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USD School of Law's Diversity Committee by Kathryn Snyder, *staff writer*

Women in the Law Student Spotlight: Kristen Santerre

by Maria Shih, *staff writer*

"When we look at modern man we have to face the fact that modern man suffers from a kind of poverty of the spirit, which stands in glaring contrast to his scientific and technological abundance. We've learned to fly the air like birds, we've learned to swim the seas like fish, and yet we haven't learned to walk the earth as brothers and sisters."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Students from the University of San Diego School of Law created a Diversity Committee at the beginning of this school year. It combines several organizations, including but not limited to: the Women's Law Caucus, BLSA, Pride Law, APALSA and SALSA.

The Diversity Committee works to promote respect for the entire variety of students within the law school, as well as for all people who comprise the greater global community.

It is the goal of the Diversity Committee to create a knowledgeable and aware student body by planning events that celebrate various cultural, ethnic, racial and religious heritages, as well as people of all sexual/gender orientations.

Our mission is to provide advice and education on diversity issues, and to create an inclusive environment at USD Law. The committee advances the recognition and

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celebration of diversity, placing value on all individuals and the different perspectives of those individuals.

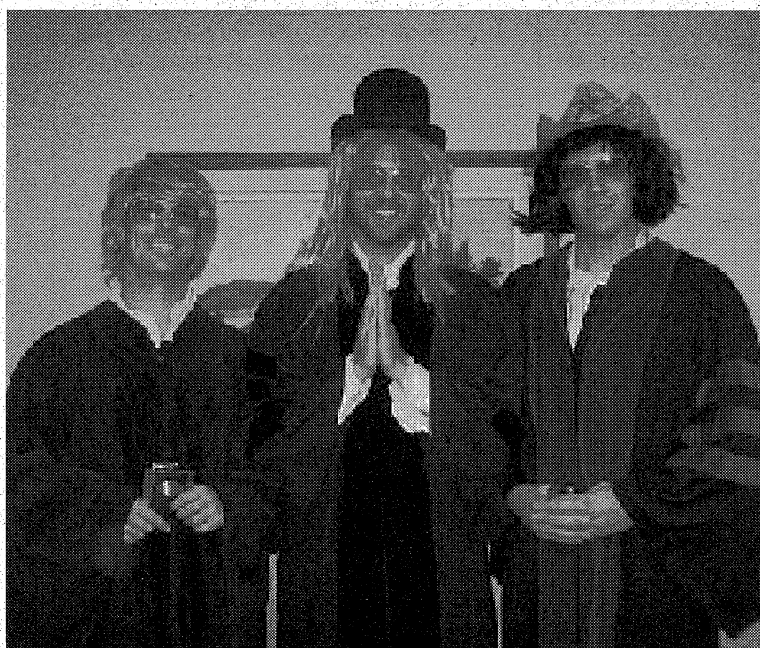
To us, the term "diversity" encompasses a wider range of criteria than merely racial or ethnic classifications. It expresses dimensions of diversity such as age, gender, religion, philosophy, life experiences, and politics, all of which make our campus and community truly special. "The Diversity Committee not only promotes the awareness and diversity of cultures, but the diversity of each student's background and perspective," commented APALSA President Justin Yin.

It is important for us to provide the student body with these diverse perspectives. It is important that we understand, respect and appreciate our differences. The Diversity Committee encourages students from the various campus organizations to work together to have a positive influence on campus, and in our community.

The Diversity Committee began in October with an Admissions Workshop for college students who are applying to law school. Lucky students were treated to a day of guidance and support with the goal of assisting them with the law school admissions process. The day began with presentations by Dean Carl Eging and Jorge Garcia of the Admissions and Financial Aid Office, who fielded many questions from the students. Professor Jean Ramirez later spoke, and a student panel answered eager questions from the close to 100 students in attendance.

"I felt that that was something that was missing
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Battle of the Brains Faculty Beats Students in Trivia Competition



From L-R: Nathan Smith, Mark Rackers and Buck Endemann were one of the two student teams to compete in the final competition of the Battle of the Brains. Competing as "The Illuminati," they lost to fellow student team "DJT," composed of Dustin Monroe, JP Teague and Thomas Rausch.

Crisis in Darfur: How Law Students Can Help by Angeline Anastasopoulos, *staff writer*

Although many of you have no doubt heard something about a place called Darfur, what you may not know about are details behind the atrocities occurring along the far western border of the Sudan. These atrocities are recognized by the Bush Administration as genocide and involve the systematic mass killings and rape of civilians, along with starvation and displacement produced by the conflict between the Sudanese government sponsored militia known as the Janjaweed, a rebel group known as the Sudanese Liberation Army/Movement, and the Justice and Equality Movement rebel group; with most of the blame and responsibility placed on the Janjaweed.

Time Magazine ran a cover page article and spread on the situation in the October 4, 2004 issue. Since then, there have been scattered press reports, but no significant public outcry. Despite scattered national coverage, there is still not enough awareness or attention given to this abhorrent situation. The United Nations has described the situation in Darfur as "the worst humanitarian crisis in the world." According to the organization Save Darfur (which can be found at SaveDarfur.org): "Darfur has been embroiled in a deadly conflict for over three years. At least 400,000 people have been killed; more than 2 million innocent civilians have been forced to flee their homes and now live in displaced-persons camps in Sudan or in refugee camps in neighboring Chad; and more than 3.5 million men, women, and children are completely reliant on international aid for survival. Not since the Rwandan genocide of 1994 has the world seen such a calculated campaign of displacement, starvation, rape, and mass slaughter."



The Darfur Peace Agreement was negotiated in 2006 between the Sudanese
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How Connected Are You? by Catherine L. Tran, *staff writer*

You have probably heard it before: "you should network to find jobs". A good network is essential to a successful job search and future legal career. You may think you do not know many people, but you probably do.
What is a network, and why should you care?

A network is made up of all the people you know. Your connections with people will come in many forms, some stronger than others. You do not need to know scores of lawyers to have a valuable network. All relationships can be useful because everyone knows someone and everyone can become someone. Include not only your good friends but also neighbors, co-workers and sports teammates.

It is not just about the people you know but also about whom *they* know. The people in your network may or may not be in a position to hire you, but everyone can be on the lookout for a job that is right for you. Sometimes finding a job is just a product of being at the right place at the right time. Knowing about job opportunities is the major hurdle, and a diverse network can increase the likelihood that you will learn about those opportunities.

Relationships can also be a source of support and advice on career and professional matters. Perhaps you know what type of things interest you but do not know what legal career would best suit you. Consulting people in your network can lead to ideas for jobs about which you had no idea.

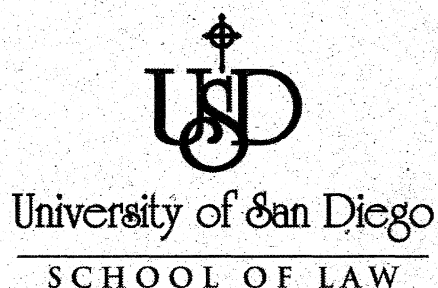
Who is or should be in your network?

Think about whom you know and with which organizations you have been involved. Good connections are usually based on something that you have in common, such as an experience, friends or interests. Start close to home and build outwards. Here are some reminders about who you know and ways you can expand your network.

Are you a member of your college alumni association? Everyone in law school graduated from college. Most people feel a natural connection to their college, so this can be a great opportunity for networking. The alumni association may be able to connect you with other alumni living in the area. Better yet, the association may have an alumni chapter right here in San Diego that hosts happy hours and football game get-togethers. If you
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Thanks in part to our advertising revenue during the Fall semester, *Motions* is pleased to be able to offer four issues during the Spring instead of the previously anticipated three. This is a good thing since the January issue has so much info that we've had to bump some articles to February as well as half of the results of the First Annual USD Law School Voir Dire Survey. Okay, we purposely wanted to hold you in some suspense over the results for a couple issues at least.

So while you are waiting for articles on new ways to get involved, and the unofficial July 2006 bar results stats (already available in the Registrar's Office),

Editor's Comment

check out: the first half of the survey results, upcoming events such as the WLC Annual Faculty Auction, Diversity Week, learn about all the people you are connected to, become informed about the situation in Darfur, find out about some of the incredible things two USD Law students are doing, and do a crossword or sudoku puzzle while you're at it. As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please email me at usdlawmotions@gmail.com. Thanks!

Jared D. Ackley

Inside the Professor's Office

by Jared D. Ackley, *editor-in-chief*

Welcome to a new year of "Inside the Professor's Office." This month our interviewee is Professor Orly Lobel. The impressive Professor Lobel focuses her studies in the areas of employment law, administrative law, legal theory, and torts. Prior to her arrival in San Diego, she was affiliated with both Yale Law School and Harvard Law School after graduating from Tel Aviv University Law School and a clerkship with the Israeli Supreme Court. Professor Lobel was also an intelligence commander in the Israeli Defense Forces. Oh yeah, she can speak five different languages, so these answers should be interesting. Thank you Professor Lobel.

Motions: What is your favorite word?

Professor Lobel: Well, my first reaction was in what language? In Sanskrit my favorite word is namaste which means "the light within me recognizes and respects the light within you." In San Diegan, my favorite word is gnarly. I'm still not sure exactly what it actually means, but I find it really cool when my surfer friends are saying it. In Hebrew and in Arabic, it's the same word, it would be sashtein which would mean something like "cheers to you, you're really on track." It's a kind of an encouragement thing, but it has a nice sound to it, very Middle Eastern.

Motions: What is your least favorite word?

Professor Lobel: Probably something I can't pronounce or maybe transcendental.

Motions: What turns you on legally, creatively, spiritually or emotionally?

Professor Lobel: Well, I guess if I want to be serious about this, what really turns me on is knowing that one can really make a difference in the world and there is a real idea of progress, of social progress, of intellectual progress, of justice and we can all throughout our lives be teachers, students, and activists in some ways, to improve

our environment.

Motions: What turns you off?

Professor Lobel: In some ways the reverse [of the above], people who think they are done learning.

Motions: What is your favorite legal word?

Professor Lobel: Well, at the moment Usury. I like thinking about that; and it has a lot of history, that word. Fascinating history.

Motions: What sound or noise do you love?

Professor Lobel: Well I guess if this doesn't sound too cheesy, I would say the sound of my daughters' laughter and living here in San Diego, the sound of the waves.

Motions: What sound or noise do you hate?

Professor Lobel: One thing I hate is the sound of infomercials in the background of public places. I don't like them invading my space.

Motions: What profession other than law professor would you like to attempt?

Professor Lobel: If I weren't a law professor, I would probably be a journalist. What I would like to attempt kind of in an alternate world is to be a yoga teacher...a yoga instructor. Kind of my fantasy job.

Motions: What profession would you not like to do?

Professor Lobel: I definitely would not like to be a waitress. I did that in law school and there were multiple times where I was really horrible and I can be really clumsy. I really did not like it. I knew it wasn't my profession.

Motions: If you were in front of the U.S. Supreme Court, what would you like to hear The Chief Justice say after you have walked through the marble Corinthian columns?

Professor Lobel: I don't know, maybe this is obvious, but I would like them to say, "Wow, thanks to her oral argument justice will be done and we wish we had her for law school."

A Message from the SBA President

by Angeline Anastasopoulos, *staff writer*

First Annual Barrister's Ball

Alright ladies & gentleman...the moment that you have all been asking for: the SBA is proud to bring you the University of San Diego School of Law's first annual Barrister's Ball! That's right, dust off your old prom dresses, dig out your tuxedos, or go shopping because on **Saturday February 17th** from 7:30 to midnight, we will set the tone for what will hopefully be the first of a longstanding tradition.

While most law schools throughout the country have an annual Barrister's Ball, so now it is our turn to celebrate the roots of our profession and add a touch of class to the usual revelry. As the years progress, the SBA hopes this event will evolve into something that is not only attended by students, but by alumni and faculty as well. It will be an opportunity to return to the school, celebrate, network, and remain connected. However, for this year, we are limiting the event to students and their guests (and of course our beloved and supportive professors -- including Professor Claus, who we all know from the Halloween party, has a dashing tuxedo).

The Barrister's Ball is being held at one of San Diego's most unique venues: Sea World. Think outside of the four walls of the standard banquet facility, and you have the Nautilus Pavilion. Glass walls and a high-tented ceiling create space and energy. Your ticket includes a full dinner buffet, including appetizers and dessert, coffee, water, ice tea, and two mixed drinks of your choice. Parking is also included.

Guys, this event is "Black Tie Optional" which means that you must at least wear a suit, but have the opportunity to make the ladies swoon by sporting your tuxedo. Ladies, this is your chance to get out of those stuffy suits and don your favorite gown!

Tickets for the Halloween party sold out quickly, so purchase your tickets as soon as possible. They are EXTREMELY limited and will be on sale exclusively at the UC Box Office for \$35 each.

These outstanding social events would not have been possible without the help of some phenomenal people. Marissa Lyftogt, your social chair, continues to

go above and beyond the call of duty by investigating every possible venue in San Diego (and beyond), negotiating the best deals, and executing these events with efficiency, class, and panache. The rest of the executive SBA board, including Donta Pride who oversees the social arena, have been instrumental in making these events a reality. A special thanks to Tessie Abraham and Catherine Tran as well as your Treasurer, Rob Salas, without them, we'd have no means to bring you these events.

And lastly, thank you to all of you for attending with such enthusiasm and making the events what they are: an opportunity to come together, escape the intensity of law school, and create memories we will look back upon fondly.

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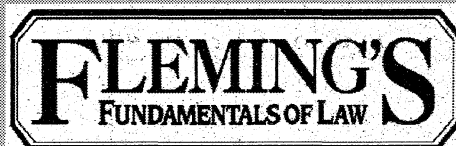
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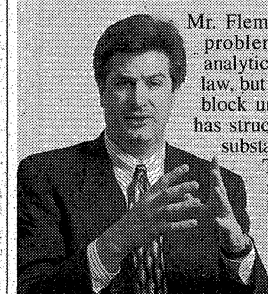


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For the past twenty-four years, Mr. Fleming has devoted his legal career to the development of legal preparatory seminars designed solely to aid Law Students and Bar Candidates in exam writing techniques and substantive law.

Mr. Fleming's experience includes the Lecturing of Pre-Law School Prep Seminars and First, Second and Third Year Law School Exam Solutions®. He is the Organizer and Lecturer of the Baby Bar Review Seminar and the Founder and Lecturer of the Legal Examination Writing Workshop. Both are seminars involving intensive exam writing techniques designed to train the law student to write the superior answer. He is the Founder and Lecturer of Long/Short Term Bar Review. In addition, Mr. Fleming is the Publisher of the Performance Exam Solution® and Multistate Examination Workbooks, the creator of The Exam Solution Tape Series®, which aids law students in exam preparation, the Author of the Essay Examination Writing Workbook Volumes 1, 2, 3 & 4. These are available in legal bookstores throughout the United States.

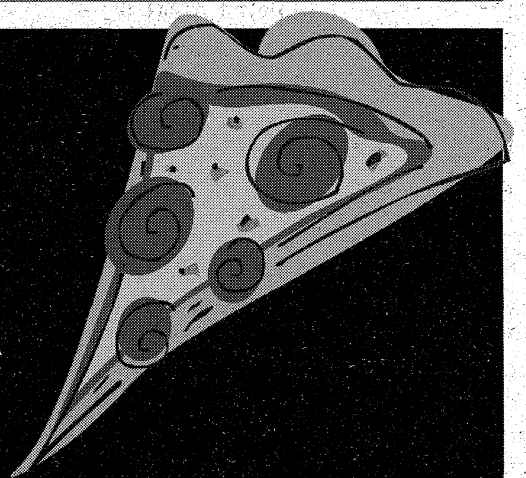


Mr. Fleming has determined that the major problem for most law students is weak analytical skills. Most students can learn the law, but application of the law is a stumbling block under exam conditions. Mr. Fleming has structured his programs to include both substantive law and legal analysis training. This provides the combination necessary for the development of a better-prepared and skillful law student and Bar candidate. These courses have made it possible for thousands of law students to improve their grades and ultimately pass the Bar exam.

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Not Impossible - Scrabble, The World Cup, and Passing the Bar

by Aaron Dumas, *contributor*

6:17pm the night Bar results came out:

Aaron D: Mom I have some bad news

Mom: Oh no – you failed the Bar?

Aaron D: Mom it is bad news because I am going to drink all the alcohol available in L.A. tonight – whoo!

Mom: (Screaming) You passed! Praise God I am so happy. I was so worried I have not slept well the last week worrying about you, and you are a wicked boy for trying to trick me.

Cruel methods of conveying the news aside, passing the California State Bar invokes such a state of euphoria that for a fleeting moment one thinks that he can fly. I had dreaded the moment Bar results would be released like I had never dreaded anything else before. My first date did not generate as much nervousness in me; nor was the first time I had to tell my father I had willfully disobeyed him as painful as the wait for Bar results.

Last semester I wrote an article detailing the horrors of that wait. Sadly I was told that I scared many readers, that they were now in shock, fear and general distress about when their turn for the Bar would come. Though it had not been my intention to scare anyone, I felt it necessary to remove the thick layer of sugar coating that is often associated with law school and Bar preparation. However, I now feel it necessary to apply if not a full sugar coat at least a thin strip of syrup to the process.

We all stress and prepare for things in different ways. A friend of a friend said, upon hearing how I was studying for the Bar in what they deemed too relaxed a manner, “Aaron is either an idiot or a liar.” Thankfully I am neither of those things and that person only proved to be a snake in the grass (who I still hope passed since I would not wish repeating the Bar on anyone). My method of studying was just that: ‘my method.’ I played scrabble every night – most often against my fellow Bar taker (and passer) Pierre aka S. Assassin. I watched every single World Cup football game (it was horrible timing that the World Cup was in the middle of my Bar prep time), and even hosted a party for the final match. Finally, I spent a lot of time losing in Tekken (the video game) to Jackie (who also passed the Bar) though I still contend that many of the losses occurred because I was afraid that the stress of studying for the Bar and losing to my superior gaming skills would have crushed Jackie’s psyche.

However, despite all those distractions, I basically kept on track and followed the Bar-bri program. My belief, and I think it was borne out by results, is that Bar-bri has been in the Bar prep game for so long that they know exactly what the Bar is going to ask you. They are not teaching you how to be a better lawyer, they are just teaching you how to play the Bar game. They are that coach who drilled you so hard in the fundamentals of the game that you ended up hating the game but being so good at it that you can still play long after the fact.

I did not listen to the ridiculous Bar-bri lady who gave us a time table that would have required spending my entire time at the learning center and abandoning thoughts of basic hygiene and nutrition. I did love the fact that she told us a method of studying that must be employed to pass the Bar – and then told us that her husband (who took the Bar with her) did the complete opposite and they both passed, thus eradicating the effectiveness of her message.

Instead, I took note of what I was good at – Criminal Law (just a coincidence not an indication of tendencies), Contracts, etc. I took note of the things I did not like – Property, for instance. And I took note of the things that I was bad at doing – sitting still and studying for an hour. For the things I was good at I would do everything I was told to do and I would do it well. I would become perfect at it – there could be no crime that I could not recognize, no contract breach that I could not remedy. The things I did not like I would practically ignore. Beyond what was absolutely necessary, I did the Bar bones. If the time table said do an hour of class work and two hours of self prep, I did an hour of class work and ignored the self prep. After all I had World Cup games to watch.

Beyond the time we spent in class for Property, until the simulated Bar we were given, I did not attempt a single Property question nor did I read any of the note material on it. The instructor made the mistake of saying much of what we learned would not be applicable in the real world, and that coupled with my fairly decent memory and my rather sizeable dislike for Property meant that I would try to skate by on what I could remember. Crazy I know, but in many respects practical, things that I do not like I do not do well in. I could have put effort in, but much of the effort would have been wasted as I tried to beat my brains in. So my Property time was usurped by distractions and other practice areas.

Another thing they tend not to tell students is that you are not trying to get perfect scores on the Bar in any subject; your goal is to get around 70-75 in each area. Since I was ignoring Property I made it my goal to try

and get record high practice scores in other areas. Finally, on the night before the Bar, I realized my goal in a few areas of multiple choice. On Criminal Law, I missed only one question out of the fifty multiple choice questions that I tried. Strangely enough I only missed 8 for Property, and I will keep my Torts grade to myself. Do I think I got high scores like that on the actual Bar? Not a chance. In fact, I had to rush and guess the last three questions on the morning portion of the Bar because I was running out of time, even though during all my practice runs I had finished early. I also made sure to do the intermediate difficulty practice questions the day before the Bar. There is no point in doing the hardest questions and possibly getting them wrong, thus completely shattering your confidence. Though I guess if I had bombed all the intermediates (just as I did for Torts), my confidence would have been in tatters. So maybe it is best not to care what level of difficulty you attempt.

I was beginning to feel fairly smart when it came to the multiple choice portion in some subjects – even Property, but still I felt as if I knew too little in everything else. You are told that you will always go into the Bar thinking that there was one more thing you should have looked up. But what if you felt like there were sixty-seven more things you should have looked up? What then? In my second year I took Wills and Trusts, and the week of finals I was still trying to convince Jackie to “teach me what a trust is.” That is how I felt the night before the Bar. I knew California was a Community Property state but “what exactly did that mean?” I could spout off definitions like no one’s business but could I see that when the husband created his business in year three he used community funds?

I will tell you now that the Bar is 80% common sense but you will not believe me. It is true. The problem is that the

2006 USD Grads Sworn in Downtown



ON DECEMBER 1, 2006 RECENT USD LAW GRADS line up at the Westin Horton Plaza after a morning brunch sponsored by the school in their honor. The newly minted alums were then sworn in by state and federal judges.

Landing a Government Job

by Brad Johnson, *staff writer*

In the November issue of Motions, the “Three Week Job Search,” article appeared, detailing one USD Law graduate’s experience searching for legal employment in the private sector. In the article, the author recounts firing volleys of five blind resumes a day until – a mere three weeks later – she found herself gainfully, and happily, employed. Whether or not the author’s brief job search experience is typical, as she opines, the article does serve to highlight some significant differences in the public- and private- sector job search processes.

For instance, securing a job with the California state government simply cannot be done in three weeks. First, with a few exceptions, the State does not hire unlicensed law school graduates – virtually all state legal positions require State Bar membership as a minimum prerequisite. Several agencies offer what are called “Graduate Legal Assistant” positions that law graduates may fill prior to bar passage, but only on a temporary basis (permanent employment is conditioned upon passing the bar within a year).

Those seeking state employment before or after bar passage must first watch for “job” or “exam” bulletins, always posted online at the State Personnel Board website (spb.ca.gov), which provide an explanation of the current opening’s duties, and educational and experience requirements. Exam bulletins invite applicants to submit resumes to the hiring agency. The agency, within several weeks to a month, vets these applications, and selects a few applicants for the actual “exam.” The exam may be written, or it may simply be a formal interview, conducted by personnel from the agency and monitors from the State Personnel Board.

At such an interview, the applicants are all asked the same questions, in a very formal, impersonal environment. The interviews usually last between fifteen and thirty minutes, are often recorded, and allow for very little other

other 20% is so difficult to attain that often the 80% is pushed from your brain. It is difficult to intensely study for ten weeks. Burn out is always threatening. Grasping complex legal doctrine is not easy and it is definitely tedious. And the fear that not passing means that your life is placed on hold for another six to eight months grips your neck like the icy hand of your girlfriend after she saw you staring at her friend with your mouth open and a slight smile on your lips.

The night before the Bar, when we were told that we should stop studying early, I played scrabble against a couple of friends. Each night of the Bar, Pierre and I played scrabble as if nothing major was occurring the next day. My roommate Daniel and I, who were both taking the Bar, traveled separately like royalty just in case anything happened to us (he passed also). We spent lunch time joking about the rest of summer and frowning at those dumb enough to bring up questions. Jackie and I spent part of our lunch time trying to figure out who hated us enough to curse both our computers to fail and force us to handwrite portions of the Bar (I still cannot believe that I did not throw my laptop at the proctor when it crashed and she took MINUTES to bring me paper). And I watched inner strength grow and evolve in our group as we realized that the Bar was just an exam and not an impediment to our future.

I watched tears stream down the face of my friend and I felt sick because all I could do was hug her and hope that she knew like I knew that she would pass even if she suddenly had to write after practicing all summer to type her Bar. I watched my friend walk out shell shocked at a question because he thought he had put the wrong information down and I knew that he had gotten it right even if he could not accept it. And I watched myself make a joke about the morality of the lawyer in our ethics question and kidded around that his method of assisting the client with a meal and ‘a good time’ was just gentlemanly and should be applauded.

4pm the day Bar results come out:

I am on the couch watching TV and playing scrabble against Pierre online. I keep having to run to the restroom because when I am nervous I have the bladder of a 2 year old. We play scrabble for almost two hours to distract ourselves from what we know must come. At five minutes prior to the time results are supposed to be shown online I run to the restroom again – I want no accidents when I find out ‘yea or nay.’ We try to login and we are both DENIED access. Despite knowing that thousands of panicked Bar takers would be hitting their website, the California Bar did not have the capacity to handle all the users. The scrabble induced calmness turned to panic then anger. “If I failed and have to wait to find out I am going to kill someone.”

The situation was so bad that I had to give
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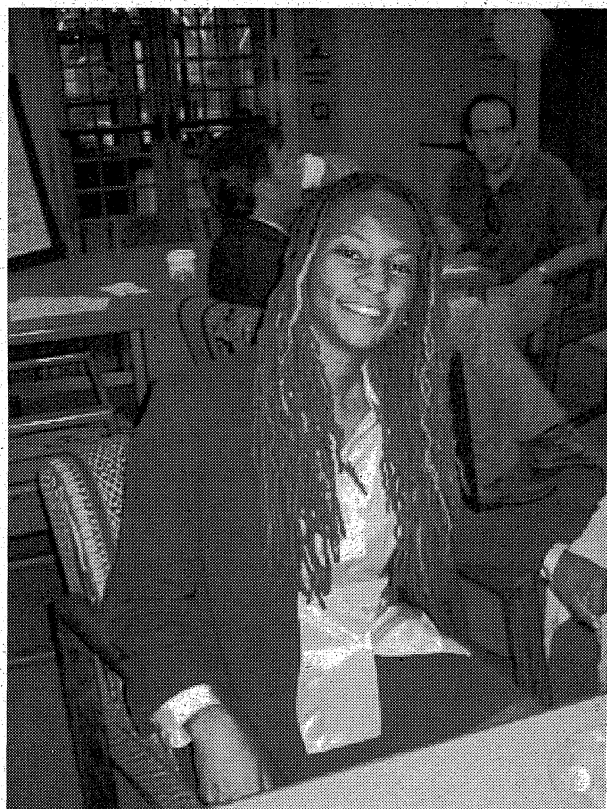
interaction between the applicant and the interviewers. Nothing but the applicant’s answers really matter for the purposes of the exam. Certainly, if the applicant showed up for the interview wearing a Batman costume, the interviewers might take note, but anything short of such behavior is almost irrelevant.

Once the agency concludes the exam process, it will rank the applicants according to their qualifications, experience, and exam performance. The rankings range between 1 and 4 or 5, with only those applicants ranking a 1, 2, or 3 being “reachable.” A “reachable” ranking means that the hiring agency can hire anyone within those rankings. Applicants given a “4” or “5” ranking are not reachable unless the agency has first exhausted all of the applicants ranked 1, 2, or 3.

Between several weeks and several months after the exam, the hiring agency will mail applicants a statement of ranking. Unless the applicant is a military veteran, a ranking of 2 is preferred. Military veterans and certain other individuals only are given the 1 ranking, indicating preferred hiring status. Once the applicant receives his or her ranking, the waiting begins. The agency may call for a second interview a few days after mailing them, or several months later. In fact, the agency is allowed to call “reachable” applicants at any time during the next year for a second interview. This is because once an applicant has been ranked, his ranking remains valid for one year following the examination, and he or she will be considered for any relevant openings during the next year.

Applicants not hired for the specific opening for which they applied will likely not be notified that they’ve been passed over for the job. For the State’s purposes, these applicants haven’t really been passed over until
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SPECIAL FEATURE: WOMEN IN THE LAW



2L Hali Henderson Poses for her Interview Photo

Student Spotlight: Hali Henderson by Kathryn Snyder, *staff writer*

Hali Henderson, 2L, definitely stands out in a crowd. With her long dreadlocks and flashy, colorful style, she is someone who you have probably seen many times around campus. And if you are someone who frequents the library, then you have probably seen her even more. I first met her at the end of last school year. What I discovered was a person who is incredibly intelligent, driven, outspoken, and hilaaarious (if you've ever seen Hali dance at a Bar Review, it's a wonderful combination of James Brown and Carlton from Fresh Prince).

I found out that the long hours Hali spends in the library really pays off. She does well in her classes, is a member of Law Review, and a member of the USD Law National Mock Trial team. She promotes Bar Reviews as one of your Bar Review reps, she helped found the Diversity Committee, and created the Running Club. She serves Vice-President of the Black Law Students Association, and in light of her accomplishments, was recently chosen to receive scholarships from both the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association and the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel.

"Hali is an unstoppable force," said Eddie Tsang,

3L, who works with Hali both on the Diversity Committee and Bar Review. "'Hurricane Hali' is what I always call her. She gets things done. If doing work was a martial art, she'd kick your ***."

Hali stands out as a positive influence, a role model, a friend, and mentor. So next time you see her around campus, don't be shy, say "What's up Hurricane Hali?" Until that magical moment arrives, enjoy a glimpse into the world of Hali Henderson.

Q: Where are you from?

A: "Wilmington, Delaware."

Q: What college did you attend?

A: "American University in Washington, D.C."

Q: Major?

A: "Sociology, Minor: Special Education."

Q: What did you do after college?

A: "Worked in Philadelphia at a Welfare-to-Work Agency called KRA Corporation. I worked as a Case Manager for one year counseling welfare recipients of 2 years or more, and helping them find employment."

Q: What brought you to law school?

A: "My work experiences in Philadelphia exposed me to the need for higher education in the black community and allowed me to see how real change is affected at the policy level."

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WLC Annual Faculty Auction by Kathryn Snyder, *staff writer*

There are few fundraising events at USD as popular as the Women's Law Caucus annual Faculty Auction. Held each year during the spring semester, money raised from the Auction supports Becky's House in San Diego, a transitional home for victims of domestic violence and their children, and LRAP, the Loan Assistance Repayment Plan. "Both are well deserving recipients of the proceeds," said Lindsey O'Hair, this year's WLC Fundraising Chair.

An event like this takes much planning, and Lindsey started to make plans at the beginning of the school year. The generous USD Law faculty step up to help by donating wonderful items such as dinners and visits to law firms.

"The Faculty Auction is my personal favorite WLC event because it's fun and raises money for a great cause," said O'Hair. "The event also provides a great opportunity for students to commingle with their favorite professors on a more personal basis."

Last year, numerous professors participated. Professors Claus, Panikowski and Devitt prepared and served a Four Course Gourmet dinner with wine for six to eight students. Professor Heiser cooked up an eggs

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at USD Law," said Chair, Rose Carrion, the event's coordinator. "Other law schools host similar events aimed at helping students with the admissions process. I thought it would be great for USD Law to host such an event for students in this area. From the attendance, it was something that college students wanted and needed."

Students brought personal statements which the USD Law volunteers reviewed and gave constructive feedback. The students were also excited to hear that their admissions fees to USD Law were waived. "The best part about the workshop was the support from the Financial Aid and Admissions Office," commented Hali Henderson, 2L. "Not only did they help us to secure supplies, they agreed to waive the application fees for all attendees. That was awesome and the students really appreciated it."

The semester closed with USD Law's first ever "Battle of the Brains." The ingenious idea came from Lawyering Skills Professor Junichi Semitsu, who while attending Stanford Law School, helped organize a similar inaugural event. At Stanford, the "Battle" remains an annual tradition involving celebrity guest hosts and over \$20K in donations for Stanford's Community Law Clinic. The Diversity Committee's goal is make the USD Law "Battle" an annual event that raises funds for a worthy charity, increases awareness of the various diversity organizations, and creates a long-standing annual tradition at USD Law.

In early November, the first part of the "Battle" began with a preliminary competition where teams of four completed a difficult written test with questions from 10 different topics. Teams only had 45 minutes to answer 200 questions. Over 30 student teams vied for the right to go up against the professors' team in the final competition.

The final competition began with a catered

reception in the main foyer of the IPJ, courtesy of the Dean's Office. Students, faculty, and professors mingled as the suspense built for the exciting showdown. The main event took place inside the IPJ Theatre. Hosted by Professor Junichi Semitsu (who to the delight of fans, performed a stirring rendition of "Hava Nagila" on his accordion), the "Battle" featured two of the brightest law student teams and two of the most popular faculty teams against each other in what Semitsu termed an "intellectual bloodbath." Topics ranged from "World Capitals" to "Uranus" (with Semitsu asking the contestants the question of the evening, "At its closest point, what is the distance between my face and your Uranus?" Answer: 1.6 billion miles.).

In the faculty round, Team "Sustained Objections" Professor Laurie "The Thunder" Claus, Professor Allen "No Deal" Snyder and Professor Mike "Get in My Belly" Kelly eliminated Team "Cruel and Unusual Punishment," consisting of Dean Mary Jo "No Passes Allowed" Wiggins, Professor David "I'm The" Law and Professor Shaun "The Don" Martin. Professors answered questions from topics such as "Things You Learned in Elementary School" and "Living Presidents." The MVP moment went to Dean Wiggins who after answering a question correctly, proceeded to do her "Happy Dance."

In the student round, "DJT": Dustin Monroe, JP Teague and Thomas Rausch beat out "The Illuminati": Buck Endemann, Mark Rackers and Nathan Smith. With their judges' robes and crazy wigs, The Illuminati went out in style. Students answered questions from topics such as "Not-So-Foreign Languages" and "I'm Not a Lawyer, But I Play One on TV."

The third round featured the most anticipated showdown of the evening: the students vs. the faculty. Questions came from topics such as "Famous Kevins or Famous Coles", "World Capitals", "Supreme Court Trivia"

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USD Law Student Awarded Lawyer's Club Scholarship by Kathryn Snyder, *staff writer*

Congratulations to Women's Law Caucus President, Maria Shih, for receiving the Lawyers Club Lynn Schenk Scholarship. At a recent Lawyers Club luncheon, Maria received the check from Lynn Schenk herself.

Lawyers Club unveiled the Lynn Schenk Scholarship at the beginning of last semester. A non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of women in the law, and in society, Lawyers Club created the scholarship for students who exemplified the traits of the Honorable Lynn Schenk, a prominent San Diego attorney who worked towards women's rights throughout her entire career.

The annual scholarship is awarded to a USD law student who is also a member of Lawyers Club and has demonstrated this commitment to gender equality. Maria Shih was the first student to receive this scholarship. "It was a tremendous honor to receive the Lynn Schenk Scholarship," said Maria. "Lynn Schenk is an amazing role model. Just sitting next to the trailblazing attorney was an education."

A graduate of USD Law, Schenk was one of the founding members of our Women's Law Caucus, setting the precedent for what would become one of the largest and most active organizations on our campus. She is well-respected for breaking down the barriers of gender discrimination, advancing gender equality, and ensuring equal access to justice.

"It was nice to hear Lynn Schenk speak so highly of one of our students and list all of the impressive things she is doing," said Brent Wakefield, from the Office of Alumni Relations. "Everyone in the room definitely had the sense that Maria is outstanding and really deserved the award. It was exciting to hear that she is one of our students and made us all very proud to know her and be

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From L-R: Lawyer's Club Scholarship winner and *Motions* writer Maria Shih with USD Alumnus, Lynn Schenk.

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government and some of the rebels, but the terms have been ignored and violence has only escalated. Although in August of 2006, the Security Council authorized a UN peacekeeping force for Darfur by passing resolution 1706, local civilians have seen no let up in their situation. As reported by Save Darfur, "International experts agree that the United Nations Security Council must deploy a peacekeeping force with a mandate to protect civilians immediately. Until it arrives, the under-funded and overwhelmed African Union monitoring mission must be bolstered. And governments and international institutions must provide and ensure access to sufficient humanitarian aid for those in need."

So how can you help? The San Diego Coalition to Stop the Genocide in Sudan has united local organizations and individuals with a shared commitment to stop the atrocities in Darfur and help provide humanitarian aid to the victims of the conflict. The Coalition is currently organizing a fundraising event to be held on March 10, 2007 at UCSD and an art auction to be held this spring. Volunteers are needed to help with both events. For more information, please contact: sdanabushong@san.rr.com. You can also visit their website at <http://www.stopgenocidesd.org/>.

More immediately, and on campus at USD Law, come to **Room 2A** at noon on **Wednesday January 31st**. (Yes, there will also be pizza and sodas). The SBA, Law & Diplomacy Club, and International Law Society are honored to have Judy Bernstein as a guest speaker.

Judy Bernstein is one of the co-authors of *They Poured Fire On Us From The Sky*, the true story of three boys under the age of seven who were forced to flee their war-ravaged village. Traveling over one thousand miles across Sudan, Alephonsion Deng, Benson Deng, and Benjamin Ajak sought relief in refugee camps and eventually immigrated to the United States. Bernstein met the three young men during her work for the San Diego chapter of the International Rescue Committee. Inspired

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are looking for a job in another city, you can connect with alumni in that area too.

One upperclassman secured his summer job at an alumni event for his college alma mater. The student mentioned that he was in law school, and an alumnus invited him to lunch, eventually hiring him. The job search is not always that easy, but the student's story illustrates the significance of making connections.

Have you worked or done an internship anywhere? Your co-workers and supervisors know your work ethic and are natural candidates for recommendations. If they work in the field in which you want to work, they are in a good position to hear about job openings of interest to you. Drop them a line once in a while to let them know how you are doing.

Do your parents have any friends or contacts who might be helpful? Parents can be your biggest supporters. Jess McElfresh's (1L) recently had the opportunity to shadow Assistant U.S. Attorney and San Diego County Bar Association President Jill Burkhardt. Jess's father is a local anesthesiologist and frequently tells his patients about how proud he is of Jess. He has mentioned that Jess is interested in criminal law, and one patient, who was a civil attorney, offered to connect Jess with Ms. Burkhardt.

Do you attend San Diego County Bar Association (<http://www.sdcb.org>) events? USD paid for your membership, so use it. Join a section that interests you—bankruptcy, criminal law, intellectual property, etc. Tina Brister (3L) recommends going to section meetings, which are usually held during lunch at the Bar Center, and paying the lunch fee (usually \$25) to sit with the attorneys and network. Few students attend these meetings. She was offered jobs just by showing up because the attorneys were impressed by her initiative and eager to help. Alternatively, you may attend bar events for free or minimal fee if you sit in the back and forgo lunch, but it makes networking harder.

Research and attend specialty bar associations. For example, the San Diego Lawyers Club (<http://www.lawyersclubsandiego.com>), which is focused on supporting women lawyers, has a mentoring program as part of its student membership benefits. Students are matched with practicing attorneys in areas of interest to the students. These groups usually have luncheons, happy hours and/or other activities that provide unique networking opportunities.

Do you play a sport or belong to a sports club? You might want to strike up a conversation with the person in front of you at the water fountain. One second-year student brings her law books to read while she works out at the gym. Lawyers who work out at her gym often notice her books, strike up conversations, and offer assistance with her job search.

Do you go to temple or attend church or a spiritual group? Are you a volunteer with a local organization? The people who volunteer and work within an organization are likely to share similar values and interests.

by their tragic childhoods and epic tales of survival, Bernstein set out to help the three tell their story. The resulting memoir, *They Poured Fire On Us From The Sky*, has been hailed by the *Washington Post* as "one of the most riveting stories ever told of African childhoods – and a stirring tale of courage."

Again, Ms. Bernstein will be speaking at USD in Warren Hall on January 31, 2007 from 12:00 - 12:45 in Room 2A. Lunch will be provided.

William S. Lerach Lectures at USD Law



ON JANUARY 23, 2007, a full house watches one of the leading securities lawyers in the United States, William S. Lerach, lecture in the Grace Courtroom. Mr. Lerach's unparalleled experience includes recent securities suits such as Enron, Qwest, and WorldCom.

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Have you competed in moot court, mock trial or other advocacy tournament? Local lawyers are usually recruited to judge these competitions. Treat it like a job interview. You can make a lasting impression and walk away with valuable connections. Plus, you may run into those lawyers again in the small San Diego legal community. For instance, one of the attorneys who critiqued my first-year oral argument now works at the law school.

USD also has a vast network of faculty, alumni, students and supporters. Talk to your classmates. Whom does the woman who sits next to you in Criminal Procedure know? You may be surprised by how diverse her network is. Maybe she worked at Luce Forward. Or maybe the governor is good family friend. Talk to your professors. He may have clerked for a judge whom you admire. Go to Alumni events. Pick up an Alumni Advisor Directory from the Alumni Office and contact an alumnus in your area of interest. There are many ways to get connected just through the USD community.

Of course, remember that sometimes you are unknowingly connected to others. One former student, now an associate at a distinguished law firm, told me that one of her classmates was not hired for a job at her firm after his interview. Her classmate did not know that she was working full-time at the firm and had spoken poorly about the it in front of her during class one day.

You do not need to love cocktail receptions and small talk to have a good network. Make connections that are meaningful to you, doing the things that interest you.

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benedict and champagne brunch for four students at his house. Professor Lobel taught a semi-private, 90-minute yoga class, and combined with professors McAllister, L. Ramsey, and Adams to host a "Faculty/Student Girls Night Out." Four ladies were treated to an evening of manicures and martinis at Rappongi in La Jolla.

Professors Martin, Semitsu, Oster and Rodriguez challenged a group of brave students to a No-Limit Texas Hold-Em poker tournament along with dinner. The Alumni Office donated a "Finals Prep Package" which included a reserved parking spot during finals (worth more than gold on this campus), coffee delivered every morning, and free printing. Janet Madden, Academic Support Coordinator, donated a delicious lunch for four students while Dean Mary Jo Wiggins donated lunch and a trip to meet a San Diego bankruptcy judge.

"Many of the professor get involved and donate packages that are perfect for groups of bidders" said O'Hair. "This allows students to get together with friends and bid together, making the auction even more fun!"

Because of some helpful suggestions from Professor Lobel, the Faculty Auction's format will change slightly. "This year, the WLC will be conducting a silent

ADVICEary Opinion

by Jessica Klein, *associate editor*

Q: This past fall was my first semester in law school. I feel like I've got a pretty good handle on my study habits and the academic work, but how do I make all the other aspects of being a law student work? I've heard the second year is even more work, and there seems to be no end to the extra-curricular activities, internship applications and networking events to get involved in. And then there's my friends and family that I haven't seen since before I started school here. How do I balance it all?

A: Finding the delicate balance you are searching for can make a world of difference, not only for the rest of your law school career, but for the rest of your life. Life has a way of adding to your responsibilities, rather than lightening the load. It is true that law school has its own unique challenges, but if you can master them now, you will be well served in the future. Keep an eye out for the article appearing in the next edition of *Motions* which addresses exactly this issue, and offers some practical techniques that have proven helpful. In the meantime, KISS. As the saying goes, Keep It Simple (Stupid).

Although law school has a way of making you feel like you have to do everything -- and you have to do it better than everyone else -- you actually don't. In fact, you will be better off if you *don't* stretch yourself so thin. Prioritize. Yes, classes are a priority. But so are sleep, healthy eating habits, exercise and your emotional well being. Don't cut off your pre-law school friends. Keep that weekly or bi-monthly guys night or lunch date with your best friend. You *can* spare those 2 or 3 hours, and they will do more to refresh you than you expect. Give yourself the luxury of a full 7 or 8 hours of sleep a night, and do it at the same time every night -- you will be shocked what a difference it makes for your body and your sanity. The better you take care of yourself, the better you'll feel about and perform in law school.

Which brings me to the next point -- *simplify!* Do this after you prioritize. If you feel like everything you're doing is a priority, then you haven't prioritized yet. It may seem like everyone else is doing 5 things more than you are and that you won't be able to compete if you don't have as much going on. The truth is, everybody isn't doing more than you and you will have the unique experiences and qualifications that will make you the perfect fit for a position when the time comes. Employers really value well-rounded and balanced people, and those that don't probably won't make you happy associate anyway. So don't look at what the next guy has going on. Instead, look at your goals and what is truly important in your life -- not just academically, but physically, emotionally, financially, spiritually, etc. Once you've nailed that down, only involve yourself in those things that help you achieve those goals and give your life fulfillment. If you do that, you'll finally find the time to address those neglected areas of your life and you will feel balanced and content. Above all, remember that law school is a very unique time in your life. No matter how much you fight to stay balanced, it will still demand academic rigor during these few years. So don't feel like you haven't got the knack of it if life isn't as easy as it was before law school. This too shall pass.



auction for all the bids for a few days prior to the actual live auction," explained O'Hair. "We hope that this will cater to those students whose schedules don't allow them to attend the live auction, and consequently, help to raise even more money."

This year's auction will be held on Wednesday, February 21, from 2:30-5:30 pm in the Writs. Students are encouraged to get together to bid on prizes and join in the Mardi Gras festivities. Drink some free beer, enjoy some free food, put yourself in the running for some raffle prizes, and cheer on the students who put their money on the line for these coveted prizes.

WLC's Faculty Auction will be hosted by the dynamic duo of Professors Devitt and Kelly. Their antics are sure to make you smile and feel happy. Come and join the fun, and support a cause worthy of your time.



First Annual USD Law School Voir Dire Survey - Results Part I



So Here's What We Did:

The survey was a great success - we were aiming for at least 50 students to complete the questions and we had a total of 65 respond. The gender split is very even between men at 32 surveys and women at 33 surveys. On a number of issues, law students think alike as a whole, regardless of gender, and so for questions of like answering trend, we give the percentage for all law students combined (denoted as "B"). Where the difference in genders is fairly substantial, we give the male percentage under "M" and the female percentage under "F". Percentages do not always add up to 100 where answers were not completed on every questionnaire and remember, this is not claiming to be scientific. We just wanted an approximation of the student body for the sake of curiosity. Look for the rest of the results in the February issue. Enjoy!

-The Motions Staff

| Generally Speaking, Part I | | | | |
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| Choose one... | Lefty | Righty | Ambidextrous | |
| | 5% | 85% | 10% | |
| | Boxers | Briefs | Thongs | Commando |
| M | 69% | 25% | 0% | 3% |
| F | 3% | 46% | 42% | 95 |
| B | Mac | PC | | |
| | 23% | 77% | | |
| B | Morning Person | | Night Person | |
| | 34% | | 66% | |
| M | Life of the Party | | Wallflower | |
| | 63% | | 34% | |
| F | 73% | | 23% | |
| B | East Coast | | West Coast | |
| | 18% | | 82% | |
| B | NorCa | | SoCal | |
| | 25% | | 72% | |
| B | Currently: | | | |
| | Live alone | | 19% | |
| | Roommate | | 49% | |
| | Spouse & Family | | 32% | |
| B | Rather lose your sense of (pick one): | | | |
| | Sight | | 0% | |
| | Hearing | | 9% | |
| | Touch | | 11% | |
| | Smell | | 62% | |
| B | Taste | | 17% | |
| | Rather be able to (pick one): | | | |
| | Fly | | 43% | |
| | Be invisible | | 23% | |
| | Read Minds | | 29% | |
| B | Live forever | | 5% | |
| | Carnivore | | Strictly Vegetarian | |
| | 92% | | 8% | |
| | Do you... | | | |
| | Have a tattoo? | | | |
| B | Yes | No | | |
| | 25% | 75% | | |
| B | Know how to swim? | | | |
| | Yes | No | | |
| B | 95% | 5% | | |
| | Shower daily? | | | |
| B | Yes | No | | |
| | 89% | 11% | | |
| B | Have credit card debt? | | | |
| | Yes | No | | |
| B | 53% | 47% | | |

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|---|---|-----|-----|-----|
| B | Believe in a God? | | | |
| | Believer | 63% | | |
| | Atheist | 11% | | |
| B | Agnostic | 26% | | |
| | Go to church, synagogue, mosque, or other house of worship: | | | |
| | Weekly | 15% | | |
| B | Monthly | 15% | | |
| | Holidays | 31% | | |
| | Only for finals | 3% | | |
| B | Never | 36% | | |
| | Believe in aliens? | | | |
| | Yes | No | | |
| B | 40% | 60% | | |
| | Believe in ghosts? | | | |
| | Yes | No | | |
| M | 34% | 66% | | |
| | F | 58% | 42% | |
| | | B | 46% | 54% |
| B | Believe in reincarnation? | | | |
| | Yes | No | | |
| | 31% | 69% | | |

| Work | | | | | |
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| Circle the answer that best describes you... | | | | | |
| B | First lawyer in your immediate family? | | | | |
| | Yes | No, raised on the FRCP | | | |
| | 78% | 22% | | | |
| B | Do you still plan on being a lawyer? | | | | |
| | Yes | No | Never did | | |
| | 86% | 8% | 2% | | |
| B | Would you move out of state for a job? | | | | |
| | Yes | No | Maybe | | |
| | 72% | 23% | 5% | | |
| B | Would you rather work... | | | | |
| | For a laid-back boss with questionable ethics? | | | | |
| | 35% | | | | |
| B | Or Strict boss who follows the black letter? | | | | |
| | 65% | | | | |
| | Long hours with financial rewards | | | | |
| M | 63% | | | | |
| | F | 30% | | | |
| | | Or Easy hours, but with little money | | | |
| M | 37% | | | | |
| | F | 70% | | | |
| M | At what type of firm... | | | | |
| | Big | Small | Solo | In house | Other |
| | 41% | 25% | 6% | 25% | 3% |
| | F | 6% | 42% | 3% | 39% |
| | 10% | | | | |
| | Prosecution | | Defense | | |
| M | 44% | 53% | | | |
| | F | 70% | 24% | | |
| B | Civil | | Criminal | | |
| | 65% | 31% | | | |

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| M | Pro Bono | | Big Money | |
| | 28% | 66% | | |
| | F | 45% | 48% | |
| B | Too hard | | Not at all | |
| | 63% | 37% | | |
| | In a Team | | On Your Own | |
| B | 58% | 38% | | |
| | Have you ever been fired? | | | |
| | Yes | No | | |
| B | 20% | 78% | | |
| | Would you rather be: | | | |
| | President | Chief Justice | | |
| M | 59% | 41% | | |
| | F | 27% | 70% | |

| Sex, Part I | | | | | |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-------|------------|---------|-------|
| M | Lights On | | Lights Off | | |
| | 56% | 44% | | | |
| | F | 36% | 55% | | |
| B | 46% | 49% | | | |
| | Do you... | | | | |
| M | Masturbate? | | | | |
| | Yes | No | | | |
| | 88% | 9% | | | |
| F | 61% | 39% | | | |
| | B | 74% | 25% | | |
| M | Addendum: How often? | | | | |
| | Hourly | Daily | Weekly | Monthly | N/A |
| | 9% | 28% | 44% | 6% | 13% |
| | F | 0% | 9% | 33% | 15% |
| | B | 5% | 18% | 38% | 20% |
| | | 28% | | | |
| M | Own porn? | | | | |
| | Yes | No | | | |
| | 53% | 41% | | | |
| F | 18% | 82% | | | |
| | B | 35% | 62% | | |
| M | Have an STD? | | | | |
| | Yes | No | | | |
| | 3% | 97% | | | |
| F | 6% | 91% | | | |
| | B | 5% | 94% | | |
| M | Addendum: Ever have one? | | | | |
| | Yes | No | | | |
| | 13% | 87% | | | |
| F | 6% | 91% | | | |
| | B | 9% | 89% | | |
| M | Get tested annually for STDs? | | | | |
| | Yes | No | | | |
| | 38% | 62% | | | |
| F | 58% | 39% | | | |
| | B | 48% | 51% | | |
| M | Use... | | | | |
| | Condom | Pill | Multi. | Other | None* |
| | 38% | 25% | 22% | 0% | 16% |
| | F | 24% | 24% | 38% | 3% |
| | B | 31% | 25% | 29% | 2% |
| | | 14% | | | |

*Almost like our grading curve isn't it?

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Greg, who somehow had gotten access to the website, my personal information to have him check. And then Greg would check Pierre's results, who would not initially believe that he had passed. Such an important moment and yet many of us had to receive it second hand. But this is the good type of second hand news. The kind that cannot diminish the joy of finding out one bit; a second hand marriage proposal might suck, but having your friend be the one to tell you that you passed the Bar = glorious! We had passed but we could not tell any of our fellow takers because we were afraid to call and share joy only to hear disappointment in someone else's voice. So we could only wait and hope that phones would start ringing with good news.

Confession: I still go to the Bar site and type in my last name just so that I can get to see this:
July 2006 California Bar Examination Pass List - The following names on the pass list match your search for "dumas": DUMAS, AARON M.

their rankings become invalidated by the passage of one year. During the entire process, communication between the hiring agency and applicants is minimal, if not non-existent.

Besides requiring vast amounts of time, the government job search process can be bewildering, frustrating, impersonal at best, and humiliating at worst. Applicants may not receive a "thank you for applying" letter if rejected. Interviewers, so focused on concrete qualifications, may seem unconcerned with learning anything personal about the applicant -- anything that would make an applicant a better "fit" than another candidate. One USD student even endured a "Survivor" style interview process; he was interviewed with several other candidates, and from that group the interviewers would select candidates to move on to the next "round".

Law students that apply for state jobs will not experience any of the perks of the private firm recruiting

process -- no lunches, no open communication, and no quick hiring decisions. Public employment does not admit to salary or benefit negotiations, or offer a partner track. The government process, however, is intended to guarantee an equal opportunity for employment to every candidate; the role of subjective factors in the hiring process, such as a candidate's contacts within the agency, are supposed to be minimized by emphatic attention to objective qualifications and factors. Further, the State at least is arguably more interested in making the right hire, as opposed to a firm, because the State cannot so easily terminate employment once it has been granted.

The government hiring process should not discourage law students seeking public employment; while the process is languid and excruciating, the benefits of public work are many and varied. Besides, the process soon becomes a distant memory once the applicant receives the offer of employment.

BAILIFFS WANTED

The Paul A. McLennon, Sr., Honors Moot Court Competition is coming up. Due to the large participation by students, we will need nearly 200 bailiffs to work this competition. Bailiffing gives you the opportunity to see great oral advocates in action, to network with local legal professionals who serve as judges, and, if you are a 1L, to understand what you will be facing in your Lawyering Skills oral arguments later this semester. The dates for McLennon include:

- Monday, February 26
- Tuesday, February 27
- Wednesday, February 28
- Thursday, March 1
- Monday, March 5
- Tuesday, March 6

The arguments take place in the evening, starting at 4:45pm, at the downtown courthouse. Please email the USD Appellate Moot Court Board at USDBailiffs@gmail.com to sign up. Please indicate which night(s) you'll be able to work. Thank you!

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- Q: What activities are you involved with at USD Law?**
A: "Law Review, USD National Mock Trial Team, BLSA, The Diversity Committee, Women's Law Caucus, and The Running Club."
- Q: Tell us about the piece you are writing for Law Review.**
A: "I am writing about how nightclubs are targeting "urban wear" in their dress codes. For example, one popular San Diego nightclub has a "No Fubu" rule. For those that don't know, Fubu is a brand of clothing commonly worn by black Americans. I try to answer the question of whether such dress code regulations are a proxy for race discrimination or whether such rules should be construed as cultural discrimination, a not-yet protected characteristic."
- Q: What are your plans for the summer?**
A: "Summer Associate position at Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP."
- Q: What are your plans once you graduate?**
A: "Hopefully to obtain a clerkship position and then return to Sheppard-Mullin."
- Q: What has been your best experience in law school thus far?**
A: "I would have to say the Battle of the Brains last semester. Not only was the Diversity Committee newly formed, we managed to organize and host the First Annual Battle of the Brains within our first semester! It was well attended and all the work that went into it was well worth it. It was awesome and I can't wait till next year's showdown!"
- Q: What do you love about law school?**
A: "I love the challenge. Law school is unlike any other obstacle that I have attempted to overcome and it's very fulfilling when you are rewarded for a job well done. Of course, there is the other side of the coin where you give it your all only to feel let down, but hopefully your friends are there to help you back up."
- Q: What do you hate about law school?**
A: "The unending competition--to have to compete against friends for the same spots over and over again is brutal."
- Q: Use five words that best describe you?**
A: "Smiling, charismatic, funkalicious, colorful, dancing machine."
- Q: Tell us one thing about you that you think would surprise people.**
A: "I can fit my entire fist in my mouth--is that too weird? And I'm from Delaware."
- Q: Has there been a professor that has inspired you in law school?**
A: "Wow, there have been a few. Professor Semitsu: for showing me that apparently there is enough time in a day to anything and everything; Professor Devitt: for being such a passionate teacher and showing me how to make the Federal Rules of Evidence my best friend; and my mentor, Professor Roy Brooks: for being my advisor and inspiring me during every conversation we have."
- Q: How long have you had your dreadlocks for?**
A: "Hahahaaa...almost 7 years this spring."
- Q: What do you like to do for fun?**
A: "Go out dancing, do karaoke, board games, distance running, and dine out."
- Q: What is your best piece of advice for law students?**
A: "Just never give up. Law school can be so draining at times--actually a lot if the time. It becomes very easy to forget that we are all very lucky...And go to Bar Review."



From L-R, Top: Maria Shih, John Lo, Professor Junichi Semitsu, Margaret Dalton, Justin Yin, Nathan Karlsgodt, Eddie Tsang, Lois Seong and Catherine Tran. Bottom: Kathryn Snyder, Rose Carrion and Hali Henderson.

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and the funniest one of the night, "Uranus." DJT put up a good fight in the final round, but the faculty team reigned supreme and the names of Professors Claus, Snyder and Kelly will be memorialized on a 4-foot trophy.

With assistance from the Dean's Office, the Diversity Committee's Battle of the Brains was a huge success. In an email to the Committee, Professor Allen Snyder called the event "an excellent combination of fun, slightly bawdy humor, a little tension and enthusiasm." He went on to say, "We have very few 'cross-cultural' (faculty and students) outside the classroom that do not focus mostly on food, drink or trying to show how much one knows about arcane legal junk. You should all be commended for pulling this off in style."

All funds raised from the event were donated to the USD Law Legal Clinics, an organization that affords our law students the opportunity to provide free legal services to San Diego residents in need and which was initially a student-run project. Through law firm sponsorships (Paul Hastings, Cooley Godward Kronish and Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek), Judge Napoleon Jones (USD alum), and passing the hat through the audience, the event raised close to \$8,000 for the USD

Legal Clinics. According to Margaret Dalton, director of the Legal Clinics, the donation received from the Battle of the Brains is the largest donation the Clinics have ever received.

This semester, in conjunction with the Office of Alumni Relations, the Diversity Committee will kick off the spring semester with a Diversity Student-Alumni Mixer. This will be the first mixer of its kind and we hope to create a long-lasting tradition to benefit all students. A panel with attorneys from varied backgrounds will discuss their respective careers with you, the eager law students. The panel will have an informal networking session where alums can link up with their fellow students who aspire to enter a similar field of law (and for all you networking rookies, there will be an ice-breaking activity). We are encouraging all students to come and hear about the experiences and learn from the knowledge of our wonderful alumni. The event will take place on

Wednesday, January 31, at 6 pm in the USD IPJ Theatre (and yes, there will be food, and it will be delicious).

The Diversity Committee also hopes to create USD Law's first ever Diversity Week. Diversity Week is designed to provide opportunities for individuals and groups to explore various histories, cultures, issues, interests, and lifestyles of people who compose the mosaic of human kind. There are various weeks and months during the year that focus on specific groups. Diversity Week is established to promote communication and interaction across our human differences as we identify and embrace our similarities.

Having received a \$5,000 grant from USD's Committee on Inclusion and Diversity, the Diversity Committee hopes to make this a campus-wide event that promotes understanding, respect, and inclusive dialogues, with activities scheduled from a variety of standpoints and perspectives which represent our various campus organizations.

If you would like to become a member of the Diversity Committee, and help plan events such as Diversity Week, email Chair, Rose Carrion, at usdlawdiversity@yahoo.com.

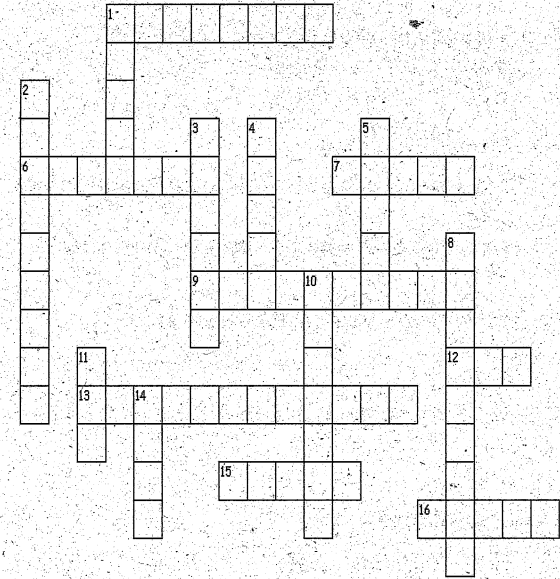
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associated with the USD School of Law."

As current WLC President, Maria has worked hard to maintain its success, and to provide valuable resources for its members. During her time at USD Law, she has served as a USD Law student representative for the San Diego County Bar Association, Secretary of BLSA, participated in the Guardianship Clinic, and worked part time at the Center for Public Interest Law and Children's Advocacy Institute.

"Maria is a remarkable woman who strives to be the best at whatever she chooses to do," remarked Lawyers Club President, Lisa Weinreb. "She is truly deserving of this scholarship and we are proud to have her as a Lawyers Club member."

Rose Carrion, 3L, attended the Luncheon and expressed her sentiments of her classmate's award. "It was very nice, and I'm very proud of Maria for her achievements. The lunch was well attended by Lawyers Club members, and it was great for her to be honored in front of so many people."



- Across
- 1. Two ships from Bombay
 - 6. Hall of Justice oceanic superhero
 - 7. New (and newly litigated) movie
 - 9. Extraneous words
 - 12. Atty.'s Group
 - 13. Misrepresenting dance studio
 - 15. SBA Halloween party locale
 - 16. ___ Magister (LL.M.)
- Down
- 1. First for Caesar
 - 2. Generic real property name
 - 3. ___ enrichment
 - 4. Equal Justice ___ Law: Engraving on Supreme Court building
 - 5. Calder v. ___ ("I Think I Love You" songstress)
 - 8. Future property interest in a transferee capable of becoming possessory at the natural end of the preceding estate
 - 10. Judge Hand
 - 11. Banned children's game (and a type of jurisdiction)
 - 14. Only U.S. President and Chief Justice

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