

Grading changes unlikely for spring semester

By Patrick Linsey

Possible changes to the school's grading policies should not affect Spring Semester classes, several members of UConn Law's Education Policy Committee said last week. Committee members still hope faculty will adopt grade distribution reforms this academic year – to take effect sometime after Spring 2008.

"At this point there won't be any changes to the spring semester grading system," said

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Anne Dailey. "We're not going to make changes to a semester after students have chosen their classes."

As associate dean, Dailey is an ex-officio member of the EPC, which consists of faculty, administrators and students. The EPC approved reforms to the grading system last year, but after intense discussion those proposed reforms never came to a full vote before the faculty. A full vote is required prior to any change in grading

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Evening changes not on docket, school says

By Alexa Lindauer

UConn Law is not currently considering changes to its evening program, despite a proposed new formula for a prominent ranking system that threatens to drop the law school out of its top tier.

U.S. News and World Report announced in late June it may begin factoring in admissions statistics from part-time and evening division students, sparking a dialogue at UConn

Law and other schools with such programs. Though *U.S. News* may decide whether to adopt the new system as early as January, for now UConn Law is staying the course, hoping no new formula causes the school to lose its 46 slot.

The top 50 law schools, as ranked by the newsmagazine, are widely considered to comprise the "top tier" of American legal institutions. If the ranking system does

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Election winds down as day of reckoning arrives

NEWS ANALYSIS

By Alan Merriman

The debates are over, the election is coming up fast and most people have made up their minds for whom they are going to vote. Or have they?

Wednesday night, October 15, 2008, marked the final of three presidential debates between the Sens. Barack Obama and John McCain. Many in the UConn Law community watched the debates over pizza in the Knight Hall

lounge.

As Democrat-turned-independent Sen. Joe Lieberman declared victory for the Republican McCain Thursday morning, the polls told a different story. According to CNN.com: "A CNN/Opinion Research Corp. Poll of debate watchers surveyed after the 90-minute match-up thought Obama did a better job than McCain by a wide margin, 58 percent to 31 percent." It's worth remembering viewership of the debates skewed heavily partisan and slightly Democratic compared to the

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Photo courtesy of Peter Hitt

Students watch a presidential debate in Knight Hall on Oct. 15.

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Dean's Corner with Dean Jeremy Paul

By Jeremy Paul

Just arriving on my desk is a letter from Robert J. Morse, Director of Data Research at *U.S. News & World Report*. It accompanies the annual questionnaire I receive asking me to rank the roughly 200 ABA accredited law schools in terms of quality of program. (Quick confession – I'm not actually familiar with the range and quality of courses offered at all 200 law schools – a fact *U.S. News* acknowledges by offering me the chance to answer "don't know," whenever I'm feeling righteous or timid.)

Most ominous from our favorite law school's point of view is the one new question added to this year's survey. I am asked to nominate the part-time J.D. programs of up to 15 schools as the best in the nation. This is to facilitate *U.S. News'* plan to pub-

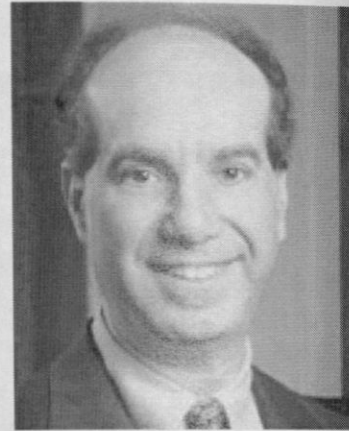
lish this year for the first time a ranking of part-time programs. We are one of only ten schools in the overall *U.S. News* top fifty with a part-time program (our evening division) and two of these, Duke and Wisconsin offer only tiny programs. Since we devote enormous care to ensuring that full-time faculty members teach in the evening; and since we offer a marvelously wide array of evening courses, we ought to make *U.S. News'* new list. Of course, not everything that ought to happen does so, and we could easily lose out to schools with larger voting blocs within survey recipients. But even if we do make the list, it's a small consolation for what I suspect this new *U.S. News* question portends.

As previously reported in the *Wall Street Journal*, *U.S. News* plans this year, again for the first time, to combine the entering statistics of students in the part-time program with those in the full time program to produce overall medians for grade point average and LSAT score. Currently only the statistics of full time students are counted. Since one major goal of evening programs is to provide access to law school for working people who otherwise couldn't attend school, there's little reason to

impose a cookie-cutter set of admission standards across day and evening.

Yet the effect of *U.S. News'* change will be to put pressure on law schools to treat admissions the same across the board. For some schools unable to attract high LSAT-scoring evening students, pressure will build to abolish evening divisions altogether. That's because most schools, including ours, have an overall lower median LSAT score when the scores of evening students are taken into account. Of course, most schools also have students with greater work experience and more acquired knowledge of the world when evening students are taken into account. But these intangible qualities are difficult to measure. Nationwide, the social effect may be that rankings in a magazine serve to restrict access to the legal profession in a way that prejudice and finances once did.

Schools that resist the pressure to shrink or eliminate evening divisions will see their overall rankings drop, even though the quality of education provided will remain exactly the same as it was in prior years. And this could happen as early as this March. Nor will a prospective full-time student be readily persuaded to overlook



a decline when she learns that a particular school is no longer in the top 50 only as a result of a methodological change.

There are no easy solutions to this dilemma, and I'm certain it will generate a great deal of discussion on our campus and others. Neither cursing the rankings as inadequate nor overeating to them as gospel will do our law school any good. We should ask ourselves everyday what our law school can do to compete successfully in all the various ways that our society demands. But we should not lose sight of the key question of which schools day in and day out are providing the highest quality education to the highest caliber student. I am confident that by this standard our law school would make anyone's winning list.

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the law school community. We also recognize the importance of distinguishing between news and opinion and, unlike the cable news networks, we will always do so.

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WLSA raises domestic violence awareness

By Leslie Shanley

The Women's Law Students Association will be sponsoring on-campus activities during October in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. On Oct. 1, students were encouraged to wear purple to show their support for abuse victims. Ribbons were also distributed, each featuring a recent domestic violence fatality in Connecticut. Additionally, several UConn Law students graciously donated their time to Interval House, Hartford's domestic violence shelter, by distributing domestic violence awareness material to libraries and civic centers throughout the state. Beginning Oct. 19, there will be a display in the library lobby with background information on this issue and important safety planning tips for individuals struggling

with this problem. Also, on Oct. 23 at 5 p.m., there will be a screening of the documentary "Defending Our Lives," which follows formerly battered women incarcerated for killing their abusers. Their stories touch on the various issues affecting all battered individuals, including the stalking and harassment which accompany domestic violence, and the increased risk that victims face when attempting to leave their abusive situation. The screening will be followed by a discussion on the criminal justice system's response to domestic violence facilitated by Professor Susan Schmeiser.

In 2005 and 2006 combined, Connecticut experienced 43 family violence homicides. The majority of those involved intimate relationships, including spouses and dating partners (72% in 2005 and 64%



Photo courtesy of UConn Law

The night of Nov. 14 will mark UConn Law's largest event – the annual PILG Auction. Each year, students, faculty, alumni and community members gather at West Hartford's Town Hall to enjoy food, cocktails and live music while bidding on items like island getaways, ski trips and dinners with professors.

in 2006). While the majority of victims were female, a significant percentage was male (33% in 2005 and 24% in 2006). These numbers also include children of live-in-girlfriends and boyfriends, foster children, sons, daughters, mothers, fathers and grandparents.

As a whole, these statistics underscore the fact that domestic violence impacts all members of society and is truly a public safety issue. Please join WLSA in raising awareness of this problem and lending your support to victims of domestic violence.

Restaurant review: I Love Sushi - West Hartford

By Elisabeth Pimental

A good quality, inexpensive sushi restaurant is a must find when moving to a new city. And being a 1L, this has been on my To Do list. While I have not completed an exhaustive search of the city's sushi offerings, I believe I have stumbled across a gem in the rough.

I Love Sushi is a basic, no frills take-out place located on Park Road in

West Hartford. I Love Sushi is the second storefront to a more typical Chinese take-out restaurant, Egg Roll Express. I thought this was very convenient because you can order from either restaurant, mix and match or satisfy the non-sushi eater in your life.

You can place an order for take-out or for delivery (crucial!). You could actually eat-in if you wanted to, but there are only a few plastic tables on which to

dine.

They had a great variety of sushi, sashimi and rolls. I had a yellowtail and scallion handroll, a tuna and avocado roll, salmon sashimi and ikura sushi. All of the ingredients were very fresh. And while there was nothing fancy in the presentation or in the combinations of the rolls, everything I had was good.

They have some specialty rolls in addition to

the more basic choices.

The typical rolls were between \$4 - \$5. The specialty rolls were a bit more between \$8 - \$12. The sashimi and sushi choices were \$4.

The bottom line is that I Love Sushi offers solid, simple and yummy sushi. It is worth keeping in mind for those nights when you need a quick, tasty dinner that won't break the budget. Three out of four gavel.

Former UConn Law adjunct chosen as special prosecutor *Dannehy to investigate politically motivated firings at DOJ*

By Lynn Kelly

An attorney with several UConn Law connections was recently named as a special prosecutor to investigate whether Department of Justice officials made false or misleading statements to Congress or to the Attorney General's office about the politically motivated firings of U.S. attorneys.

Nora Dannehy, forty-seven, has many ties to the Connecticut legal community as well as UConn Law. She is a former adjunct member of the faculty, having last co-taught Criminal Procedure in the fall of 2000 with another adjunct faculty member, Ronald T. Murphy, according to the Registrar's office. Her ties to the Con-

necticut legal community do not end there, however.

Her father, Joseph F. Dannehy, was a former Connecticut Supreme Court justice from 1984 to 1987, who, according to a press release, was believed to be the only judge to have served on all five levels of the judicial system in Connecticut.

Former Connecticut Gov. John Rowland issued the press release mourning Justice Dannehy's death in 2003. Rowland would later be sent to prison by the Justice's daughter, Nora. The younger Dannehy's role as lead prosecutor, building a case that led Rowland to plead guilty to charges of conspiracy, and tax and mail fraud, earned her the reputation of a stubborn and

hard worker, according to news reports about her appointment.

The Harvard Law grad worked as an associate at what was then Day Berry & Howard (now known as Day Pitney LLP) from 1988 to 1991, before serving as an assistant United States attorney for 17 years.

In April of 2008, Dannehy was named acting United States attorney for the District of Connecticut, making her the first woman ever to hold the position. Dannehy is married to Leonard Boyle, a UConn Law alum, recent recipient of the Connecticut Law Review Alumni Award, and current Director of the FBI's Terrorist Screening Center.



Melissa Bailey/New Haven Independent
Former Adjunct Professor Nora Dannehy will investigate potential wrongdoing at the Department of Justice.

Evening program will likely remain as is even with shift

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change, what course of action, if any, the school will take is not clear.

The contemplated change would take into account the LSAT scores and undergraduate GPAs of part-time and evening division students. Currently, only the scores and GPAs of full-time students are considered in the ranking scheme. The median LSAT score and GPA of incoming first-year law students account for more than 20 percent of a school's rank.

The purported purpose of the potential change is to catch schools that are "gaming" the system by loading part-time programs with lower-scoring students who do not count towards the rankings. UConn Law Associate Dean Ellen Rutt

suspects that this is not the only motivation behind the magazine's initiative.

"My hunch is that by changing the criteria every year, you can sell more magazines from a marketing perspective," said Rutt.

Rutt said *U.S. News* is "interested in catching the gamers - schools that are so concerned about rankings that they change the way they operate the law school. These are the schools that infuriate *U.S. News* - and me."

For a school like UConn Law, which started as a solely evening program in 1921, the potential change could push the institution into the second tier in the rankings. According to the administration, the evening program at UConn is intended for students perhaps not as

accustomed to standardized testing and whose GPAs may be older and therefore less subject to grade inflation, but who may bring more life experience to the table than day students often fresh out of college.

Schools targeted by the proposed change are those that operate a "school within a school," said Rutt, where a part-time student may be taking just one course less than a full-time student, but be exempt from reporting.

"The critical question the school has to ask itself is whether it wants to be as high in the rankings as possible or be a publicly accessible school," said 2L Joseph Morales. "If the school's goal is to be as high in the rankings as possible, then it should identify its weaknesses and eliminate them."

Many students are concerned with how a drop in the rankings would affect employment opportunities after graduation.

"It's going to be tough if we drop in the rankings. It will be a pity, because everyone knows that nothing has changed at this school, except a magazine is playing with how to shake things up," said Rutt.

Rutt added UConn Law, along with other law schools with longstanding evening programs like Georgetown and Fordham, would educate employers if its ranking were to change. But law school applicants also consider the *U.S. News* rankings in deciding where to apply and where to accept.

"[Employers will] get it better than undergrads," Rutt said.

LAMBDA panel discusses intersex issues

By Kenneth Kukish

Between one thousand and two thousand children are estimated born with physical anatomy that does not seem to fit the typical definitions of male or female.

These children, born between the sexes, often have special legal and medical needs. This topic formed the core discussion of LAMBDA's fall panel, and sparked a lively discussion and many interesting conversations.

One of the panelists, Anne Tamar Mattis, is the founder and executive director of Advocates for Informed Choice, the first organization in the country focusing on legal advocacy on behalf of children who are born intersex.

Another panelist, Dr. Norman Spack, is director of the Gender Management Services Clinic at Boston's

Children's Hospital. One of only a few such clinics in the world, GMS integrates the newest medical technology to give children treatments that help them change their bodies.

In addition to activists and medical experts, the panel also included an anonymous speaker who spoke about the struggles of growing up as an intersex person. The speaker's anonymity starkly symbolized how intersex people are often forgotten about as members of our society.

The final speaker, Nancy Ehrenreich, is a professor of law at the University of Denver. In addition to teaching a seminar on reproductive rights, Ms. Ehrenreich has also written on masculinity, sexual harassment, in addition to many other topics.

After introductions and



Photo courtesy of Peter Hitt

University of Denver professor Nancy Ehrenreich talks about intersex issues at an on-campus panel sponsored by LAMBDA

a discussion of some of the major issues faced by intersex people, the panel allowed for participation by the audience in a question and answer format. The audience was lively and interactive, and included many

activists who advocate for the rights of intersex people in Connecticut.

Following the panel, there was also a reception that allowed for one-on-one discussions with the panelists.

Marriage decision only the start of a movement

COMMENTARY

By Sarah Saadian

On October 10th, the Connecticut Supreme Court held that excluding same-sex couples from marriage violates the Equal Protection Clause, and is therefore unconstitutional. Throughout the state, many people are celebrating, including UConn students Yam Menon and Allison Silva, who each dedicated endless hours on this issue, as well as Dean Dailey and Prof. Becker, who contributed to amicus briefs submitted to the court.

But there is still a lot of work ahead of us. Twenty-

seven states have passed constitutional amendments barring gay marriage or its alternatives. The highest courts of three states (New York, Maryland, and Washington) have found that it is permissible to exclude same-sex couples from both marriage and its benefits. And in California, Proposition 8 threatens to amend the state constitution to limit marriage to between a man and a woman, after its highest court held that marriage must be available to all.

In Iowa (Yes! Iowa!), the state's highest court will begin to hear arguments challenging the state's same-sex marriage law in December, while opponents push for a

constitutional amendment to preempt the court's decision.

More important is the work ahead of us in protecting our community from discrimination. Last year, a federal bill known as the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would have outlawed employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, was unsuccessful. This is even more disappointing considering that the protection of transgender people, arguably the most vulnerable in our LGBTQ community, was stripped from the bill in an effort to increase the likelihood of success. In addition, more than half of all states provide no protection to

LGBTQ employees.

As for our community's youth, a disproportionate number are homeless, use drugs, participate in sex work, and attempt suicide.

As we continue to advocate for issues we care about, I hope that the same vigor that it put towards promoting gay marriage will be put towards fighting these other issues plaguing the LGBTQ community.

Pro Se supports the dissemination of multiple viewpoints and always appreciates civil debate. If you have a different view on the Connecticut Supreme Court's ruling and would like to write a commentary, please e-mail pro.se.news@gmail.com.

Candidates trade blows as the country prepares to decide

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country as a whole.

It was politics as usual as McCain called Obama's character into question yet again, while the Democratic candidate continued to link McCain and President Bush (who, McCain noted, is not in the race). Among the issues discussed was the plight of "Joe the Plumber," a human metaphor for proposed tax policies that will affect America's small-business entrepreneurs. A questionably accurate metaphor. Who also apparently owes back taxes. McCain said what Obama would "do to 'Joe the plumber' and millions more like him is have their taxes

increased and not be able to realize the American dream of owning their own business." However, analysts from Bloomberg.com noted McCain's policy would not be significantly better for small businesses than Obama's.

Law students' reactions to the debate were varied: Tony Lu, a 2L, felt "no one 'won' the debate - but I just felt like Obama articulated his points much more clearly - regardless of whether you agree with his policies or not." As for "Joe the Plumber," Lu was not impressed: "Seriously people - if you're in a position to buy a business and make over \$250,000 a year, you're not in the same

boat as the rest of America."

Drew Barber, also a 2L, differed, saying, "John McCain went back to his roots and came out fighting for his candidacy, fighting for the economic and moral well-being of America and fighting for 'Joe the Plumber' ... Obama remained calm and poised throughout, almost to a fault. This fight went to the judge's scorecards - it certainly wasn't a knockout."

So now the debates are behind us and we can expect the final push of campaigning to come from last-minute television advertising and furious stumping in swing states. With McCain running low on cash and Obama

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-- 2L Tony Lu

sitting on a record-setting war chest, the polls may be accurately reflecting our next President. However others believe questionable turnout projections for various voter demographics could keep us up well into the night Nov. 4.

Grade system to remain for spring

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Members of the EPC are looking to rework proposals addressing two concerns - that the school's B Median grading policy is applied disparately and that some students choose courses they otherwise wouldn't because they are not subject to the B Median rule.

To address the former issue, the EPC recommended moving from a median-based to a mean-based system. Under a B Median, half the students in a course must receive a B or higher and half must receive a B or lower. The mean-based plan endorsed by the EPC last spring would require professors teaching all first-year and upper division courses, seminars and clinics to grade in conformance with a mean, or average, between 3.2 and 3.3.

The EPC is also considering measures to discourage students from choosing courses based on their grading system.

Under the current regime, professors teaching courses with more than 18 students or with more than one section per academic year must apply the B Median.

Some in the faculty and administration are concerned this rewards students who avoid larger, foundational courses in favor of smaller, esoteric ones not subject to the B Median. At one point last year, the EPC supported applying a mean-based grading system to all courses, including small seminars and clinics. The EPC will reconsider options at a meeting October 23.

Also at that meeting, committee member and Prof. Loftus Becker will present his own grading proposal, which includes a grading curve. Under a curve, a set percentage of students in any course must receive a certain grade (e.g., 20 percent A and A-, 20 percent B+, 40 percent B, etc.) Becker's plan would also allow profes-



Photo courtesy of Allison Cantor

The Arts, Entertainment and Sports Law Society hosted three in-house lawyers from ESPN earlier this month for a networking event at the Wood-n-Tap Bar and Grill in Hartford.

sors to refrain from applying the curve if circumstances so justified.

"A nonconforming curve would be permitted if the instructor provided a written justification for the difference," Becker wrote in his proposal, adding the justifications could be posted on the law school's web site for faculty or faculty and student review.

EPC Chairman and Prof. Paul Chill hopes the committee will create a slate of options to

present to the full faculty. Chill said he has received a "tremendous volume of very thoughtful and impassioned e-mails" from faculty on the subject, gesturing to a pile on his desk well more than an inch thick.

Ultimately, through a series of votes, Chill said he hopes the faculty at the very least will choose a system "some people will like and other people will be able to live with."

"I'm sure we can get to that," he said.

Our View

Blood and Country

Advocates of equal rights celebrated this month as the Connecticut Supreme Court ruled our state's constitution prohibits marriage discrimination. October 10, 2008 was a day that made us feel good about the law.

And yet we are troubled to see similarly egregious discrimination continue on our very campus. Military recruiters are ready to turn away openly gay law students willing to serve their country. The American Red Cross will refuse the blood of any man who has had sex with another man since 1977.

Neither of these policies is endorsed by the law school or student groups. They are the products of discriminatory rules perpetrated by the federal government - functions of bigotry and ignorance.

These policies leave those eager to challenge them in a difficult position. Ordinarily, in confronting discriminatory organizations, the appropriate response is simple: boycott.

We doubt many in the law school community, gay or straight, would go to work for a law firm that refuses to hire gay attorneys. When volunteering for a charity, we doubt many of us would choose one that excludes gays and lesbians.

Unfortunately, when it comes to military recruitment and blood drives the answer is not so clear. There are many law firms in America and there are many charities. There is only one military. There is only one blood donation policy enforced by

the Food and Drug Administration.

And so we must express our displeasure in the voting booth. We urge you to open your laptop and do some research. Find out where the candidates on your ballot stand with regard to issues of discrimination.

In Connecticut this is not necessarily a partisan issue. In the state's Fourth Congressional District, for example, Republican Rep. Chris Shays and Democratic challenger Jim Himes are both vocal critics of the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

Discriminatory policies like those enforced by the FDA and the military under the direction of Congress may not change overnight. But if we, with Americans across the country, hold our elected representatives accountable, they will change. We look forward to a time when banning gays from serving openly in the military or from giving blood will seem as bizarre as forcing African Americans to sit in the back of the bus.

Until that day, those not targeted by these discriminatory policies should continue to give blood and, if they so desire, to serve in the military. The American Red Cross, which opposes the FDA's policy, collects blood for all Americans. The military, under competent political leadership, keeps all of us safe from foreign threats.

Let this country's blood banks be full and its fighting forces proud on the day these shameful policies can finally come to an end.

Tort du stade? Two boroughs, two stadiums, two goodbyes

COMMENTARY

By Melanie Dykas

Next year the New York Metropolitan will call Citi Field their home, having said goodbye last month to Shea Stadium. And, for anyone who has been in a coma, the 2008 season was also the last to be played in (old) Yankee Stadium.

The sporting media lavished hours of specials and documentaries on Yankee Stadium. It seemed every SportsCenter recap of a game began with a mention of it. This started as soon as the 2007 season ended and became nearly unbearable during the three weeks leading up to the final home game, by which point even the most delusional Yankee fans realized there would be no playoffs in the Bronx. No matter. "The Final Season" overshadowed anything that happened on the field.

Which led me to wonder - Where was the love for Shea? With the exception of games on SNY, there was rarely the mention of a farewell to Shea, leaving many baseball fans unaware until the stadium's final game on September 28th, when it finally received its five

minutes of acknowledgement.

Yes, Yankee Stadium was "The House that Ruth Built," but there is a lot of history in Shea as well. It is the only ballpark to host four home teams - in 1975 the Mets, Yankees, Giants and Jets all played their seasons in Shea. It was where the Miracle Mets of 1969 brought home their first championship. It was home to the infamous Buckner play in 1986. And though some fans thought Shea had become a bit of a dump, I personally found a little sadness these past two years watching the new stadium being constructed over the left field walls.

Listen, I realize Shea didn't serve as the home to Murderer's Row, The Babe, The Iron Horse, Joltin' Joe, Yogi or The Mick. It was, however, the home of the Amazin's, Doc, Straw, Mex, The Pizza Man and Mookie. It wasn't the home of 26 rings, but it was the home of Mr. Met and an apple in a top hat.

I understand Yankee Stadium getting more attention - but not all the attention. I can only hope that Citi Field gets shown a little more respect than its predecessor. The opening days in April will tell.

The Back Page

Surprising Huskies vie for Big East football crown

By Drew Schaffer

Despite a devastating loss North Carolina Tarheels on Oct. 4th that knocked them out of the top 25 rankings, the UConn Huskies football team has been on a roll this season to the surprise of many critics.

Since the start of the season they have managed to defeat such perennial powerhouses as the University of Virginia and Louisville on their path to a 5-1 start.

But some of the momentum was halted in Piscataway, N.J. as the Huskies lost 12-10 at Rutgers on Oct. 18 to fall to 5-2 (1-1 Big East).

The team has done much of this on the back, or legs, of junior running back Donald

Brown (#34) who has bobbed and weaved his way to an unprecedented 1,067 yards with a season high 214 yards against the Temple Owls. Brown has put the possibility of UConn's first Heisman Trophy candidate within reach. Should you attend any game at Rentschler Field, you will most certainly hear the deafening Heisman calls.

A large black mark for the team came in the Louisville victory when starting quarterback Tyler Lorenzen broke his right foot. Lorenzen will likely miss the next six to eight weeks. Sophomore quarterback Zach Frazer has taken the reigns, however, and will attempt to keep the Huskies in bowl contention for the



Photo courtesy of UConn Athletic Department

Junior running back Donald Brown leads the UConn offense.

remainder of the season.

If you haven't had the opportunity to make your way down to the newly constructed Rentschler for the tailgating festivities, I highly recommend you do so. The energy in the air is unlike anything I have seen in a long time and the setup is perfect for a Friday night or Saturday

afternoon of pre-game festivities. A perfect time to come out and support your Huskies would be during the homecoming game on October 25th when they will attempt to return to the top 25 with a victory over Cincinnati (5-1, 1-0 Big East) for their share of the Big East lead.

Ask Sanetti: About the vomit on your baseball, Partner

By Dana Sanetti-Daniel

I worked at a large law firm this summer. One night a bunch of us stayed late to work and at the end of the night an attorney broke out a few bottles of scotch. One of the other summers got really drunk, and threw up on a prized signed baseball one of the partners had in their office. The partner was furious the next day, and actually cried in front of us. At the end of the summer, the student who soiled the ball got an offer and I did not. Other summer associates know who did it as well, but no one has spoken up. What should I do?

I don't think you should tell the partner in the hopes of taking the job away from the summer associate. Telling the partner isn't really going to fix anything; it won't get his baseball back, and it will hurt the other summer associate. And, let's be honest: soiling the baseball with vomit, though a bad decision, reflects poorly on his or her partying abilities, but not his or her legal acumen.

I am a socially awkward male at the law school. How do you make friends?

I think making friends is hard and I would hardly con-

sider myself an expert.

However, I do think there are a few things to do and keep in mind when meeting people. First off, smile. Stay away from the creepy "I know where you live" kind of smile, but a genuine smile to someone could go a long way. Also, keep in mind that generally, everyone wants to be liked. If you introduce yourself to someone in a social situation, you might be helping them out of feeling awkward themselves. Ask questions, and be interested in the answers. I think with a generally positive attitude you can't help but exude confidence, and with

that you'll be fine.

Tell me the truth- that third letter from the last issue wasn't for real. Was it?

Every question that is asked and answered in this column was sent via email to asksanetti@gmail.com. I reserve the right to cut words in order to comply with my word limit, but the crux of the questions remains unchanged. If you are asking if the "asker" was serious in his dilemma, I cannot say. Regardless, you have to admit- it was fun to read!

E-mail your queries to asksanetti@gmail.com.