

UConn Law's first diversity week proves successful

By Silvia Chung

"I'm an adopted Hispanic lesbian."

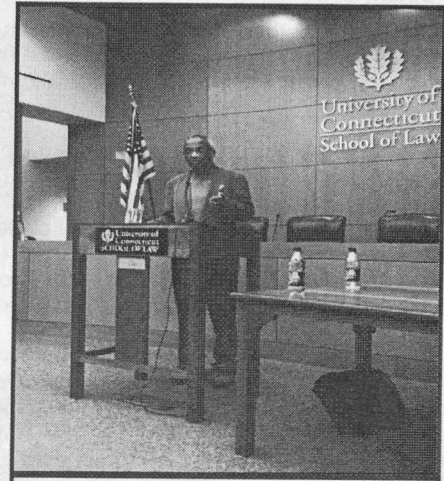
"I am a disabled, black, single mother."

These were the candid self-identifying words of Dean Karen DeMeola and Professor Kaaryn Gustafson during the event "Unpacking Privilege." For those of us that participated in this year's diversity week and attended its events, it was incredibly engaging and informative. Organized under the umbrella theme of "Expand Your Jurisdiction," the SBA Diversity Committee presented events like "Unpacking Privilege," and "Missed Connections" to highlight, celebrate, and reflect upon the fullest sense of diversity at UConn Law.

Dean DeMeola and Professor Gustafson later said something that resonated. While they recognized they were underprivileged in some ways, they noted

how they were privileged in other ways. We here at UConn Law belong to a privileged group attending graduate school for a professional degree. We may all be underprivileged in some aspects, and privileged in others, but it's usually when we are in a position of privilege that we are less likely to recognize it. On forms, I check the box marked "female" without even thinking. Being born a female who feels like a female is a government recognized privilege I didn't even realize I had.

The event "Missed Connections" was a time to reflect and follow up on the 2007 Bullets and Bubbly incident, as well as the Immigration Symposium organized by PILJ last year. It was a time for open and honest discussions regarding the culturally sensitive side of stereotypes and immigration. It's easy to get defensive when someone is offended by our attempts to make a funny, and retort



Heidi Cha UConn
Professor Bell delivers the closing remarks.

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SALDF panel educates students on animal experimentation

By Sarah Shah

On March 30th, UConn Law had the privilege of hearing Will Potter, author of "Green is the New Red," and Justin Goodman, UConn alum and Associate Director of Laboratory Investigations for PETA, speak about the scope of animal experimentation in the US and the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act.

The event, which took place in a packed Blumberg Hall, began with Goodman speaking about the Animal Welfare Act, which is the only Federal statute governing animal experimentation in the US. However, this act does not adequately protect animals, and the act does not prohibit any type of experiment on animals in laboratories, no matter how painful, trivial or duplicative it may be. An animal can be burned alive, paralyzed, starved, decapitated, poisoned, brain damaged, and killed all in the name of experimentation. Yearly, over 110 million animals are used for experimentation in the US. Around 800 labs in the US have no

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CPILJ Symposium provides hope for the future

By Tim Cieslak

The recent Connecticut Public Interest Law Journal symposium dealt with the issue of the role of mental illness in our current criminal justice system. The brevity of this article obviously cannot explain or even begin to flesh out the incredibly sensitive issue, but it can hopefully call attention to it for our readers.

The symposium began by highlighting the implications of mental illness in the criminal justice system. There exists a schism between the law and leading psychology in the basic definition of what constitutes a "mental illness." In law, we deal with a rule system based on absolutes, but psychology is unable to define mental illness within this strict framework. Although warning signs of mental illness and the possible danger those with these mental illnesses can pose to themselves and others are often widely agreed upon there is simply no way to write some sort of a statute or system of rules to evaluate individuals

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Dean's Corner with Dean Jeremy Paul

By Jeremy Paul

Diversity Week was a resounding triumph. The SBA committee, with help from faculty and staff, attracted truly outstanding national leaders, provoked stimulating conversations, and connected with local roots via artistic display. Bravo! Above all, Diversity Week provided the opportunity to consider what promoting diversity means for the legal profession in the 21st century. Clearly our Law School knows which side we are on in the struggles that weighed so heavily on 20th century lawyers.

When my mother was one of 12 women out of 300 to graduate from another law school in 1951, male law firm partners refused to hire her because they wanted freedom to curse around the office. Today, our Law School understands that the legal profession is best served when it embraces lawyers with varying abilities who come from diverse backgrounds and who represent all ages, races, religions, national origins, genders, sexual orientations, geographic roots and political perspectives.

Embracing diversity is not merely a matter of social justice. It makes us a stronger law school. Our graduates will be ineffective lawyers if they have not mastered a diverse environment. Our classrooms are enriched by multiple points of view, and leading employers want to choose from a diverse pool of candidates. Clearly our Law School has distance to travel in building a faculty, staff, and student body that "looks like America." We are, however, firmly headed in that direction. Bringing people together under one roof (or five), however, is just the start in building a diverse community. As campus diversity increases so too must a sense of collective purpose. The legal system we serve has high ideals with great power to bring people together. So as we properly celebrate the things that make us different from one another, let's also rejoice over what we have in common.

The beauty of a week-long campus-wide celebration of diversity, which I hope will become a tradition, is that it both highlights variety and draws us together into one conversation. The week gave each of us a taste of other cultures (and the tastes were delicious), yet it also helped develop an overall Law School culture. In that sense, the week's local mission mirrors the national challenge. As our government responds to an increasingly diverse set of well-understood constituencies, we cannot forget that as Americans we are all in this together. I am proud to be a member of a Law School community that seeks collective celebration even as it celebrates individual differences. Congratulations to all who made it happen and to each of you who participated. I urge students, faculty and staff to get involved next year.

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A note from the Student Bar Association

So Long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Adieu... A Farewell from Yam

Whenever I communicate with members of the student body or conduct SBA business, I wish I could express the one sentiment I most strongly feel—gratitude. I am honored and deeply grateful for the opportunity to have served the student community at the Law School. I thank you for believing in me to lead this integral organization and for taking a leap of faith. I have been blessed with some amazing professional, personal, and academic experiences here, and I have my classmates and the members of this institution to thank for that. THANK YOU!

The time has come to pass the gavel. I am confident to leave the SBA in capable, caring, and talented hands. To that end, please join me in congratulating your 2011-2012 SBA, and PEACE OUT!

Some special messages:

1Ls: You are an active and engaged community, and it was truly a pleasure to welcome you here and see you become a part of our community. You are just great—best of luck to you all!

2Ls: I know the job market sucks in all kinds of ways right now. Hang in there, don't lose hope, and know that it will be okay...eventually. You have what it takes to succeed, it just may take longer than you would like.

Evening/LLMs: Don't think I forgot about you. In fact, I've truly valued this experience because of you. I wish I had my act together the way you all do. Thanks for a great experience and for teaching me how to seriously multitask!

Graduating students: It's been fun having classes with you, commiserating over the bar exam/job search/MPRE (okay, not really), and sharing one at the Half Door. A final toast to us - congrats and see you at graduation!

Respectfully,
Yam Menon

Former Student Bar Association President

Hello from Haifa: *Editor sleeps under the desert stars*

By Karen Rabinovici

Well, one month later and as I suggested to myself in my last article, I have indeed become more Israeli. I've accepted that a class listed as starting at 4:00 pm really only starts at 4:15. I've accepted that disagreements in class result in eruptions in Hebrew by all the Israeli students until they are ordered to continue in English, leaving the international students very lost.

On the other hand, I really love how everyone in this country pronounces my last name 100% correct on the first

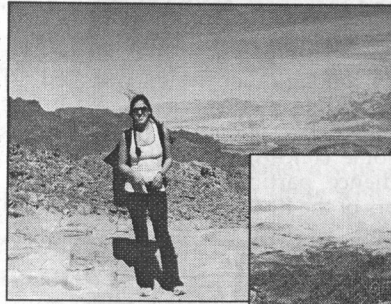
try, and I've really come to love the short, to-the-point way Israelis speak in class when participating - a far cry from the often showy contributions

I've heard at UConn! At first I attributed this type of speech to the fact that English is a second language for Israelis, but after some inquiry I was told, and I've discovered, that Israelis are indeed a straightforward and to-the-



point people.

However, all my professors are American. As such, classes are run in pretty much the same fashion as UConn. One particularly cool occurrence in Law in a Technological Society, however, was skyp-

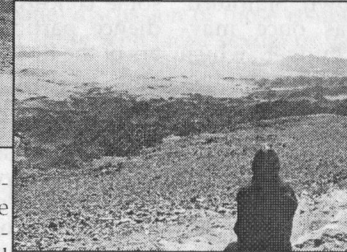


with video) with the head of dispute resolution at eBay, a friend of the professor. Very technological indeed!

Aside from academics, the school hosts amazing trips that take place all over Israel throughout the semester. On one such trip I spent three days hiking

in the desert under brutally hot, and then brutally cold, conditions. I slept in a sleeping bag under the stars in the open desert - no tents on this trip! This was an unbe-

lievable and unrepeatable experience. No other hikers - just me, the desert...and 70 other international students. But truly, it was nature and isolation at its finest.



Outside of my personal experiences, It has been a tragic month for Israel, with a fatal terror

attack in Jerusalem, regular rocket assaults, and the murder of the Fogel family (two parents, and three children, ages 11, 4, and 3 months). There has been a heavy and mournful atmosphere. But

such is life in Israel, and life goes on as it must.



Democrats and Republicans face off over collective bargaining rights

By Elise Baun

Last month, in an effort to balance the state budget, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker attempted to introduce a bill that would effectively cut state employees' wages by eight percent and rescind the labor union's collective bargaining rights. Wisconsin currently needs to close its \$3.6-billion deficit. After Gov. Walker introduced this bill, the state employees and union supporters protested in record numbers.

As a result of the public backlash against Gov. Walker's proposal, the Senate Democrats fled the state. The Democrats knew that if they weren't present for the vote, the Senate would not be able to vote, and therefore would not be able to pass the bill. After the Democrats refused to return to Wisconsin for three weeks, the Senate Republicans altered the bill so that it no longer had the union language in it. The Republicans then passed the bill.

After the passing of the first bill, the Republicans drafted another measure that stripped the state employees' of their collective bargaining rights while simultaneously cutting their wages by about eight percent (employees would be required to pay more for their health care and benefits while also taking a wage decrease). This measure will only save the budget \$137 million, and won't affect the state troopers'

or firefighters' unions.

After the Senate Republicans passed the second measure, Gov. Walker signed the bill into law. In response to the Republicans' underhandedness, the Senate Democrats filed a lawsuit in state court alleging that their counterparts resorted to illegal means to pass these two measures. The Republicans were required to provide twenty-four hours notice to the Democrats before they passed the second measure, but they only provided two hours notice. On Friday, Dane County Circuit Judge Maryann Sumi issued a restraining order against the bill until she can decide the issue.

The Senate Republicans would still be able to re-pass the bill, provided that this time they provide adequate notice to their fellow Democrats. The Republicans have not indicated what their next move will be.

This entire situation has created a stir across the country. There are numerous people who blame overpowered unions for the demise of the automobile industry. But, this measure would strip the state unions of their collective bargaining rights (the unions would only be able to bargain for wage increases set at the amount of inflation), which begs the question: what's the point of a union without bargaining rights?

Governor Malloy embarks on town hall budget tour to disseminate plan

By Matthew Szafranski

Two and half months after Dannel Malloy was sworn in as Connecticut's governor, he took his budget road show to his home town, Stamford, where he was once mayor. Malloy's budget, which closes a \$3.3 billion budget deficit using taxes, cuts, and labor concession, has been a tough sell.

The March 22 town hall meeting took place at UConn-Stamford's General Re Auditorium. Red shirts supporting Sustinet, a universal health care study passed in 2009, dotted the audience. Supporters of the program were among those to ask questions during the town hall's Q&A. Sustinet was enacted before the Affordable Care Act was passed in Congress in 2010, but has been put on hold since the federal law passed.

Malloy opened his presentation with a brief synopsis of his budget. He reminded the audience of the deficit size

and that there are no stimulus or rainy day moneys to tap. That gap was bridged by, among other things, consolidating agencies.

The consolidations drew some concerns from the audience, particularly supporters of the Board of Education and Services for the Blind (BESB). One blind man worried about cuts to services if BESB is consolidated with another agency. Malloy assured that "benefits won't be lost" amidst consolidations.

Labor concessions also played a prominent role in Malloy's budget. The governor hopes to secure around \$1 billion in concessions from state employees. He dismissed one speaker's claim that he sought a 20% pay cut from employees. He noted that the present labor 20 year contract was signed by former Governor John Rowland, hogtying budget writers for years to come.

Arguably the most unattractive part of Malloy's budget are its proposed tax

increases. Malloy defended them, however, saying his budget did not pass the buck-or lack thereof--to local communities, fully funded pension obligations and borrowed no money for operating expenses. By comparison he noted that some states simply "passed obligations to local government" and called it a balanced budget.

Malloy told the audience that a family making \$75,000 could stand to see their average tax burden rise about \$500 a year overall. Monique Thomas, a candidate for 148th district in the state House of Representatives hissed at the mere



<http://www.ct.gov/malloy/>

Governor Malloy at Inauguration.

idea of tax increases. Most speakers worried about the tangible impact of the higher sales and income taxes on middle and lower income families.

For more information about Governor Dannel Malloy's views, please see <http://www.governor.ct.gov>

Symposium highlights need for legislative change

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to say with any finality if someone has a mental illness or the threat these individuals may pose. The panel offered insight into the growing relationship between the legal system and the doctors whom are in the position to make mental illness determinations. This is a conversation that at one point was simply not happening, thanks in large part to urban myths regarding mental illness following various tragedies, but there is hope for future dialogues that can eventually provide change.

The second panel outlined alternative approaches within the legal system to better evaluate and help those in need of professional help. As we all know, the police are effective gatekeepers for our legal system. They are those who are reacting first-hand to calls from people, and in the past they were not adequately prepared or informed about what to look for as possible signs that someone has a mental

illness and in turn how to handle these individuals to prevent further harm to others or they themselves. Programs are currently being put into place to help train these officers to properly assess situations to be able to give people the help they need and deserve while still having regard for individual freedom of choice.

Keynote speaker addressed the issues around the current overflow of mentally ill individuals residing in Connecticut prisons and reaffirmed that mental illness and the insanity defense should not be in conflict with criminal liability and punishment.

The keynote address by Michael Lawlor for Connecticut's Office of Policy and Management provided a particularly hopeful summation of the day's discussion. He addressed the concerns of both the state and its citizens in how the state is seeking to rectify the current overflow of men-

tally ill individuals currently residing in our own prisons while reaffirming that mental illness and the insanity defense should not be in conflict with criminal liability and punishment. It may be tough to believe that our legislature will ever make changes of the magnitude required to properly help those with mental illnesses, but he remained hopeful because of Connecticut's own budget crisis, promoting that efficiency in treatment can force legislature to make a change.

Although the issue may seem overwhelming the symposium offered all who attended a great deal of hope. We as law students are in the unique position of being able to ultimately promote the conversations and change the future will require to correctly evaluate mental illnesses and hopefully tailor the criminal justice system to provide both accountability and help for the unfortunate individuals currently being incorrectly handled by our own legal system.

House on the Moon Theater Company will present *Tara's Crossing*

By Erica McKenzie

On Thursday, April 21st UConn Law will have the honor of hosting a performance of *Tara's Crossing* by the Houses on the Moon Theater Company. The performance will occur in the Davis Courtroom from 5:30-7:30 followed by a panel discussion in the Starr Reading Room from 7:30-8:30.

Tara's Crossing depicts the struggles of those seeking asylum that face persecution based on their sexual orientation or gender identity. Specifically, the play details the struggles of a transgendered individual named Tara, a girl born in a male body. The story follows Tara as she is forced to endure both Guyana and U.S. society's inability to understand and cope with the differences of "boy" who does not fit in with the rest of the boys. After fleeing Guyana for the U.S., Tara is placed in a detention center by immigration officials and subject to a variety of identity based persecution because of her transgendered status.

The author of the play, Jeffrey Solomon found inspiration from hearing dozens of interview with refugees fleeing persecution in their home countries because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. Asylum for sexual minorities

has been available in the U.S. since 1994, but asylum seekers still face an uphill battle in proving their persecution claims in the U.S., not only as a result of the complexities of seeking asylum, but also because of the re-victimization of these individuals by the American Immigration system.

Following the play, students will have the opportunity to participate in a panel discussion of these issues relating to seeing asylum for those who faced sexual or gender based persecution. The panelists will include the playwright, Joseph Loy, a Kirland & Ellis partner who runs the firm's LGBT Asylum Project, and an asylum seeker who has lived through a similar situation to the one described in *Tara's Crossing*.

This play is being brought to UConn Law

courtesy of the Asylum and Human Rights Clinic, Lambda Law Society, Latino Law Students' Association, Public Interest Law Group, South Asian Law Students' Association, and Women Law Students' Association, with generous support from the Student Bar Association, Dean's Office, Law School Foundation, and UConn Human Rights Institute.

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Courts next in line to address healthcare

By Brendan Horgan

The healthcare debate is shifting from the halls of Congress to the walls of Federal Courts. Opponents of the bill hold that the individual mandate is unconstitutional. Opponents argue that the mandate, which compels a federal health plan for individuals not otherwise insured by 2014, is an unwarranted intrusion by the Federal Government into the private decision making of the American individual.

Supporters of the bill point to the vast coverage of the Commerce Clause. Stating that Congress can effectively regulate anything having to do with "commerce amongst the states." The Commerce Clause has been interpreted to give Congress power to regulate an incredibly large percentage of an individual's activity.

But, an individual who chooses not to buy health insurance is not participating in interstate commerce... right? How can inactivity be considered part of commerce? This is the crux of the opponents' argument. Since this is a legal "grey area," it is highly likely that this issue will wind up in the Supreme Court in the future.

In the humble opinion of this star-eyed law student, the uniqueness

of health care as a 'good' involves the participation of every person in America in the health care market, regardless of if he or she chooses to buy health insurance. Everyone, from people choosing to purchase health insurance to uninsured illegal immigrants utilizes the 'good' of health care by venturing into public. If any person gets hit by a car and lies unconscious on Farmington Avenue, that person will be carted to the hospital. If anyone is dying, that hospital is going to spend money to save him or her regardless of whether that person has decided to purchase health insurance. And so, in my opinion, by waking up in the morning and existing in the American society, we are all subjecting ourselves to possibly utilizing health care services that day, regardless of choice.

However, with more recent "reigning in" of the Commerce Clause power, this argument is far from a slam-dunk. Unfortunately, the over-politicization of this issue will create a predictably divided Supreme Court. I hope, when the decision finally comes regardless of its outcome, that well-articulated legal reasoning carries the day.

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Voices from the Quad

By Patricia Martins

What do you wish you were doing for the summer?

"Sleeping on the beach."
-Frank Ruso, 1L

"Reading for myself."
-Rob Hanson, 2L

"Racing Cars."
-Brian Doherty, 1L

"Finding a sugar daddy with a yacht and sailing around the mediterranean while getting a fabulous tan."
-Natalie Wayne, 1L

Student Spotlight

Menon awarded ABA's Silver Key Award for work as SBA President

By Erica McKenzie

UConn's former SBA president, Yam Menon, finished her term in office with one final success: she was awarded the Silver Key Award from the American Bar Association. This award is the last in a long series of personal and community triumphs for Menon.

Menon had been active in the law school community even before attending law school through an organization called Love Makes a Family and its joint project with UConn's Lambda Law Society. This panel culminated in the first of many student events that Menon would be part of: a panel on marriage equality.

Menon's second year at UConn saw not only continued service to the school as SBA secretary, but also several personal successes. That year Menon received both the Dukeminier Award for Best Sexual Orientation Law Review Article of 2009

and the Jeffrey S. Haber Prize for student scholarship. Menon was granted the opportunity to present her article at a conference, which she describes as "an immensely rewarding experience... I was able to find my place in the law school community."

Menon came into her third year as SBA president with the goal of not only improving the law school, but of also improving the effectiveness of the SBA. Despite the controversy around the event, the PILG fellowship debate stood out in Menon's mind as the best example of the SBA taking an active and engaged role. She describes the SBA as trying to take the issue seriously and hear all sides of the debate: "People questioned whether I really supported public interest and that hurt, but it was important to get all sides of the issue and focus on the student body."

Not only has Menon been effective at making her SBA

"active, engaged, and caring," to the law school community, but she has also managed to do so in the legal community. Menon successfully made UConn Law an active member of the Law Student Division of the ABA (LSD), culminating in her receipt of the Silver Key award.

Prior to this school year, UConn Law's president did not attend the meetings of the LSD and the law school has remained inactive. Menon took it upon herself to personally change by attending meetings, hosting a meet and greet with student leaders from other law schools, raising the law school's esteem not only with other student leaders, but also with the ABA. Menon opened the door for UConn Law students to get involved with the ABA. She emphasized that she "did not want our students to miss out on something that was so key." The ABA rewarded these efforts with



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the Silver Key Award, a discretionary award that is the highest honor an SBA president can receive from the ABA.

When Menon came to UConn Law, she was eager to leave her footprint on campus and have a positive influence on the law school. Menon has managed to go far beyond that, having an impact not only on the law school, but on the legal community at large.

Mickenberg and Rasheed selected as Presidential Management Fellows

By Silvia Chung

For the first time in UConn Law's history, we proudly boast the selection of not one-- but two Presidential Management Fellows. Third year law students Danielle Mickenberg and Zohaib Rasheed join a prestigious group of 850 fellows from around the country making up the Class of 2011.

The Presidential Management Fellowship was created during the Reagan Administration as an executive order to attract young talent and offer candidates the opportunity to fast track into federal agencies. Initially a fellowship geared toward recruiting future policy makers, it has evolved into a more inclusive program that reaches out to law students seeking careers in the legal field.

As Presidential Management Fellows, Dani and Zohaib will have one year to find a federal agency at which to work full time, and once they do, they will receive funding from the Office of Personnel Management for that particular job. As Zohaib said, "let's hope the budget passes." They will be required to commit two years to the federal government as working fellows, after which time they will most likely be directed to a permanent career position with a specialized department or agency.

The application process is daunting and after the initial online application (the stage at which about 85% of applicants are cut), the required tasks during a six to seven hour in-person interview is intimidating and draining. But the patience, perseverance, and determination have paid off for the talented duo.

One thing Zohaib did note as being a less-than-valid weed-out factor restricted selections to particular personality type during the initial online application process. Certain questions are geared toward assessing whether someone fits that Type A personality, and he truly thinks a lot of qualified talent was cut because they simply did not know how to market themselves through their answers. With that said, he is open to being contacted by anyone interested in applying for next year's class of fellows and giving tips on how to initially navigate the process.

Congratulations again Dani and Zohaib! Many thanks from present and future students for carrying UConn Law's name into the world of federal agencies and government affairs.

Board of Trustees approves lowest tuition increase in recent history

By, Matthew Zagaja

On March 23rd the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees almost unanimously approved a 2.5% tuition increase for undergraduate and graduate students. This increase is one of the lowest in recent years. According to the Connecticut Mirror, Corey Schmidt, an undergraduate and member of the board, raised concerns that 2.5% would not be enough to maintain services and keep the university competitive. He pointed to growing class sizes and the difficulty of enrolling in courses as examples of problems plaguing the university.

Richard Grey, the Chief Financial Officer, proposed

this increase at a town hall meeting on March 18th. The meeting was held at Storrs and livestreamed to regional campuses. Grey said the increase was proposed based on the wishes on the Governor who indicated a hope that tuition would not increase more than inflation. He asserted that if he did not believe the university would be able to function well with that small of an increase he would not have recommended it.

Grey then laid out a list of strategies to close the \$45.7 million hole left by the cut to the University's block grant, the money traditionally allocated to the school by the State of Connecticut. This included identifying operational ef-

iciencies and implementing suggestions made by McKinsey, the consulting group hired to identify ways UConn can save money. Other suggestions for savings include:

- *The University will look to move non-university supported activities outside of the budget.*
- *They will review contracts and personal services agreement.*
- *They will evaluate non-tuition revenue including application fees and graduation fees to insure they are not being subsidized and are competitive with the market.*
- *There will be attrition in non-faculty positions.*
- *Finally they will look for more contributions from faculty and staff through salary freezes*

and furlough days.

Grey indicated that the only impact on students would be longer lines and lag time when dealing with support services such as the bursar's office. He also indicated that academic programs will be evaluated through established sunset policies and no new programs would be piloted over the next year. Throughout the presentation Grey reiterated that UConn is competitive with similar schools. He concluded by assuring a member of the audience that this budget maintained the university's commitment to financial aid.

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with a sharp "have a sense of humor" or "don't be so sensitive." But if we really know where the hurt and sensitivity stems from, we'd think twice about making light about another's struggles and insecurities.

The closing reception honored Professor Derrick Bell whose life long dedication to diversity as a teacher, lawyer, activist, and writer was recognized with an award from the law school's Diversity Committee. Professor Bell became the first tenured Black professor at the Harvard Law School in 1971 and in 1992, he refused to return from a two-year, unpaid leave of absence taken to protest the lack of women of color on the faculty. He was also Dean Paul's professor.

It was an event at which names like "Jesus" and words like "love" were not expected but were said. There were times when Professor Bell got wrapped up in tangential theological details that left many to wonder where he was going with all of it. Ironically, sharing his life and faith during diversity week led some to say that his presentation was inappropriate and offensive. There was no arrogance in his voice, no holier-than-thou tone, no call to con-

version—just an unapologetic sharing of himself and what he believed could overcome racism. He called attention to the hypocrisy of proclaimed Christians, that if they really were who they said they were, "followers of Christ," there would be no racism, and no discrimination. After all, Jesus was vehemently criticized in his time for associating with prostitutes, lepers, and tax collectors (aka the shady cheats of his day).

I told him afterwards that I respected his bravery. Brave, not only because he spoke candidly about what he believed, but because he did so with the sole purpose of opening up to a group of strangers in a very intimate and personal way. He said "I hope no one left thinking I was there to preach. I just wanted to share me."

The week ended with a much enjoyed "Continuum" at Braza, the official Diversity Week after party featuring DJ Blakout. Special acknowledgement and thanks to the Diversity Committee for arranging this wonderful week of events!

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government oversight, and for those that do, the inspections, which occur once every 3 years, are inadequate and largely do not pick up on all the violations occurring. There are roughly 100 inspectors to oversee 9,000+ facilities.

Goodman's interest in animal rights began when he was a student at UConn and discovered that the UConn Health Center was conducting experiments on monkeys. Using the Freedom of Information Act, Goodman was able to obtain the medical records of the monkeys being used in the experiments and realized how barbarically they were being treated. After attracting media attention, the experiments eventually came to an end.

Goodman's story shows us that even one person's concern for animal rights can lead to change in the right direction. However, there are forces at work to prevent people like Goodman from bringing to light and fighting against the atrocities that occur in laboratories. Politicians, animal industry groups, and corporations, such as Pfizer, Beef USA and the Ringling Bros, pushed for the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act

(AETA) of 2006 to be passed, which targets underground and illegal acts committed in the name of animal rights. However, as Potter points out, AETA is overly broad and has a chilling effect on the exercise of the Constitutional rights of protest and Freedom of Speech. Potter believes that many resources and manpower are being wasted to go after so-called Eco-Terrorists who don't pose a threat to the American population. Under this act, protestors who wrote with chalk on a sidewalk in front of a bio-researcher's house were charged with terrorism. The language of AETA is also so vague that one who simply does research on organizations he or she plans to protest may be classified as a terrorist.

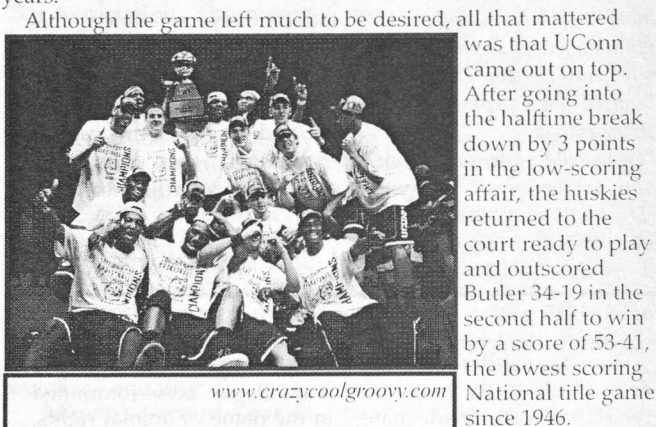
Groups, like the Equal Justice Alliance, are working to challenge the unconstitutional Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act. In the meantime, Goodman and Potter urge people to exercise their Constitutional rights of peacefully and legally protesting against corporations and research laboratories across the US that allow for animals to be treated in as brutal a manner as they wish.

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!!!

By Drew Schaffer

After being picked in the pre-season to finish 10th in the Big East, the Huskies shocked the nation with an 11-0 tournament run capped with a decisive victory over Butler in the NCAA Championship game in Houston, Texas to win their third title in the last 12 years.



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The Huskies proudly pose with the NCAA basketball championship trophy after defeating Butler 53-41 Monday.

Although the game left much to be desired, all that mattered was that UConn came out on top. After going into the halftime break down by 3 points in the low-scoring affair, the huskies returned to the court ready to play and outscored Butler 34-19 in the second half to win by a score of 53-41, the lowest scoring National title game since 1946.

As usual, Kemba Walker led the huskies in scoring with 16 points and was

named the NCAA tournament's most valuable player.

With the win, Coach Jim Calhoun became the oldest coach to win a national title at age 68. After the game Calhoun said jokingly to announcer Jim Nantz that he was happy CBS didn't have cameras in the locker room during the halftime speech--a speech

that was clearly effective.

The Huskies returned to Connecticut on Tuesday to the cheers of thousands of fans and made their way to Gampel Pavillion for a school celebration. Unbeknownst to Kemba Walker, the school had since decided to retire his #15 jersey and hoist it into the rafters. Walker teared up as he addressed the fans after the unveiling of the jersey. It's truly a good day to be a Husky!

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Robson's Ramblings: Casting Call for Captain Kiosk

By Scott Robson

The past few weeks have seen the launch of UConn Law's boldest new initiative in recent years. Prominently displayed among the hallowed classrooms and offices of Chase Hall, our law school's flagship endeavor warms the corridor with its glow.

This, ladies and gentlemen, is the pinnacle of 21st century technological might. No longer do we rely on the primitive posters and photographs our bearskin-clad ancestors once

admired. No, in 2011 we have moved beyond cave etching and finger-painting. Today, we look upon the serene glow of a permanent screensaver, endlessly repeating a comforting cycle of UConn Law scenery. The high-definition display and several thousand dollar price tag reflect our school's sincere commitment to the finest in visually pleasing photographic propaganda.

Our beloved Screensaver was once intended for a purpose other than distracting students in Chase 110. In its

infancy, the Screensaver was meant for simpler, more practical purpose. Originally, it was meant to serve as a humble messenger, informing students of on-campus news and events. Fortunately, the Screensaver was saved from a life of heraldry and labor, and elevated to the loftier, nobler level of aesthetic indulgence.

There are some elements within our law school who do not appreciate the Screensaver's artistic value. These rebels would have the Screensaver dethroned from its position of

contemplative beauty. They insist that the display should be pressed into service as a student organizational kiosk.

These rebels claim that such a kiosk would protect students from the unending torrent of e-mail spam, and reduce the wasteful postage of flyers and promotional posters. And yet, for all their ideals, the rebels have not solved a fundamental problem with their vaunted kiosk.

Who is to lead us in this mission? Who will take the helm and become Captain Kiosk?