprehensive, though comprised solely of Italian varieties.

Rizzuto's has a true anti-pasti of a la carte selections of cured meats and cheeses. The organic baby green salad was fresh with a light-red wine vinaigrette that complemented without overpowering. The pasta Bolognese was amazing.

Rizzuto's makes their pasta fresh daily, and the sauce was a traditional combination of beef, veal and pork with tomato and cheeses.

The sauce was so good that I asked what was in it. The

secret ingredient turned out to be mascarpone cheese. Sweet ambrosia of the gods. It made all of the difference.

A side order of huge meatballs was particularly well made. The meatballs were actually composed of mostly meat instead of being mostly bread crumbs.

I was starving when I arrived and could not finish my dinner. This was fine by me because the leftovers were fabulous for breakfast the next morning. I was disappointed that I wasn't able to have dessert because the Vanilla-Scented Ricotta Cheesecake

sounded instantly cravable.

My only complaint about the experience was the check. The prices were not exorbitant, they were just a little high to make Rizzuto's a regular stop on a student's budget. However, the service, the ambience and the food were all superb, so I will definitely return. I give it three and one-half out of four gavels.

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