

Mixer confirms grad students are unattractive

By Brick Tamland

A recent mixer put on jointly by the University of Connecticut's Law, Medical, and Dental Schools was viewed as a disappointment by parties on all sides, students report.

"I guess it just wasn't what I was expecting," said med student John Henderson. "I didn't know I was going to spend the only two hours I had free this week talking to

hyper-stressed binge drinkers about what anesthesiologists pay for malpractice insurance."

Henderson's sentiment was echoed by many students attending the mixer, held last Friday at Farmington's Zen Bar. Students from all three schools flocked to the event in the hopes of meeting members of the opposite sex they hadn't spent the past several years alienating.

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UConn Law gets a rise out of Playboy rankings

By Veronica Coringstone

Law students have tossed aside concerns over an expected slide in the U.S. News law school rankings in light of UConn's recent number-three showing in Playboy's competing list.

This year Playboy adopted a new formula, which rocketed UConn 42 slots up its list of best party law schools. Newly weighed factors include "the number

of students wishing they were drunk instead of in class," "the area cougar-to-law-student ratio" and "the attractiveness of students at affiliated institutions."

UConn Law students worked hard to achieve this honor. Indeed, a concentrated effort early Fall Semester prompted residents in Hartford's West End to complain about how much fun the students appeared to be having - to the point of

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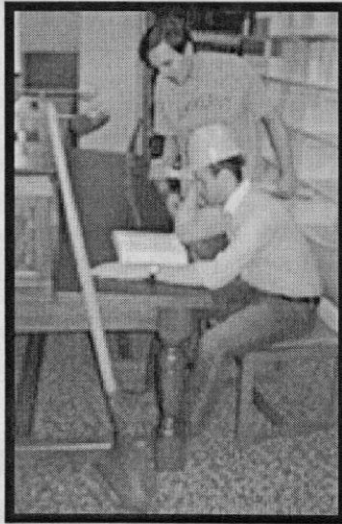


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Michael Pohorylo, 2L, and Marc Miller, 3L, take a quick break to catch up on reading after a 10-hour shift.

Work study students actually earn their cash through construction work

By Brian Fantana

Dean Jeremy Paul announced last week that the library construction project will be completed by law students and funded through the work-study program.

"The administration is very pleased that we were able to come to such a cost-effective solution," Dean Paul said during a press conference announcing the new program. "These budding

legal minds bring the same passion and ability to hanging dry wall and fitting stone facades that they do to my 8 a.m. Property class. Also, a judge threw out the state's lawsuit and our previous contractor wouldn't work for \$8 an hour."

Under the new program, students will be diverted from their current work-study jobs, which include such duties as making conversation at the library circulation desk

and chauffeuring faculty, to various construction jobs, such as welding and masonry.

Initial reviews for the program have been mixed. Some students applaud the new initiative.

"Personally, I think it's great," 2L Michael D. Molloy said during a break from mixing concrete.

Molloy previously served as Dean Paul's personal assistant. His duties in that position included fetching

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Ou est le chat?

Francois the cat goes missing again; Custom beret offered as reward.

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Polo enters bankruptcy

Majority of students attend class naked without spring collection.

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Job offers rise in 2009

Students report better opportunities in improving job market.

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Students indignant about hard labor requirements

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the dean's coffee and checking him before important meetings to make sure none of his clothes were on inside out.

Others have criticized the initiative, including distinguished alum Jon Burby. While Burby is not involved in the program, his best friend, 3L John Kim, is currently working Monday and Wednesday afternoons as a joint-fitter.

"John's in his third year of law school. He said he'd have all the time in the world to strategize for our fantasy baseball league," Burby said. "But now there's a solid 10 hours of the week that he won't instantly respond to my e-mails about negotiating trades for a hypothetical athletic contest."

"If I'd known things were

going to be like this, I'd have gotten a real job," added Burby, a lieutenant in the Coast Guard, which apparently needs lawyers for some reason.

The program has already become mired in controversy and scandal.

Research Dean R. Michael Fischl, a former appellate attorney for the National Labor Relations Board, has been trying to unionize the students in the program. On Monday, after handing out union literature to students installing asbestos insulation, Fischl was assaulted by two unidentified males. He later speculated the assailants may have been hired by the administration.

Tim Gondek, 3L, who worked as a union buster for a Pennsylvania Bituminous

Coal, Inc. and the Pinkerton Agency before coming to law school, has denied any involvement.

After catching wind of the human rights concerns at the work-study construction site, SBA President Ben Smilowitz announced he was immediately forming a watchdog group to monitor the situation, the University of Connecticut School of Law Library Work Study Construction Site Accountability Project, or UCSLLWSCAP.

"This aggression will not stand," Smilowitz said in a largely unread e-mail sent to the student listserv.

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Following the formation of UCSLLWSCAP, 1L Kenneth Noisewater and 2L James Westfall, announced the creation of another watchdog group, the University of Connecticut School of Law Library Work Study Construction Site Accountability Project, or UCSLLWSCAPAP.

"We feel some of these watch dog groups have failed to live up to their obligations in the past," the group said in a written statement. "It's important that we monitor them to make sure that they're monitoring everyone else like they're supposed to."

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Boozy 2L creates office hours carnage

By Ron Burgundy

Office hours went just fine, a plainly inebriated 2L insists.

Sources suspected something was amiss when Shawn Heller stumbled into his law journal office at 8:03 Friday morning. Others confirm Heller was seen as late as 4 a.m. outside a Woodland Street house party, smoking American Spirits, swigging from a bottle of cheap Canadian whiskey and accusing fellow revelers of "trying to turn me into a f--king suit."

Ignoring the "good morning" and subsequent look of concern on his executive editor's face, Heller proceeded to ransack the journal office in a vain search for an ILL book that was right there on the table in front of him.

"I probably should have

sent him home then," said Jan Crowley, 3L, Heller's superior on the publication. "But you have to admire Shawn's commitment to the journal. It's like what they say about mailmen. 'Neither snow nor rain nor questionable liver function shall stay journal members from the swift completion of their office hours.'"

Abandoning his search, Heller then flipped through a draft of a forthcoming journal article on Criminal Procedure, scrupulously highlighting each use of the word "taint." The trail of carnage continued a short time later at the library, where Heller apparently confused the photocopy room and the restroom.

"I found him in the men's room, trying to copy a volume of annotated statutes with the paper towel dis-

penser," said Prof. Lee Sims, head of reference services. "Everyone knows you can't use the annotated statute book for journal sourcing. Oh, and you don't even want to know what he did to the Xerox machine."

Eventually, UConn police were called to the scene, but were unable to detain Heller for lack of probable cause.

"Does it make sense that some law student is able to stagger around campus completely blitzed? Not so much," said Officer Daniel Fay. "But unfortunately there's no law against public intoxication on law school grounds. They repealed it back in the 1980s. Something about it being the only way to get people to show up for ConLaw."

News in brief from around the UConn Law campus

Delusional 1L still thinks 'B' is a good grade

First-year law student Hank Jeffries is still under the impression that a B is a mark of achievement, sources report.

"Yeah, I did pretty well my first semester," noted Jeffries. "I got mostly B's - even a B+ in Torts! In any case, I'm pretty excited."

Jeffries is unaware that, as the law school's professors currently apply the B median, his 3.06 GPA places him in the lower half of the third quintile. He further remains ignorant of the fact that his GPA has already disqualified him from a second-year summer associate position at a large law firm.

"I mean, people always told me how hard law school is," Jeffries gushed through an unknowing grin. "I don't know, I barely studied, and I still did really well."

Jeffries' friends have yet to break the news, and several called his persistent naiveté "endearing."

"He came in to thank me for his B in Contracts, and I

just didn't have the heart to tell him," said Prof. Lewis Kurlantzick. "Maybe they ought to do a better job explaining the curve at orientation."

UConn Law pushes back start date for Class of 2012

In a move seen as in line with many BigLaw firms, UConn Law has pushed back the start date for the incoming class of 2012, which will now begin studies in January of 2010.

"It just seemed like the smart thing to do," said Dean Jeremy Paul. "It's no secret we're looking at a lot less state funding for the next year. We can hire fewer teachers, less staff. If all the major firms are doing it, why not us?"

The development was simultaneously discovered by several dozen 3Ls, who fill their days obsessively refreshing the law industry blog *Above the Law*, in the hopes the firms at which they plan to start their careers have gone another five minutes without dissolving.

Paul denied rumors UConn

may cancel the class of 2013 and was visibly upset when asked to confirm or deny reports that some 120 2Ls were laid off last week.

Annoying 2L needs to shut up about how great law school is

Elizabeth Harriman, 2L, can't stop talking about how "law school is totally awesome." Sources report Harriman expresses excitement on a near-daily basis regarding her

current status as a law student, much to the annoyance of those around her.

"I just love law school! I've met so many great people and I'm learning a lot," said Harriman, apparently unaware she isn't talking to her goddamned grandparents. "I mean sure, there's a lot of work, but it's all really useful, and my professors are all really smart and helpful."

Rankings boost morale

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threatening litigation. This general debauchery was widely considered a turning point for the law school.

"Yeah, some of my neighbors were pretty mad," said 3L Frank Schwarz. "But let them graduate in this job market. They just don't understand how much employers pay attention to these rankings."

Students were dismayed

fall semester to learn a new ranking system employed by U.S. News & World Report would likely cost UConn a spot in the magazine's top 50 law schools. But with this new development, even faculty and administrators have found a reason to celebrate.

Noted Dean Jeremy Paul, "LET'S GO WHALERS!"

Mixer disappoints those expecting quality tail

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"The girls from my section were all really excited to meet some hot young doctors - just like Alex on Grey's [Anatomy]," noted law student Katie Andrews. "But all the med students were unshaven, pasty, and to be honest, kind of creepy. They were like law students, only they looked more exhausted."

At first the mixer seemed destined for success, with students from all three schools moving freely around the room, making small talk and interacting. But after roughly 30 minutes, students divided

into packs made up solely of students from their grad school.

"It was like a middle-school dance," complained dental student Mike Greenbaum, who spent most of the evening discussing the newest advances in root canals in a circle of fellow, future dentists. "Everyone seemed afraid to go near each other. Personally, I was just bummed out that none of the med school girls looked like Katherine Heigl."

Surprisingly, this disappointment was not limited to first-year students, but was

shared by upperclassmen - some of whom had attended as many as two or three prior mixers.

"The Halloween party in 2006 was clearly a bust," said 3L and fifth-quintile mainstay David Martin. "But you know, every time I go to the doctor's office there's at least one cute nurse, and Dr. James has like four wicked hot hygienists. I guess none of them got their degrees from UConn."

Informed nurses and hygienists do not attend medical or dental school, Fontaine cursed loudly and went back to not reading for several of

his Prof. Birmingham classes.

But not all the students in attendance lacked hope. Aaron Miller, 1L, was surprisingly optimistic.

"Yeah, the mixer was kind of lame, but these things happen," said Miller, sitting on a barstool at the Half Door. "And I heard a rumor from someone in admissions that next year's class is mainly made up of attractive, well-adjusted, single people."

Overhearing this, a nearby 3L wished Miller "good luck with that," ordered his third Irish car bomb, and lowered his head into his hands.

The Back Page

3L Superlatives: As if we want to remember you fondly

After polling UConn Law's longest tenured faculty, some of whom have worked on campus for nearly 40 years, the overwhelming consensus is that the Class of 2009 contains some of the brightest and most promising legal minds that this school has ever seen. Most of them even said it with a straight face.

In terms of academic output, community outreach, and civic responsibility, graduating 3Ls and 4Ls are unrivaled. Already their contribution to mankind is immeasurable: The law journals are published more often than Bill Simmons' ghostwriter, a brilliant closing by the Mock Trial Society ended World War II retroactively as of 1943 and the quiet dignity with which 3L men comport themselves has left at

least one or two local women who'd be proud to take a law student home to meet their parents. In short, the class of 2009 will be remembered as the single greatest contribution to humankind since Ponzi scheme.

In celebration of this esteemed cast of characters, below are the 3L Superlative awards for the Class of 2009. Congratulations to all the "winners."

Most likely to work for a Supreme Court justice: Tim Gondek (as a landscaper)

Most likely to be referred to as a "rainmaker": Adam Marks (by employee at the Gold Club)

Most likely to start a law firm: Elizabeth Krasnow, Emily Carroll, and Amy Modzelesky (Ladies DUI)

First name in rolodex at Ladies DUI: Peter Hitt

Most likely to work in a court: Elizabeth Cunha (food court at Westfarms Mall)

First to appear in a legal-themed adult film: Dallas Dodge in "Dallas does ... well, Dallas." (a one-man show)

Most likely to be employed in 2010: n/a

Most likely to work for Eliot Spitzer: Adam Possidente (employee no. nine)

Most Likely to Be the Motivation Behind a Loophole-Closing Piece of Legislation: Gabe McGlamery

Best legal nickname: John Dimanno (Justice Hand)

Most likely to sell his diploma on eBay: Marty Karpel

Most likely to buy said diploma on eBay: Todd Ostroske
Most likely to start personal

injury firm, Dodge, Hitt & Run: Dallas Dodge, Peter Hitt & Reverend Run (of counsel)
First to graduate from a Tier 1 Law School: n/a (... too soon?)
First to have his/her "piece" published professionally: Aaron Mensh (Playgirl.... got to pay off those student loans somehow).

Most likely to pass the bar: David Tanner

Most likely to receive TARP: Matt Vogt

Most likely to throw his dog through a TV after receiving BAR exam score: Jon Burby

Most likely to argue three years at law school should count as time served: Nate Baber (successfully)

Most likely to be on this list next year: Sarah Saadian (professional student)

Calhoun calls up law students, leaves Kraveske on pine

By Champ Kind

Jim Calhoun is praying UConn's law students can bring order to the court.

Early this morning, UConn and Syracuse ended a 312th overtime period tied 946-946, prolonging the epic, three-week battle. With the regular Husky roster having fouled out a mere day and a half into the game, Coach Calhoun urged students with any UConn affiliation whatsoever to change into basketball attire and report to Madison Square Garden immediately.

As the first-ever tricenti-

dudecuple overtime game in NCAA Division I history drags on, Calhoun has already exhausted his supply of students from various university departments - including branch campuses at Hartford, Waterbury, Stamford, and Avery Point, as well as students currently studying abroad. Sources believe he will now be forced to use UConn Law students - a move he told CBS's Greg Gumbel as recently as Monday afternoon would only be made as "an absolute last resort."

"As you've probably seen, I've had a lot of difficulty try-

ing to keep [the UConn Law student body] disciplined on defense," the Hall of Fame coach said. "Even when I've offered them my 'advice,' they seem hell-bent on staying on the offensive. I've told them repeatedly, 'Get some practice in, and come back and see me.'"

UConn's Agricultural School was seemingly moments away from winning the game late in the 267th overtime, but was burned by a sudden 18-point outburst from Syracuse College of Engineering sharpshooter Derek Eavendorf. NCAA officials are currently investigating this player's

eligibility.

Calhoun, meanwhile, has himself come under scrutiny. The NCAA is looking into whether Calhoun is behind excessive phone calls and text messages to expelled students asking that they come help beat Syracuse, a possible recruiting violation. College basketball analysts, however, question whether Calhoun is "really that stupid."

As UConn Law students get set to tip-off the 313th overtime period, one can only hope the open-gym sessions held at nearby Fox Middle School will pay off.