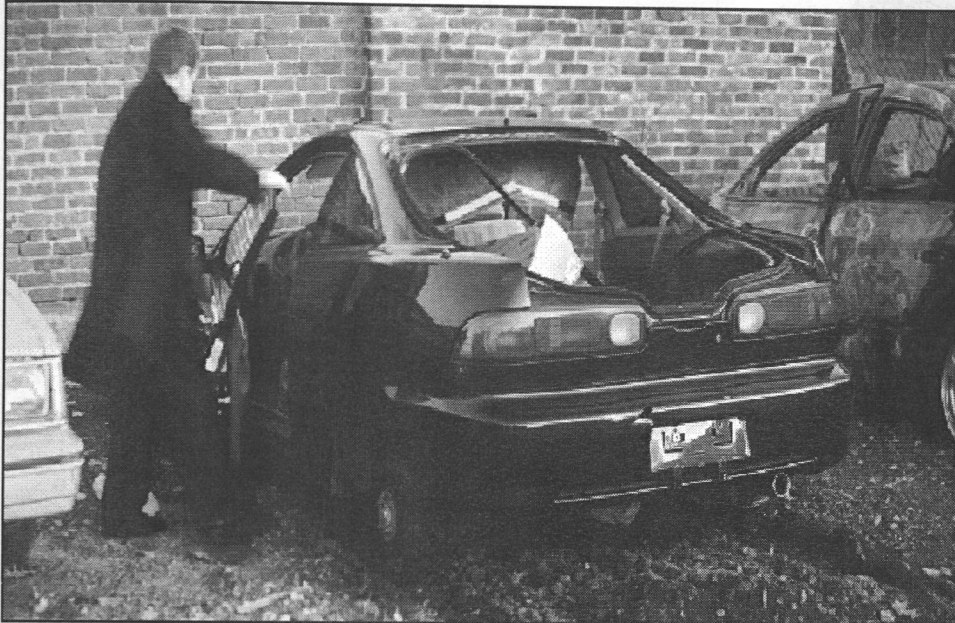


## Series of thefts rocks UConn Law campus *Five robberies in Hosmer prompt response from administration*

By Alexa Lindauer



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A student surveys his car after robbers vandalized it and stripped it for parts. An increase in crime in the West End - including five break-ins on campus during the past month - has heightened security concerns among residents.

The UConn Law community was sacked with a series of break-ins during the month of January. A total of five hits in three different locations occurred, affecting the cafeteria and Connecticut Journal of International Law office each twice, and Professor Patricia McCoy's office once. All five took place on the lower levels of Hosmer Hall.

Ann Crawford, Acting Dean for Finance and Administration, noted that the break-ins occurred at a time when only moot court classes were in session and that anyone attentive to the comings and goings on campus would likely notice the lull in activity. She said, "Our schedule is fairly evident. It wouldn't take a huge amount of surveillance to discover our habits."

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## Student body supports Haiti recovery efforts *Community reacts after devastating earthquake ravages island*

By Karen Rabinovici

On January 12, the international community shook as it learned about the devastating earthquake that rocked the Haitian capital city of Port-au-Prince. The earthquake left the city destroyed, killing hundreds of thousands of people. The effort to rebuild the city will be long and ongoing, but the response to the earthquake was immediate. Actions and pledges of support to help provide relief in Haiti flooded in and members of our very own community here at UConn Law are contributing to this effort.

The Asylum and Human Rights Clinic has helped numerous Haitian refugees win grants for temporary protected status. Currently, the Clinic is helping one former client in his quest to secure a U.S. visa for his son who is still in Port-au-Prince. Professor Jon Bauer and students Erica Carroll '10 and Jordan Abbott '10 are leading this effort.

Professor Margaret Martin, the pro bono coordinator, recruited a group of UConn Law students to volunteer at a program sponsored by the Connecticut chapters of the National Lawyers Guild and the American Immigration Lawyers Association. This

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# Dean's Corner with Dean Jeremy Paul

By Jeremy Paul

Congratulations to our SBA leadership for working closely with Dean Dailey, Dean Kirk and Ms. Norsworthy planning events such as the fall barbeque, the holiday gathering, and the grand library re-opening. Law school life flourishes when student leaders embrace the importance of community building. The Lunar New Year celebration should launch spring 2010 with equal spirit. I urge those of you considering student government to throw your hats into next year's ring.

Beyond that I encourage every student to participate in the upcoming elections here in Connecticut. Law school graduates representing both major political par-

ties are running for statewide office. Student volunteers will be welcomed in many quarters on both sides of the aisle. More important, the state's urgent agenda demands involvement from those receiving the first rate education available to each of you.

Of course, it's now fashionable to decry the extreme partisanship that has infected political life. I'm happy to lead this cheer as long as no one uses it as an excuse to sit home. I repeatedly tell students that the heroes in the political world are those who place the public good ahead of personal advantage. I look forward to the day when conservatives and liberals unite to fight the common enemies of greed, cynicism and opportunism.

This year I have a particular challenge for our talented student body to issue to office seekers of every stripe. I confess I stole it from "The West Wing." While debating his opponent during a tough re-election campaign, President Bartlet notices that his opponent's stump speech only goes so far. Bartlet turns and asks his opponent, "What are your next three sentences?" The opponent has none, and Bartlett wins handily.

That question strikes me as particularly relevant this year. You will hear office seekers proclaiming, "Washington (or Hartford) is broken; we don't need another career politician. It's time to break the backs of the special interests." Ask such candidates for three more sentences.

What will you, as a non-career politician allegedly not beholden to special interests, do to fix Washington or Hartford? You will also hear office seekers proclaiming, "You need a candidate who will fight for Main Street, not Wall Street. You need someone who will stand up to the lobbyists. You need someone who will work tirelessly on behalf of ordinary Americans." Ask again for three more sentences. How can you tame Wall Street without harming Main Street? How will you diminish the role of money in politics? What exactly will you do for ordinary Americans?

Three sentences may not seem like much. But perhaps they are what we need to vindicate last year's three words, "Yes we can."

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## A note from the Student Bar Association

Welcome back for the spring semester! The Student Bar Association has been working hard to achieve the goals we set at the beginning of the year. As the SBA proudly celebrates its 50th anniversary, it is an important time to reflect on our history and role within the law school community. Since our inception, the SBA has been addressing the needs of students, promoting community, and effecting proactive change to improve student and campus life.

Many of you may know me from my SBA meeting announcements or from my involvement in various student groups. Most of my work, however, takes place behind the scenes and has proven to be both exciting and rewarding. As Secretary, I have overseen the opening of the new SBA Office in Starr Hall, which is periodically staffed by representatives and E-Board members. Students can come by and talk with their representatives, express concerns, and discuss ideas, and student organizations may use the office for group business and file storage.

I have also had the privilege of working with the SBA to conduct a major overhaul of our website. These revisions better inform the student body about their elected representatives, the SBA's internal operations, management of the student activity fee, committee structure, student faculty committee representatives, and the SBA Constitution and Bylaws. Be sure to check it out!

When I recently sent the SBA E-Board plaques to be engraved with the names of the current Board, it occurred to me that I am part of a long history of student service to the law school community. I am truly honored to serve, and I look forward to addressing your needs and concerns as the SBA moves forward.

We welcome you to our meetings and hope to hear from you. Have a great spring semester!

Respectfully,  
Yam Menon  
SBA Secretary 2009-2010



# A graduate's guide to international legal reform

By Sarah Saadian

The recent news streaming out of the Middle East proves how challenging it is to encourage more open, democratic, and law-based societies in the Middle East. Iran celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Islamic Revolution with harsh repressive action. Morocco, in an attempt to silence its critics, arrested a blogger for protesting restrictions on free expression. And Freedom House reports serious human rights abuses in Tunisia after show-trials of human rights activists.

The most effective cure to the biggest obstacles in the Middle East, including poverty, conflict, endemic corruption and disregard for human rights, is Rule

of Law promotion. The notion that stable governments build opportunities for economic growth is one that is not lost on a region experiencing two years of economic crisis.

Karen Kendrick, Deputy Director, and Susan Kupperstein, Senior Program Manager of the American Bar Association's Rule of Law Initiative (ROLI) in the Middle East and North Africa, see a key role for lawyers in bringing about reform. By partnering with local judges, lawyers, bar associations, law schools, and legislatures, the ABA aims to help empower a new generation of lawyers with the tools to change the status quo. In essence, the ROLI strengthens genuine democratic reform from the

bottom up.

Of course, not all governments welcome the ROLI with fully open arms. Different ROLI programs have different levels of access to governments. While some governments offer the ABA only limited access, others know how the ABA's programs can lead to positive results for their country and therefore allow full access.

Cultural differences add another layer of complexity. In some countries, the ABA has had to overcome the perception that rule of law programs were an attempt to impose secular law over Sharia law. Through open dialogue and exploration on the local level, local partners have come to understand that they do not have

to adopt the U.S. model of democracy. Rather, democracy can be understood in a way that is reconciled with Islam and its cultural traditions, as well as with international treaties.

In the United States, lawyers play a key role in creating social change and ensuring that rights are vindicated. We have a long history of seeing how lawyers empower people. Luckily, we are starting to see that same empowerment in the Middle East. For more information on the ABA's Rule of Law Initiative, visit their website at [www.abanet.org/rol](http://www.abanet.org/rol).

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## Recent decision paves way for corporate cash *Supreme Court upholds political contributions in Citizens United*

By Erica Siegel

On January 21, 2010 the Supreme Court decided the controversial case *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* in a 5-4 decision. The almost 200 pages of written opinion contained two concurrences and one dissent of the majority opinion. The Court found that laws limiting corporate spending on advertising in favor of or in opposition to a political candidate are unconstitutional, citing the First Amendment right to free speech as the basis for its holding.

Justice Kennedy wrote for the majority, saying that under the Constitu-

tion, corporations are to be treated as persons entitled to the same protection as individual citizens.

The decision overturns several precedential cases, including *Austin v. Michigan Chamber of Commerce* and *McConnell v. Federal Election Commission*, which upheld restrictions on corporate spending in campaigns. The majority reasoned that these cases flew in the face of free speech rights and that "[w]hen government seeks to use its full power, including the criminal law, to command where a person may get his or her information or what distrusted source he or she may not hear, it uses censorship to

control thought."

Justice Stevens' dissent articulated some of the legal ramifications for changing the manner in which courts deal with corporations. Stevens argued that the Court, in fully fleshing out the corporate person, neglected to take into account that a "corporation is an artificial being, invisible, intangible, and existing only in contemplation of law. Being the mere creature of law, it possesses only those properties, which the charter of its creation confers upon it." Essentially, corporations do not have innate, but given rights.

One legal avenue available to temper the effect of

affording corporations these rights is legislative action. In fact, President Obama plans to work with Congress to "develop a forceful, bipartisan response to this decision." One possible response: Congress may erect a statue under authority of the Commerce Clause somehow barring corporations engaged in interstate commerce from personhood status.

This ruling will ultimately have a significant effect on campaigns and elections. Only time will tell what corporations will do with their further-defined personhood status, and how November's elections will be affected.

# New police head protects UConn Law

By Drew Schaffer

Many of you may have noticed a new face around campus. As of September, a new police officer has taken the reins of the UConn-Hartford Police Department. Master Sergeant (MSG) Hector Gonzalez comes to the UConn-Hartford force with great aspirations for the department.

New to Hartford, Gonzalez has already developed a close working relationship with the faculty, staff, and students. He recently met with the SBA, which requested of Gonzalez things such as the addition of cameras and blue lights to the campus. He envisions the SBA and the police department working together to increase safety and security around campus.

Gonzalez emphasized the

fact that "[t]he department depends on the staff and students to be the eyes and ears around campus and the surrounding community; if you see something suspicious don't hesitate to call us - that is what we are here for."

Gonzalez began his public service in the United States Marine Corps where he served as an infantry soldier from 1988 to 1992. It was during this time that he developed a passion for law enforcement. "I wanted to be an MP [Military Policeman] in the Marines but you had to be 19 to do that. Since I wasn't 19 yet, I decided to do the next best thing and join the infantry."

After leaving the military, Gonzalez began working for the State of Connecticut. He started off working at

Long Lane School, a juvenile detention facility located in Middletown. Feeling unchallenged, Gonzalez left Long Lane School and worked for other state agencies before joining the UConn Police Department in Storrs. "I had a burning desire to get into real police work and UConn offered the best opportunity to get the experience that I was looking for," said Gonzalez.

MSG Gonzalez has enjoyed his move to the Hartford campus and noted that it is a much different environment than Storrs. "Down here it is more of a community policing type atmosphere. In Storrs it is more of an 'us against them' atmosphere, but here everyone seems to work together, which makes our job easier and more enjoyable."

## Condolences for One of Our Own

One of our colleagues, Michael V. Sage of Guilford, Conn., passed away on Feb. 5. Mr. Sage, 29, recently completed his first semester as an LL.M. student in the insurance program. Mr. Sage's work during his brief time on campus drew rave reviews - he earned a CALI award in one of his classes during the fall - and left professors and students impressed with his dedication and helpfulness. In addition to his studies at UConn Law, Mr. Sage worked as an associate at Suisman Shapiro in New Britain.

The editors of *Pro Se* would like to extend our condolences to Mr. Sage's family for its loss and to the community as a whole for the loss of an amiable and intelligent student.

# McCoy settles into Insurance Law Center

## *New director espouses collaborative approach, global reach*

By Alan Merriman

When former UConn Law Professor Tom Baker left to pursue an opportunity to work at UPenn back in 2008, it left a vacancy for the Director of the Insurance Law Center. While the center ran well under the direction of interim director Professor Kurt Strasser, with the usual support from executive director Peter Kochenberger, there was still a need to fill some pretty big shoes.

The search, headed by Strasser, drove on for about a year. As Dean Paul put it, "We talked to leading insurance professors and practicing lawyers around the country about the position, and the more

people with whom we spoke the clearer it was that the best person to lead the Insurance Law Center was already here on our campus." Professor McCoy officially took over her duties as director on July 1, 2009.

Professor Baker checked in from UPenn and shared his thoughts with us stating that, "Professor McCoy's background in banking is a perfect fit to take the center to the next level." Additionally, Baker noted that during his time as director the focus was more property/casualty oriented whereas McCoy's experience is with pension/life. Baker expects great things to come from this.

Professor McCoy is a na-

tionally renowned authority on financial services regulation, who joined the faculty at UConn Law in 2002. McCoy is currently finishing a book on the credit crisis, a topic on which she was asked to testify in front of Congress last year. That testimony was later praised in a New York Times editorial. Professor McCoy has also been quoted in The Wall Street Journal, The Economist, The Los Angeles Times, Bloomberg, Forbes, and NPR.

From Professor McCoy, "We are facing an eruption of financial risk. [Financial] products coming out of the crisis are doing very well. In the future, how do we do a better job of apprehending the

risk and managing [it] so that there is less financial volatility? Going forward we will address the issues of risk and its many guises."

Professor McCoy was particularly proud of the global reach and collaborative efforts of the center. With LLM students from around the world and joint courses taught by professors here, China, and Italy, the Insurance Law Center truly is one of a kind. The center's spring symposium entitled "Regulating Risk" will be something to watch for and UConn Law can rest assured that the Insurance Law Center will be very active under the direction of such an exceptional leader.



# Police investigate string of campus thefts

## *Suspect questioned as measures implemented to improve security*

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Access was gained in a variety of ways. The first break-in in the cafeteria occurred by discovering a key that was hidden outside the building, while the second occurred when the thief went through the dry wall over the ceiling. The law journal office door has glass panels reinforced with wire. There, the perpetrator broke through the glass with a pipe and came back a second time when the broken door was being held together with plywood, and broke in again. Professor McCoy's office, which is protected from view of Girard Avenue by a community garden, was accessed by pushing an external air conditioning unit through.

The total value of the items taken was not significant. These items included old refurbished computers, a small amount of cash from

the cafeteria, and a printer from Professor McCoy's office. Crawford said, "The economic situation has probably made people more desperate. These are not high end items, and they went through a lot of trouble to get [them]."

While no one has been officially charged with the crimes, a UConn police officer did notice a suspicious person walking down Girard Avenue. That officer called for backup and other officers went out on foot to find the man trying to access Hosmer through various means. Hartford police brought him in for questioning, and while he was not charged, there have coincidentally been no more break-ins since.

Crawford commented, "My guess is it's the person or someone related to the person who was questioned." Even if not the individual, Crawford said, "It seems quite likely

that the Hosmer break-ins were by the same person. Certainly the pairs were – someone went back to the CJIL, back to the cafe." Crawford also did not discount the possibility that the thefts could have been performed by the same individual or individuals who were responsible for a string of burglaries in West End residences. The West End has picked up its surveillance with increased police patrols and a citizen neighborhood watch; it's possible that, because of the increased vigilance, the thief decided to move on to a new location.

The administration and police department identified a number of measures that could be taken to better protect the law school campus, which were outlined in an email to the community in late January. Crawford noted that a surveillance camera company has walked the cam-

pus to develop a quote, and installation of those cameras will become a priority. Grills for ground-level windows are being considered, but because the campus is on the National Register of Historic Places, installation is complicated. Additionally, changes in the card swipe system, an escort service, and a review of the placement of the blue emergency lights are all being considered. The UConn Police Department, now under the direction of Master Sergeant Hector Gonzalez, has stepped up its patrols inside the campus buildings, and has worked closely with the administration.

Crawford noted that one of our most powerful security systems is the vigilance of the law school community. She said, "Our real strength in terms of preventing and deterring crime is our thousand sets of eyes."

# Students lend hand to Haitian relief effort

## *Legal services and supplies dispatched to Caribbean to aid recovery*

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program held clinics around Connecticut on Feb. 6 to help Haitians apply for temporary protected status. Ultimately the organizers had a surplus of volunteers and the services were not needed, but the students received training and there may be follow-up programs in which help for Haitians can be provided. Professor Martin will keep the community updated on such programs.

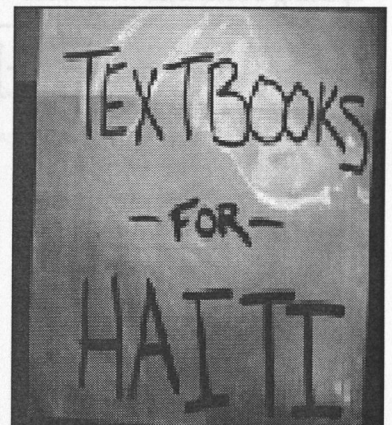
The Black Law Students Association and the Christian Legal Society have teamed up in an effort to solicit contributions to World Vision, a Christian human-

itarian charity organization dedicated to helping people tackle the causes of poverty and injustice. World Vision has had a long-term commitment to Haiti and has had teams stationed there for more than 30 years. World Vision is currently helping to establish safe places for children to play and learn in six camps across Port-au-Prince with more expected to launch in the coming weeks. The organization is also distributing food, supplies, and emergency assistance to the affected Haitians. An anonymous donor is matching donations solicited from the UConn Law community up to \$5,000. Students Danielle

Edwards '10 and Whitney Matthews '10 have spearheaded this effort.

A group of students, headed by Rachel Sauer, has initiated an effort to help provide relief in Haiti by organizing the donation and buying of books, the profits of which will go towards the victims of the earthquake. Donated books were resold on campus or online. The profits will also go to the World Vision organization, to be matched by the anonymous donor.

These combined efforts are an admirable show of support for Haiti from the UConn Law Community.



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Students get the word out about efforts to aid Haiti as it recovers from a devastating earthquake.

# Going Dutch: A semester in Tilburg

By Scott Schaeffer

For a nation renowned for countryside windmills and city canals, one might expect to be disappointed by a location lacking them. Yet my autumn semester in Tilburg, the Netherlands, was replete with surprises. Many came from simple events like a coffee shop discussion that became a battle between Nordic and Anglo perspectives on labor law. Others involved my role as a Dutch avatar, as when during the first weekly group dinner of exchange students, we were engulfed in the jingoism of our Dutch mentors; surprisingly, I enjoyed having my face painted orange and rooting for the local football club. Dutch flat-mates further evidenced the national friendliness, not to mention height, by always offering food when in need or a drink when not.

Tilburg University proved likewise captivating, with professors able to perpetually engage the class absent the Socratic method. Class discussions never wanted for entertainment, be it a teacher splicing a sentence with three



3L Scott Schaeffer poses in front his "greatest source of amusement" in Tilburg.

Scott Schaeffer/ProSe

languages or the struggle between Germanic propensity to follow the "rules" and an American penchant to do anything but that. Outside the classroom, museums like the Mauritshuis in The Hague, filled with Dutch masters, spoke to finer society, while Amsterdam's sex and cannabis museums give a taste of lively Dutch culture.

Given Dutch acceptance of prostitution and soft drugs, I did not anticipate bicycles to be my greatest source of amusement. Yet witnessing the entire populace cycle, from businessmen to pregnant women, continually lent me a smile. Dutch bicycle culture is second to none, with their own parking spots, paths, bullies, and thefts. I

developed a fondness for commuter lots consisting of thousands of bicycles, and now sigh when I see them replaced by cars on this side of the pond. I will always remember hundreds of laughing schoolchildren mounting their bikes and departing the schoolhouse gates en masse, a telling image of my exciting term abroad.

## Hope in the fog: The 1L summer job search

By Brendan Horgan

### COMMENTARY

Opening a firm rejection letter is fast becoming part of my morning routine. The word on the street is that the classic "Summer Associate" positions are just not on the table for 1Ls this year. Instead, the general shift by private firms is trending toward the "Externship." Decision mak-

ers at these firms have either come to recognize the value of educating future lawyers, or perhaps they have simply uncovered a loophole in slave labor laws.

Some words of advice for my fellow 1Ls: Keep in mind some firms react very positively if you approach them with the option of an externship – talk to Professor Mailly for some creative ideas. Also, remember that many non-profits

and public interest groups are struggling through this tough economy, and would gladly welcome high-quality summer help.

As a first-year UConn Law student, you are undoubtedly talented, intelligent, and most importantly, willing to work for free, which means there are literally hundreds of organizations that would benefit from your work. They might not be the U.S. Attorney's Of-

fice, but they will look fine on a resume and might very well provide an enriching experience.

A wise recent UConn Law graduate assured me: "At the end of the day, there is something for everybody." Take those words to heart, and for sanity's sake, go talk to the very effective folks at the Career Planning Center. Their job is to slow down a 1L's heart rate.



# Commentary

## Thefts will force us to adapt to a harsh reality

By Kyle McCarthy

A series of break-ins ravaged our community over the past few months and whacked us over the head with a stinging dose of reality.

Although it is sometimes tough to tell while surveying the idyllic setting of our campus, UConn Law exists within the confines of a city. Hartford, like any other significant metropolitan, struggles with its share of rough elements. Those elements are usually separated by a few blocks here or an intersection there and the location of our fair law school provides no respite from that inevitability.

Despite those present dangers, it appears our community as a whole has struggled to come to terms with its

surrounding environment. Perhaps we were lulled into a false sense of security, believing our ivory tower provided no opportunity for intruders detrimental to our safety. We focused on the ease of our daily routine and ignored precautionary measures most people would have taken in similar circumstances in other cities. Maybe we just didn't want to own up to the fact that we weren't actually as removed as we felt we were.

Blissful ignorance, even with the halt to the recent rash of robberies, holds no place on our campus anymore. In its place, we rely on care, resolve and resilience. Our delusions may have dissipated, but we have emerged into the cold world stronger for it.

## Tort du Stade: Turning Off "The Back Page"

By Melanie Dykas

Every morning on my way to campus, my radio is on 1410 AM, listening to Mike & Mike in the Morning. Sadly, this occasionally results in my hearing Jason Page welcoming my return – a spine chilling, fist clenching, "you got me again" return. For any of you unfamiliar with "The Back Page" on ESPN Radio, Page is the local (arguably worse) version of Joe Buck. He offers ridiculous, un-insightful, idiotic comments and a condescending tone for his callers.

Recently, I chose to give Page a chance. It was just after Jim Calhoun had made his return to coaching after his seven-game medical leave. Page decided not only to criticize the team, but went on a lengthy rant about how Calhoun is bad for college basketball and is bringing UConn down. Now, truth be told, my collegiate basketball allegiance lies with Pitt. However, the idea that Calhoun was bringing down the program is ridiculous.

One of the main arguments proffered by Page was that Calhoun's abrasive personality is creating a bad reputation for the program. He commented that in recent times – i.e., since the Husky men last cut down the net in

2004 – Calhoun has become a bully. My initial, and remaining reaction, was "And?"

Calhoun is the same coach now as he was when he coached the likes Ray Allen, Richard Hamilton, and Ben Gordon. When it comes to the game, he has always been the tough guy, the cancer survivor who grew up outside of Boston, who demands the best from his players in explicit vocal terms. He has always cursed on the sideline and been short tempered toward the media. (Just ask our very own Ken Kraveske, who last year asked Calhoun about his salary during a post-game press conference.) Outside of the game, he is an affable, highly charitable guy who brings pizza to the UConn students who camp out overnight for season tickets.

He has never been apologetic about his style as a coach, nor should he be. He raised our men's basketball team from relatively nothing to a powerhouse that is perennially favored in the conference. The fact of the matter is when top-recruiter Tom Moore left for Quinnipiac, some top prospects were lost. While Calhoun may be a bit Bobby Knight-ish, the idea that Calhoun is responsible for the drop in appeal is utterly absurd.

Want to share your opinion?

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# The Back Page

## H.E.L.P. aid Hartford's homeless *Program provides legal services in shelters*

By Tim Cieslak

What began as a way to give legal assistance the people of New Orleans, H.E.L.P. is now aiding the homeless of Hartford with the cooperation of UConn Law.

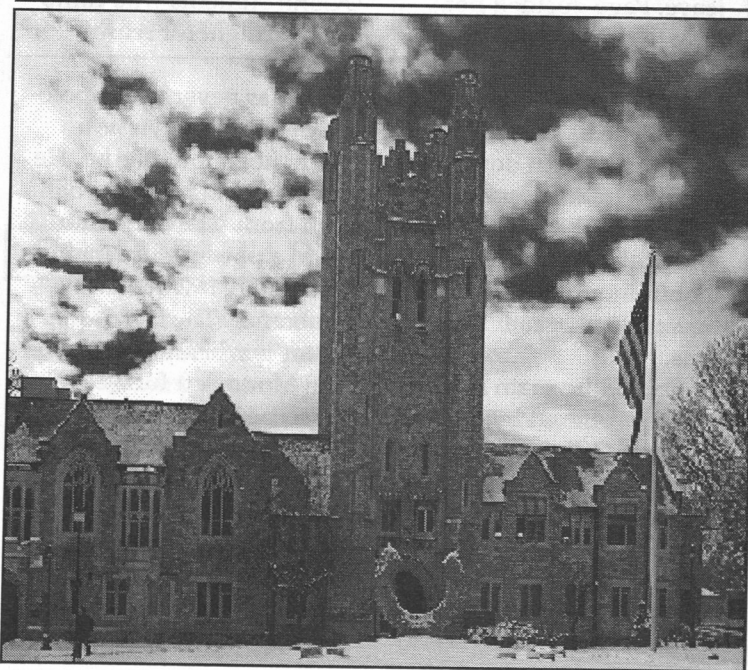
The Homeless Experience Legal Help program is assisting the homeless of three local shelters with things such as child custody, child support, and immigration issues. Recently, UConn Law students have been lending a hand to these needy folks, most of whom are simply down on their luck in a rough economy.

One such individual had a warrant out for his arrest in San Francisco for a minor crime. As a result, he could not pass background checks and could not get a job, leaving him homeless. Research showed that a statute of limitations had run on his crime and it was quickly expunged from his record. The program is a testament to how important a law student's time can be to people's lives.

Students involved in H.E.L.P. attend one of the shelters and, with the aid of a supervisory

attorney, gain first-hand experience dealing with the legal problems of real people. Law students often assist in the retrieval of medical records, an invaluable service for those in need. Ideally, the lawyer and students clear up the legal issues during the first meeting, as it can be very difficult to contact people with no permanent residence. In the event that follow-up work is required, the attorney can decide to take the case pro bono or refer it to a fellow attorney. In either scenario, the students can continue to help, given a mutual agreement.

One important lesson for participating students is learning to prioritize work. Students in H.E.L.P. deal with real people's lives, which cannot be overshadowed by their own law school careers. One current 1L volunteer found out the details of a time-sensitive case just prior to last semester's finals. While exams and the race for jobs are of highest priority, the efforts of the H.E.L.P. program have a huge impact on those assisted and can provide life-changing results.



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**Snow provided constant companionship during the month of February as storms ravaged the Northeast and dumped an ample amount of powder on campus.**

## Ask McCarthy: Respecting the turtle

By Kyle McCarthy

*As I putter around campus on a daily basis, I frequently spot someone walking around in a mock turtle neck. It's always the same person. What gives?*

- R. Willard

I once knew a guy in college who showed up in a mock turtle neck without fail. Death, taxes and mocks for this guy. He wore a mock with a blazer, he repped the mock solo, he mixed up his colors and he inspired a half dozen others to follow his lead.

Of course, the AARP member in question coached the Holy Cross men's basketball team and could dress like he was late to play Canasta without finding anyone willing to reproach him for his suspect sartorial decisions.

In the end, it's difficult to pinpoint what possesses a person to wear a mock turtle consistently. It's not my bag, but if he or she can rock it, all the most power to him or her. Otherwise, it's time to shuffle off to an early dinner.

*Have questions? McCarthy will answer them here. E-mail your query to askmccarthy@gmail.com. Names are changed to protect the innocent.*