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The Only Intentionally Funny Thing About Law School

Yarrrrr mateys!
I'm the Dread Pirate Elman! If it's me
booty you seek, ye landlubbers should
follow me treasure map to the
secret library washroom!
Yarrrrr!



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our mission

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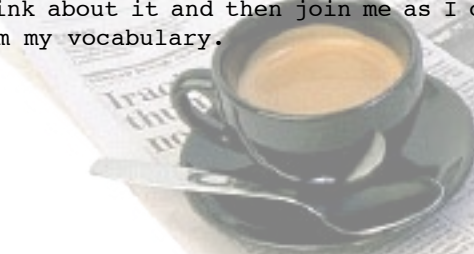


Lisa Marie Buccella

Last Friday I packed up my bug and bundled up my son and headed to Toronto. At noon we hit the 401 at full force hoping to make it home in time for a hot supper. Shortly after our adventure was underway, I began my usual dialogue with my fellow drivers. Because I don't know them by their individual names I tend to refer to them as: "Idiot"; "Bozo"; "Look Mister" and "Whata Jerk". My one sided conversation resembles something like: "Oh no you didn't!"; "Oh yeah? Watch me!"; "Go back to driving school!"; "Get off the road!"; "Ohhh I get it... you want me to run you over!"

It was on this last trip that my son innocently noted: "Mom, you say a lot of bad words when we are in the car. If you don't stop, when we get to Grandma's I'm going to tell your mom." Forgetting for a moment our twenty year age gap, I called him a tattletale and asked him what words he thought he heard me say. Fully prepared for my question, he simply responded with: "I can't repeat them because you'll tell my dad. But one word starts with the letter B." I explained to him that "Bozo" was not a bad word but it was my tone that he had picked up on. I started to wonder about what other behavior and conversations he had witnessed...

At the Santa Clause Parade this weekend I overheard a frustrated mum looking for a "f*&k'n spot" to sit with her young children. I was disgusted by her vulgarity. I contemplated pulling her pony tail and reminding her that we were at a children's parade and not 29 Park. But although being charged with assault may have been an excuse to talk to Tanovich, I knew I couldn't correct her without being a hypocrite. Calling someone "jerk" within ear shot of my child is equally as inappropriate as yelling the "F" word at the parade. Do you ever wonder if you are being watched? Listened to? Do you act as if you are being observed? Think about it and then join me as I challenge myself this New Year to delete foul and unattractive language from my vocabulary.



J.M. Buccella

Articling... the end of adolescent life

As the deadline for applying for the Bar Admission Course quickly draws near, I am reminded that articling, and leaving Windsor Law, are not that far away. My feelings about this are mixed. On the one hand, I'm finally concluding my life as a student and, after about 20 years of school, I will actually enter the workforce. I find this all at once exciting and scary; enthralling and sad. It's hard to imagine my life without the frustrations of exams and essays, the joys of pub crawls and reading week. A whole new world will soon be upon me. There is also something scary about leaving behind the childish era of student life in which acting like an irresponsible adolescent was still ok at times, the profusion of the slang of our generation could be excused, and rolling out of bed at 1 p.m. after a night of partying went unnoticed. Somehow, I don't think my employer will be too impressed with the occasional entrance into work at noon.

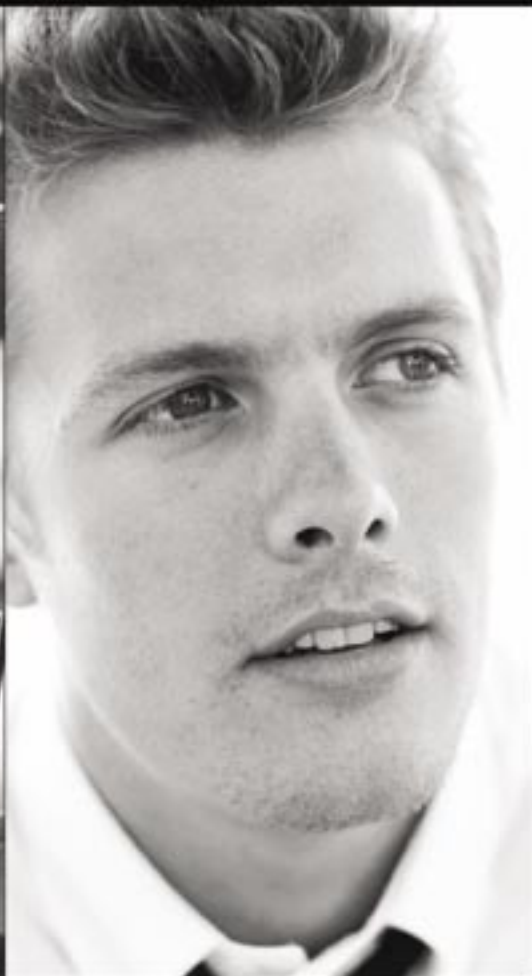
On the other hand, I'm really looking forward to articling. I've heard some colleagues voicing their fear about articling, in the belief that it's not going to be much different than a 10-month period of close to slave labour. But even if we must work harder or longer than we would like, isn't that what we want - to get our hands dirty and learn what practicing law is all about? Personally, I'm looking forward to appearing at court, attending at meetings, mediations... and okay, occasional legal research. Generally, I am looking forward to being a valued employee of a great firm. Also, some remuneration in the form of money sounds like the light at the end of a long and arduous tunnel.

So, to my colleagues who are in dread of what articling has to offer, I say enjoy it, it's what we worked so hard for... and we don't have to give up all the luxuries of adolescent life just yet... well, at least not for another 9 months or so.



Catherine Mann

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Activist urges ban on calling female dogs “bitches”

OHRC - Victoria Smyth, the Toronto activist who filed a Human Rights complaint for the distribution of “hate rap,” has a new target. This time she’s launched a complaint against TSN over its broadcasting of dog shows. Smyth is concerned with the misogynistic undertones in the references to female dogs on display.

Ms. Smyth named TSN because it’s the largest broadcaster of this “toxic” language which is poisoning attitudes toward women. “The distinction has been blurred between a female dog and a woman...especially since the Westminster dog show is being televised after Off The Record known for its objectified female guests.”

When reached for comment, Chauncey ‘Milk-Bone’ Mountbatten, chairperson of the Westminster Dog Federation said “I just don’t see the problem....there’s nothing wrong with broadcasting, showing off, or generally being surrounded by a bunch of fine bitches.”



Airing weekdays at 6:30 pm EST

This is apparently only one in a series of complaints. Next, Ms. Smyth plans to file a complaint against The Home Depot for repeated use of the word “hoe” in flyers, suggesting use of the more gender inclusive term “garden-dirt-manipulator.” She declined to comment on whether she would take any action against Santa Clause before the upcoming holiday season.

Computer lab calculates billionth decimal of ‘Pi’

LAW LIBRARY - “It’s the darndest thing!” exclaimed Norm Saxon. “My initial motivation for installing the Windows Service Pack on all those 3-year old machines was to force the Dean to buy new computers for the students. But the cutting-edge software actually made the old hardware more efficient, not less! It really flies in the face of conventional wisdom.”



Norm Saxon, resident tech wizard and lab administrator

Encouraged by initial results, Saxon decided to see just what the improved computer lab could achieve. “I networked all the CPU’s into a parallel computing grid and let ‘er fly over the Thanksgiving weekend.”

When Saxon returned three days later, he couldn’t imagine the success that would confront him. “Somehow, the lab greeted me by name, and after pouring me a cup of mint tea, told me how it had calculated Pi to its billionth decimal point, which turned out to be a 9. The lab then delivered a fascinating lecture on the life and music of American composer Gershwin, which one of its nodes had been allowed to draft after expressing an interest in the liberal arts sometime around Saturday afternoon.”

Despite the initial student euphoria, Saxon cautioned that the actual experience of students using the lab would, in fact, continue to degrade.

“Unlike calculating Pi, searching

Quicklaw or using Word hasn’t improved” explained Saxon. “And since Word is far more complex than something simple like calculating Pi, students are still advised to add an extra 24 to 36 hours to the drafting of essays to allow for things like moving the mouse or changing the font size. Or 48 hours if you use spell check.”

Women & The Law on art buying spree

UPPER PIT - Following an incredibly successful clothing fundraiser, Women & The Law have launched an ambitious campaign to buy-up the Faculty art collection. “We hope that we don’t have to move it... ideally, we can just rent it out to the school.”

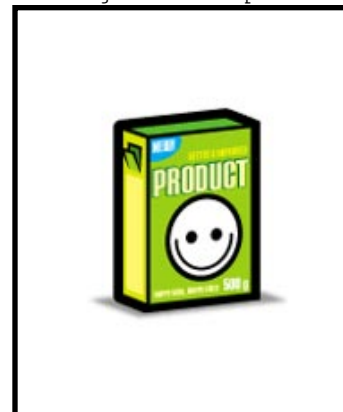
The Dean is apparently in favour of the move, citing the capital infusion from the sale of the works. “My



Sold for \$21.74

thinking is that the \$1200 we can raise by selling all the art in the school can be used to pay the Access to Justice research student for four months this summer.” When asked if 43 cents/hour is a reasonable wage, the Dean merely remarked that it “would be a contractually agreed upon position.”

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Wiseman streaks zuber moot

MOOT COURT - Competitors and audience members in this year's Zuber Moot competition were shocked last Monday when Access to Justice and Property professor David Wiseman ran naked though the moot court. The stunt, orchestrated to draw attention to poverty-related claims under the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, took place just as the appellants were making their opening submissions to Justice Thomas Zuber and his panel.



Raising awareness at a World Cup qualifying match

In the confusion that followed, most who witnessed the scene failed to appreciate the poignancy of Dr. Wiseman's message that it is our professional and civic duty to clothe all people with the inalienable rights enunciated in the *Charter*. What seemed to garner more attention was the general consensus among students that Dr. Wiseman could use a little grooming "down under."



Gomery to clear Saddam, O.J.

OTTAWA - The long awaited Gomery report was released recently, and much to the chagrin of other parties and leaders, Paul Martin escaped any and all blame, except Jean Chretien's taunts of "liar, liar pants on fire."

While the report follows the money trail from the public coffers, to Liberal friendly ad companies, to the highest echelons of the Liberal party, it seems that Paul Martin was saved by his own ineptitude as Finance Minister. Gomery cleared him of any wrong doing, finding that despite controlling the public purse strings for the better part of a decade, he had no idea that millions of dollars were being spent.

Seeing the opportunity to be cleared in Canadian Parliament, others have recently applied to have Gomery head up their own commissions.

Notably, O.J. Simpson asked Gomery to clear him of the double-murder of Nicole Brown and Ron Goldman. When asked why he would have a trial in which he was found innocent reviewed, Simpson replied "people still think I did it, but if Gomery can make Martin look innocent, I have no doubt he can do the same for me".

Former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein has also asked that Gomery investigate the allegations of human rights violations. Off the record, those close to Saddam feel that with the right evidence Gomery has the

Next week: 'Hot-body' contest pioneer awarded honorary law degree for contributions to the legal community in Windsor

ability to make it look like Saddam was not even in Iraq from 1980 through 2003.



Can Gomery set 'The Juice' loose?

For his part, Gomery has said that for now, his creative juices are tapped. "Writing that report took every last creative bone in my body, and it'll take another cushy appointment to get going again. Really I just need a break in the guest room at 24 Sussex to think about my next move."





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EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH THE OUT-TO-LUNCH OLSENS!



Oyez news correspondents, Catherine and Lisa Marie, recently caught up with the Olsen twins at the Windsor Film Festival. Here's what they had to say on current events, fashion faux pas and how Hurricane Katrina personally affected them.

Oyez: Are you aware that Nike has had child workers making their shoes?

Ashley: We are just so happy that buying Nike shoes helps to support little children that don't have food. Some people have like so little and we're blessed to have so much!

Mary-Kate: Yah, we are always happy to help in any way we can. And thank you to Nike for being such a great help to kids around the world.

Oyez: What charities do you support?

Ashley: We donate to UNICEF and um, we also give our money to poor minimum wage employees in the mall like every time we go shopping and-

Mary-Kate: Actually we do donate to quite a lot of charities but like, the charities we donate to is a very personal issue.

Oyez: What new trends have you two spotted in the fashion world?

Mary-Kate: Red is totally the new orange and like, oh my gosh, the bigger the sunglasses the better. Big oversized coats coupled with flip flops are great for this season. Wearing shoes that are too big for you is so much fun! Also, pouting profusely is like super high-fashion.

Ashley: Generally speaking, if you wear stuff that is randomly thrown together, it looks a lot better than actually planning and coordinating.

Mary-Kate: Yah, that is totally our fashion philosophy.

Oyez: What are your sentiments on the current war on terrorism?

Ashley: Um, we totally don't hang with terrorists— anymore. They are so 2001.

Oyez: How can citizens show their support for their troops abroad?

Mary-Kate: (looking confused) Define "abroad."

Oyez: Sorry, I didn't mean to intentionally confuse you. By abroad, I meant our troops that are overseas, in Iraq, across the world, defending your country as we speak. Does that help?



Mary Kate: Oh my gosh-duh! I believe that our troops work so hard. To cheer them up, I think that we should send them Starbucks gift certificates! A steamed non fat latte always does the trick when I'm having a bad day!

Ashley: That suggestion is so ignorant. What about the soldiers that don't like Starbucks? We should send them alternative gift certificates from Second Cup and for the Canadians, Tom Horton's donut coupons

Mary Kate: I didn't even think of that Ash! That is sooo cute! You're right: I am so ignorant.

Oyez: How about Hurricane Katrina. What were your first reactions to this devastation?

Mary Kate: We were sooo devastated. We were really worried because we knew Katrina in high school. She was kinda snobby but we still hung out a few times. So as soon as we heard about Hurricane Katrina we called her right away. (sniff, sniff)

Ashley: Yah, right away. And she was fine by the way.

Oyez: Phew, what a relief....Moving on, our law students want to know how you define access to justice. Do you believe that all citizens are entitled to legal resources or should access depend on financial ability?

Mary Kate: Hmm hard one. I really think that everyone, even poor people who shop at Wal-Mart, should have good lawyers. And I believe that all lawyers are good so what's the problem? Why do law students make things soooo complicated?

Ashley: I totally disagree. Mary Kate is so naive. Not all lawyers are good, you moron. Some lawyers steal people's money. Or like in Desperate Housewives, the lawyer wanted to have sex with his client! That is like soooo unethical (and kinda hot all at the same time). Some lawyers are bad and some are good. We should like totally go to law school.

Mary Kate: Duh. We like, already know stuff. We'd probably be bored. But the fashion show could be fun...

Oyez: Thank you ladies so much for sharing your thoughts. Good luck with...absolutely everything.



Seeing as you're just realizing that exams are coming up, you've probably also realized that it's time to start attending that night class you picked while you were nursing a hangover in August. Here at *The Oyez* we decided to go head to head to see who should be teaching your that night class, a practicing lawyer or Abraham Simpson ...



grandpa simpson vs. sessional prof's



Teaching style

Long drawn out stories about the good ol' days, mixed with low-level Alzheimer's

Long drawn out stories about judges they hate and why Toronto sucks mixed with reading from the text.

Edge: Grandpa Simpson – You're never tested on his stories.

Discipline method

"When I was a pup, we got spanked by presidents 'til the cows came home! Grover Cleveland spanked me on two non-consecutive occasions!"

1) The Socratic Method
-or-
2) the dreaded B-

Edge: Grandpa Simpson – getting spanked by someone named Grover these days would cost you at least \$100 downtown

Ways to win over a crowd

Lovable bafoonery and cooky schemes that rarely work

Bribe students with candy, beer, or open book multiple choice exams

Edge: Profs hands down. mmmmm.... beer.



How they find answers

"Whenever I'm confused, I just check my underwear. It holds the answers to all the important questions."

Chris Sunstrum's notes.

**Edge: Profs.
-Hey Sunny, you got notes for Sec Trans?**



How they get cheap laughs

Posing as a German cabaret singer

Swearing in class.

Edge: Prof's – Just think about what you'd do if Associate Dean Gold dropped an f-bomb in class



Winner: Sessional Prof's make the grade, winning 3-2



MSN Chat Session

The Faculty of the Month

Prof. Wilson - Conversation

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To: Prof. Wilson <big_willy@hotmail.com>

Prof. Wilson may not reply because his or her status is set to Access to Justice

Tanovich says:
R U really not giving a first year crim exam this semester?

Prof. Wilson says:
Not enough classes - 2 many holidays to really give a good exam

Tanovich says:
Boo hoo... I can't wait to drop a probative value on some first year asses! Why don't you pick up your purse and write an exam?



Prof. Wilson says:
You know I love watching them cry, but these poor kids barely know what actus reus is... how can I torture them with an exam?

Tanovich says:
Yeah whatever... this is law school... If you want to be easy you should teach at the business school, it's just down street

Prof. Wilson says:
yeah, just wait 'til I bust out a 6 hour final... won't know what hit 'em

Tanovich says:
Now you're talking! Do you wanna hit the Bridge for a quick one before class? I pity the fool that doesn't like the Bridge...

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The Windsor Law Banished Words List the sequel

Welcome! A big bunch of what we hear in lectures, seminars, etc. is redundant, annoying and generally a waste of breath. That being the case, *The Oyez* banished words department has been hard at work compiling a list of the words and phrases we feel should be stricken from use around the law school and around your grandmother for general misuse, uselessness, or just plain irritation.

The list represents a community effort so please send in your own submissions to theoyez@uwindsor.ca...if it frustrates you -it surely frustrates others.

"irregardless"

For fear of retribution from other faculty members I'll refrain from naming names on this one, and just ask what exactly is the difference between regardless and irregardless? Think about it.

"at UofT"

It's a painful reminder that short-person syndrome can be systemic when so many students here keep yammering on about another school. Let's consider what's going on at Windsor for a change --please.

"you could argue that"

Well, I think you just did argue that. This phrase gets tossed around by those who make deep comments like this dandy: "you could argue that feminists have diminished the significance of sexual assault by talking and writing about it so much" and then throw that disclaimer statement "this isn't my opinion, I read it." Here's the thing: you aren't tightening up that friend's argument, you're not keeping your classmates on their toes, but you are trying to discredit someone's opinion with some obscure, wacked-out opinion you do subscribe to but don't want anyone to catch on. Too late! We all know now.

"the reality is" "that's a good firm" "per se"

"we've gone too far"

Almost as painful as **some other things**, this one is typically used to preface small-conservative appeals to moderation in social spending, non-mainstream policy making, and access to justice of any sort. You've gone too far when you missed your exit off the 401 not while sitting in the middle of a seminar -get to your point!

"vis-a-vis" "are you even in this class" "this one time"

"substantive"

I've never even heard of this word until I arrived in law school, substantively the issue is this or that -well what the f#@% were you talking about before?!?



We Asked... Does being connected with the upper echelons of student governance have its perks?

Pamela and Andrew answered...with a resounding YES!

The journey began for us one day in September when a memo from the Associate Dean arrived for Andrew reading: “Administrative change, SLS council now has access to 24-hour staff cafeteria, faculty hot tub, and secret library washroom. The keys to each of which are behind the map of Canada 15 paces from the 2nd floor faculty offices.”

Having enjoyed the first two perks Andrew and I went back to check out the Canada map on in the library, behind which was a treasure trove of rare and wonderful items, including:



- the answer key to last year’s labour law exam
- a box of Cracker Jacks, inside of which was a secret decoder ring for Prof. Conklin
- Mazer’s beard trimmer
- a recent love note from Neil to Mary Gold
- an explanation of Access to Justice scrawled on a cocktail napkin
- and a note which said, borrowed the secret washroom key, had to do some deep thinking about whether there’s any room in the administration of this school for human rights...VIEW PAUL MARTIN to get in without it. -Bill



We sat and stared at the Paul Martin portrait for a solid 10 minutes to no avail. Applying creative legal reasoning we used the Conklin decoder and the instruction changed to PAUL MARTIN VIEW. Aha! We followed his gaze to a rather instructive little orange box on a concrete pillar that read: Emergency. Well, this was one, so we pushed the button. To our tremendous delight we heard the sonorous pre-recorded voice of George Stewart asking us, “What is your key word?” Having paid attention in Legal Research and Writing, we knew the first thing to do was check the C.E.D. This was of no help at all, predictably. So we wandered back to the emergency box.

“Bathroom” seemed the best choice, but the response we got was “Next to the Board Room. Piss off.” “Library bathroom,” we said, and nothing. “Quae mala sunt inchoate in principio vix bono peraguntur exitu.” Roughly translated, “Things bad in the commencement seldom end well.” Pertinent to bathrooms? Perhaps. But it could also be the motto for Osgoode, and no help. “This is crap!” Andrew said, and Prof. Stewart replied, “Access to the bathroom is the true access to justice.” That could only mean one thing, so we wandered up to Mark Hecht’s office.

Access to the bathroom is the true access to justice

Next to his office, glinting above a couch was a gold key...the prettiest little key you ever did see. And the key was on a leaf, and the leaf was on a branch, and the branch was on a fake tree, and the fake tree was in an ugly pot, and the ugly pot was on the floor, with the dirty carpet all around. But in looking past appearance we realized that the dirt had a valuable purpose, for it was shaped in an arrow. And the arrow pointed to the opposite corner of the top floor, where the Access to Justice yearbooks are kept.



It took us quite a while to figure out the next bit, so let’s just say that you need to find the book pictured here and pull on it in that classic secret lever way. We heard a tremendous metallic clang followed by a whirring and a slightly scary thud, and beneath a seemingly inaccurate sign appeared a winding staircase.



We followed the staircase down found ourselves staring at that long row of black and white photographs. We’d always thought they were previous Supreme Court judges, but it turns out that their commonality is in having won the first of the John W. Whiteside Awards.



The last in the line of pictures brought us to the first of the D.L.R.s. Having gone more than 20 minutes without exposure to legal jargon we were dying for a fix. It's embarrassing to admit but despite having been in law school for over two years neither of us had ever read a D.L.R. Oh sure, we'd read many an S.C.R., and more than our share of O.R.s, V.L.R.s, B.C.L.R.s and even the occasional C.T.C.M.V.T.C.D., but never a D.L.R.

So we gave it a go. You know, we'd always assumed this stood for Dominion Law Report. Boy, were we wrong!



It turns out that D.L.R. really stands for Da Lavatory...Right. Had we not been on this mission, it could have been a really depressing moment. Fortunately, we were and this was great news. So...we turned right. Then stopped. "Hang on," said Pamela, "we need to backdate." The first 127 years of backdating was nothing more than an irritation. But once we finally reached back far enough, we found a shiny instructional pamphlet with everything we could possibly have wanted to know about the secret library bathroom. What a relief! "So there is a point to backdating," thought Andrew, who decided to recommend pay increases at Faculty Council for all the LRW instructors.

The pamphlet was filled with useful hints. It turns out all those muted red lights throughout the library are not to mark exits or indicate an emergency. When they are lit they signify that the secret library bathroom is in use. And...the key we had found was for room G122.



Above the lock, someone had thoughtfully written which way to turn the key, and when we opened the door.....was the most fantastic washroom we'd ever seen.



The last stall was a seemingly forgotten relic that had missed the last 7 or 8 refurbishment cycles. To our sorrow we found the fossilized remains of what looks like the first student to find the secret washroom, in a t-shirt that said "Windsor Law is groovy" and holding a constitutional law textbook and a really big bag of Canadian grass. Joints littered the floor; top notch weed rolled in sections 91 and 92 of the Constitution. University maintenance failed us this time –by about 30 years and a dozen Deans.

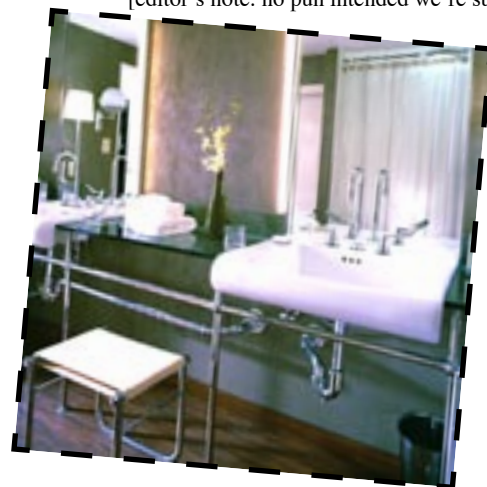


On our way out we passed the bathroom reading material. Among the weighty tomes were various well-thumbed volumes. We found a book of riddles and gags belonging to Julio Menezes, a Stratford playbill with Douglas Phillips cast as Hamlet, and a 1997 high school year book featuring Prom King- Aaron Dhir.

We took our newfound knowledge and a swipe card from the lost student out into the halls of the library. We put the card to immediate use and discovered that behind every swipe card entry door is a photocopier, un-used stacks of copy and print cards, and never-been-used refill machines for both.

This could have concluded as a coup for the student body – imagine, a bathroom in the library! But alas, in our excitement we inadvertently left the red lights on and the suspicious law and order types in the faculty chased us away and disassembled the secret-secret way to access it. Thus, the secret library bathroom, so fleetingly torn from myth and into reality, returned to the bowels of secrecy.

[editor's note: no pun intended we're sure]



Top 10 Grad Gift Ideas



1) Turn Mary Gold into a **super intelligent cyborg** so that she may serve the law school as associate dean until the end of time and fight crime in her spare time.

2) Merge the offices of Academic coordinator and Career Services into one office dedicated to über-chaos, instead of two.

3) Fix the washrooms...”the 2006 Memorial Stall” sounds great. For generations future students will officially associate unflushed toilets with the class of 2006.

4) More electrical outlets for those who are too pretentious to use pens, or if not feasible, cheap bright orange Canadian Tire extension cords strung everywhere so that you can reach that unused outlet across the room.

5) Natural light. The Class of '84 gave the gift of perpetual darkness, which has created an environment that gives the school all the charm of an unfinished basement.

6) Helper Monkeys. Through my three years there has been a shocking lack of helper monkeys. They could be trained to flush the toilets, make coffee runs to Leddy, and help first year students with citations.

7) A copy of QuickTax for the library, we don't have to listen to the students in advanced tax bitch about how hard the course is.

8) New judicial photos for the law school. The current portraits of judges from the 1970s in the library are a nice touch, but students crave judges that speak to them. The judges they were raised on like, Judge Judy, Judge Reinhold, Judge Harry Stone and Judge Dread.

9) Follow the lead of SkyDome. In an attempt to change the concrete like monstrosity that is the SkyDome, Blue Jays owner Ted Rogers adopted a number of changes to bring fans back. Since the Dome and the Law School share many of the same horrifying concrete attributes we can follow Roger's lead:

(a) Rename the school **“The Elman Centre”**

(b) Install Field-Turf everywhere.... its like grass but made from plastic

(c) Install JumboTrons wherever feasible...which would also allow US personal injury firms to advertise (imagine the revenue: 1-800-call-SAM).



10) Remove the Access to Justice requirements and focus more on the vision of many faculty members and students to turn the school into a 2nd rate U of T. Corporations pay more anyway, and they need lawyers too.

Nancy Drew, a third year law student and part-time super sleuth, recently attended the Grad meeting that discussed the annual grad gift. It occurred to her that she had never heard of the grad gift before and she wondered what gifts had been given by past graduating classes.

Upon investigating with some other third years, Bess and Ned, Nancy Drew unearthed some interesting findings. Here are some of the past grad gifts Nancy found:



- New law building, class of 1976 – mistakenly given to the Nursing Faculty in 2004 as the Toldo Building
- The yellow piece of “art” that sits in the middle of the upper pit, class of 1979
- The decorative quilts that hang on the walls of the Moot court, class of 1980
- The latest set of computers in the law library, class of 1988
- Professor Moira McCarney, class of 1989
- Electrical outlets throughout classrooms, class of 1988 mistakenly given to Osgoode Hall Law School in 1990
- The abbreviation “G.O.” for the general office, class of 1999
- The automatic door opener at the side entrance of the law building, class of 2000
- Wireless networking, class of 2001
- Bad coffee and awful muffins, class of 2002
- Leather couches for the lower pit, class of 2003
- A card refill machine for printers/photocopiers in the law library, class of 2004



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Getting wired. Learning to Learn Online.

It all started with a highly philosophical debate about how cool it would be if we could all fly...

“You can—I’ll bet you five bucks that if you went on the internet right now you could buy a fully functional jet pack”

“A what?”

“A Jetpack. You know, like on the Jetsons. A personal flight device.”

“You’re drunk. Jetpacks don’t exist.”

“That’s where you’re wrong my friend. And I am willing to bet you can get one on the internet!”

“Right—just don’t drink and fly buddy.”

This was the starting point for one of those ridiculous debates that inevitably emerged around the 3 beer mark at those awkward intervals where law students attempt to engage in a discussion about something – anything – but law. From the ridiculousness has emerged what I have since identified as my “jet pack thesis.”

If you were one of the lucky ones to have engaged in a discussion with me regarding my jetpack thesis, you will already know that I’m not obsessed with jetpacks. I am however, obsessed with the internet. (to be clear, I like jet packs - a lot - I’m just not obsessed with them). My thesis is simple: you can get anything, do anything and be anything so long as you have access to the internet. Anything. This includes purchasing a fully functional jetpack.

As sure as I am that Al Gore invented the internet, I honestly believe that there is nothing I can’t do so long as I have my laptop and access to high speed. I don’t think I’m alone.

As a student, my learning experience has become tailored to my everyday life, and my everyday life is intimately connected (pardon the pun) to the high speed world of the internet and portable technology.

If I need an answer to something, I ask Google. I no longer own a landline phone, I use my cell or I skype. I have never really understood the function of a bank teller, in fact, I find it offensive that I cannot somehow order money online – bank machines seem archaic to me.



**This is my
thesis advisor.**

Given that I am not the only one wandering around the law school with at least two electronic devices on my person, one would think that when Windsor Law joined the 21st century and went wireless there would be some sort of welcoming ceremony, or at the very least a commemorative plaque. Not so. Not everyone is happy. So what’s the buzz around wireless? It seems that getting wired has created some short circuits in our faculty.

The reality: I am connected wherever I go. You can’t stop me! For better or worse, this now includes the windowless classrooms in the Ron.

It's no big secret that Professors find laptops offensive. Back in the good old days before wireless beamed down upon us professors already had their hands full: they would look up from their lecture notes and bear witness to hundreds of beady eyes peering over a sea of metallic, the illumination of their screens drawing more power than a BC grow-op, and the persistent rattat of thousands of keys typing every single word they say.

I am sure it hasn't been easy. Especially when the only person who raises their hand in class does so only to request that you repeat – word for word – everything you have said in the last 2 minutes. (Don't worry – we're usually annoyed too.)

Now it's worse. Much worse. Lose our attention for a moment and its on to MSN, Ebay, Banana Republic Online, Wikipedia. The world wide web has arrived in the Mini Moot. The jetpack has landed.

At a fundamental level, I agree with the concerns professors have voiced. It is clear laptops and the internet do not mix well with traditional teaching styles.

But look at it from my perspective. By the time you have passed out your weekly handout and started to search for your chalk, I have answered an email, checked my stock quotes, talked to my mom on msn, paid my phone bill and made plans for dinner with someone sitting in another lecture. You still haven't found the chalk.

Whose to blame? Is the internet a drug that when injected into students makes all professors instantly boring and all students extraordinarily ambivalent? Clearly, the answer to this is no – students will always be students: they will get bored, they will have other things on their minds. If the lecture is not doing it for them, students will find something that will. It is just no longer magazines hidden inside textbooks.

Let's all stop blaming Bill Gates for our classroom catastrophes.

That being said, I would like to suggest that boredom (or attention deficit) doesn't really get to the heart of the matter. The real issue is that there is a disconnect between the way professors teach and the modes of learning students are now engaging with. I suggest that the problem is not the students; the problem is recognizing that a new age has arrived. Socrates can have his method—I am done with my stone tablets and papyrus. Students require an interactive, multi sensory learning experience, and to be blunt: if they are not getting it from the front of the class, they will go wherever they have to and get it for themselves.

So how can professors make peace with technology? There are tangible benefits to interactive experiential learning and a smart professor would be wise to capitalize on them. Don't like your students talking

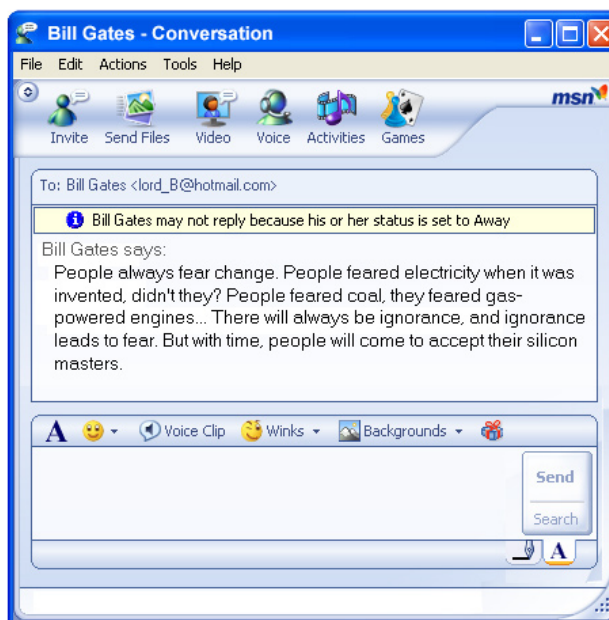
on MSN in class? Did you ever consider holding virtual office hours? Instead of taping Globe and Mail articles to your office door why don't you start a blog? The opportunities are endless – if the internet is changing the nature of democratic discourse, don't you think it might be helpful in your first year contracts class?

Don't know where to start? I suggest you ask Google.

We are not avoiding the learning process when we're online—we are learning in a way that is meaningful to us (even if that means searching for space-age jet propulsion technology).

So, to the students who surf: I say surf on. To the professors who feel like students are not listening, I say: students will always listen so long as you learn to speak their language.

**Heather Hansen
Law 3**



Under the Mountain

Former Oyez Editor **Ryan Fritsch**
sends postcards from
Grad School



Books

Attending grad school at McGill Law means I live in the shadow of two mountains: Mont Royal and Mount Read-a-Lot. It's like an adult version of that old show "Reading Rainbow", complete with an inner Levar Burton gently coaxing me to **read** or **die**. Its not so bad with the newly minted law library and grad perks like 24-hour building access. Mostly I look forward to the moment during the height of final exams that I can stroll in and boot some hyper-anxious LLB from my reserved carrel. Developing this sense of self-importance and ego-centricity is key to success as a legal academic, which is why it is part of the program.

Place



I can't complain about the atmosphere. The facilities get points for delivering on that charming chateau style whose thick stone walls and steep copper roofs only make more sense as the temperature drops below -20. But there are some oddities. The twisting corridors, three separate buildings, and 100-years worth of patchy renovations makes it is impossible to find the office of a prof who doesn't want to be found. The best reading room in the place is always locked, as if trying to preserve the room of a dead child or Supreme Court-appointed alumni. And am I supposed to bring my own pressed logs for the fireplace? Is there a secret stairwell behind all this old wood paneling? Why does the library elevator look like the holodeck from Star Trek? Going to school feels like playing Clue.



Advisor

Thesis advisor horror stories are already coming true for some of my fellow grad students. My advisor is incredibly supportive though, and the relationship is a stimulating one (TIP: I specifically requested this prof as a condition of acceptance, while most are assigned a prof). Mostly I tell him about the books I've read, and he points out why I need to read more books. By and large the faculty here are great, but most of them are obsessed with "pluralism". Smells like plain old liberalism to me, but you know, I probably just have to read more books.

Thesis

Coming up with a thesis topic is a work of pure fantasy and legal fiction coupled with a distinguished title. I'm working on aesthetic legal theory, which argues that law can and should be more like art. Call me in August 2006 for more details. If you think I'm crazy though, someone is actually writing a 125-page thesis on estate trusts. I'd say that persons year is a complete waste, but every Thursday McGill has a sponsored "Coffee House" (aka, Free Booze) capable of coloring any thesis palatable.



No Really

Grad school is a singularly wonderful experience in the end. The sense of freedom and creativity is incredible, and the sky is the limit in terms of what you can accomplish for yourself and your understanding and appreciation of the discipline. It has taken me about two months to detoxify from the LLB grind to be able to look at the law through a fresh and reinvigorated perspective. The broadest range of non-lawyer law-ish jobs also seems to appear out of the thin legal air.

And Montréal kicks ass.

noise from the cheap seats

Outstanding! The Oyez has got its first grudge letter.
At Least it wasn't a statement of claim :)

To the Editing Team of the Oyez:

I take great offence to the mockery and satire aimed at the Faculty of Law's Students with Special Needs ("SSN") as articulated "Top Second Year Students Granted Extra Exam Time" from the Oyez' September edition. SSN live with stigma everyday of being somewhat different or less able than their peers. This stigma continues to oppress SSN in addition to anyone who might be too subdued or afraid to get the help they need. Fighting stigma requires education and promotion of the issue in a positive light or through intellectual debate. In a Law School known for Access to Justice, the Oyez has surely blundered. After speaking with the author of the article in question, in addition to some of my peers, I found no factual basis for the satirical article at all: in fact satire is supposed comedy based on a real event. There appears to be no event. There appears to be no list cross referencing the top ten academic achievers with those who receive accommodation. There appears to be no overt abuses in the Special Needs program. A select group of non-SSN have responded to rumours of abuses in the system with gossip, anger, jealousy and mockery.

Accommodations are available to students who have professionally diagnosed disabilities; that is, disabilities that interfere with one's ability to learn in a regular academic setting. Sometimes these needs are physical, neurological, or psychological in nature. Accommodations are made to those whose ailments, physical or otherwise, fall outside the levels of normalcy and causing unfair disadvantages in their schooling.

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The Ontario Human Rights Code ("OHRC") requires that, amongst other things, educational facilities accommodate students who have disabilities to the point of undue hardship. There are wheelchair accessible washrooms, doors, and ramps around the school for those with physical challenges; these accommodations were provided for a handful of students and staff, despite the fact that we all pay the same tuition and all have the same rights. Accommodations are not expected to be applied equally to all, but to assist the oppressed minority in their pursuit of equity. Thus, accommodations for less-visible disabilities may include the use of school-owned technological devices, extended exam time and the like.

The Law Society of Upper Canada ("LSUC") adheres to accommodations for law students in compliance with the OHRC in terms of accommodations for SSN. Official documentation of clinical diagnoses is required. Once the burden of diagnostic proof has been met, LSUC will make accommodations for students writing Bar Admissions Examinations.

There are some students who have difficulty accepting that SSN may live relatively normal lives except for their academic examinations. This judgemental, adversarial, and competitive approach fuels the stigma for less-visible disabilities. Students with Special Needs need to feel comfortable enough to disclose their vulnerabilities to their peers and that certainly will not happen in the current environment.

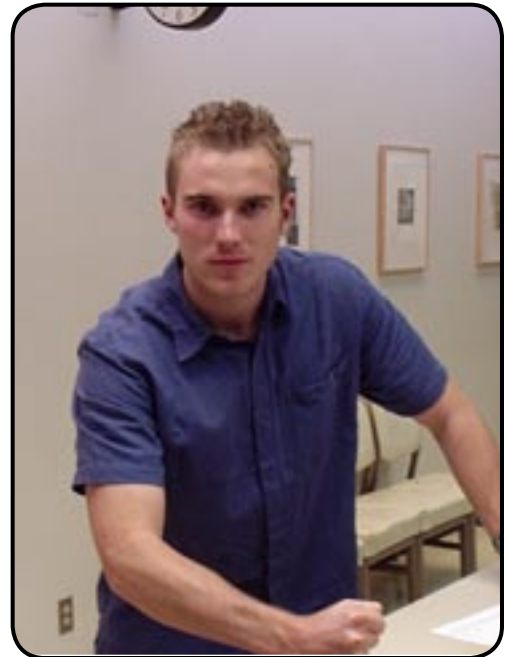


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And yes, Sunny was flexing.

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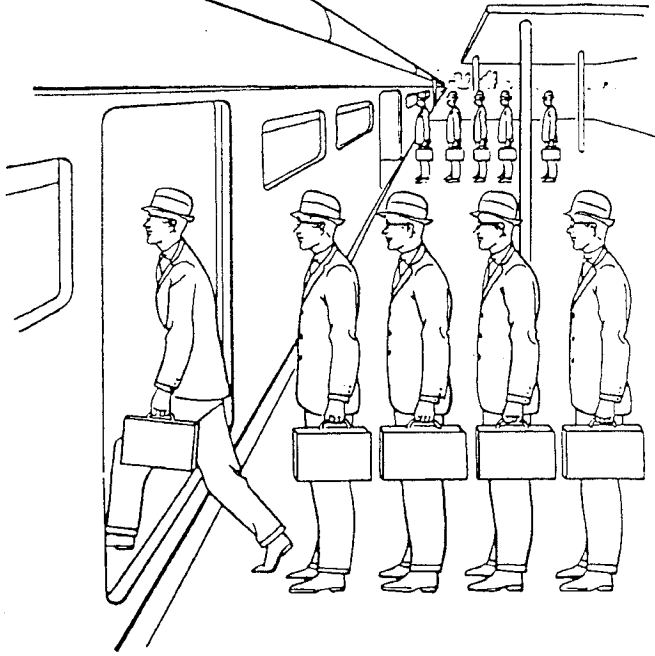


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THIS IS MY ELEVATOR. It takes me way up high. People who are not solicitors stand right next to me in my elevator. They are all right, but I would not want my daughter to marry one of them.

Can You Guess... Which crimes/regulations are still on the books?

A) Criminal Code, s.296(1): Offence - Every one who publishes a blasphemous libel is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years.

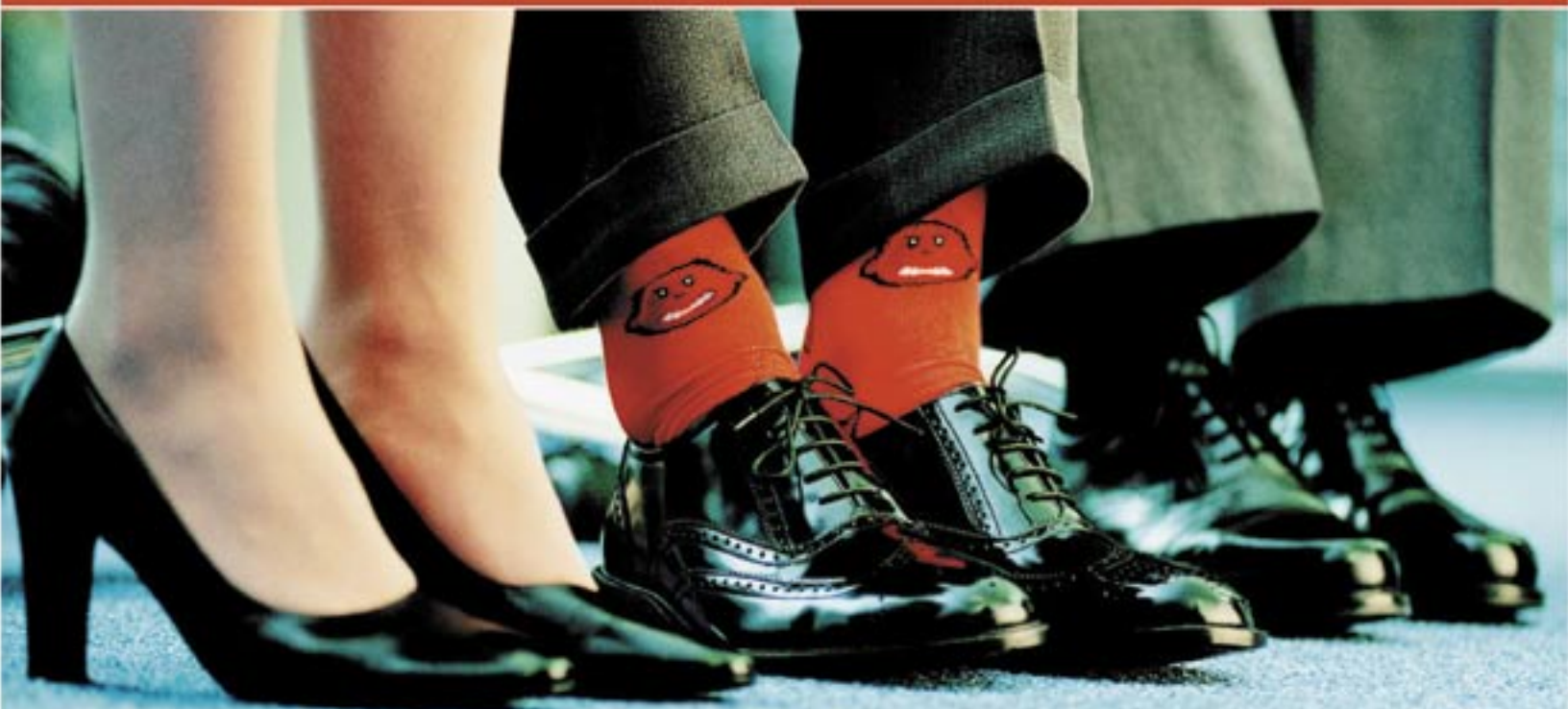
B) Ontario Reg. 449/67, s.6(2): No person shall cause or permit to be caused the emission of any odour to such extent or degree as,
(a) causes discomfort to persons;
(b) causes loss of enjoyment of normal use of property; or
(c) interferes with the normal conduct of business.

C) Criminal Code, s.239: Every one who, without lawful excuse, owns or has the charge or control of a motor vehicle or vessel equipped with an apparatus for making a smoke screen is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction.

D) Criminal Code, s.209 Cheating at play - Every one who, with intent to defraud any person, cheats while playing a game...is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years.

GO DIFFERENT

There will always be members of the law school population who are distinct from others in their class. Academic superiority, business sense and confidence set them apart, yet these aren't the only qualities that define them. It's not so much who they are, but where they want to go that separates them from the crowd. These are the students who will achieve their goals with **Goodman and Carr LLP**.



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Life with Lisa



Of all the mundane tasks related to law school life, writing my quarterly Oyez column is not one of them. Sometimes I like to make believe that I am Sarah Jessica Parker in *Sex in the City* who writes her column on her funky Apple laptop with red wine and cigarette in hand. Except, I hate wine, haven't learned how to inhale and I just don't believe in Apples. Despite the usual writer's agony that I experience as I wrestle with what to write, when to write, how to write and why to write, I really enjoy writing my "Life with Lisa" column, and not just because it represents the only time when people actually listen to me.

This summer I was ready to reward column's title with a facelift. I democratically approached my co-editor, Alex Procope and proposed that I rename my column: "LENTIL SOUP FOR THE LAW SCHOOL SOUL." He didn't even look up as he mumbled: "Ew, I hate lentil soup and I hate your new name. But hey, it's up to you." Needless to say, my column's title did not receive its promised facelift and "Life with Lisa" remained.



parents and provides advice on how to keep on keeping on. So it didn't surprise me when some years ago I learned about my uncle's New Year's tradition. Every January 1st, my uncle, his wife and their three adult sons gather together and share their list of goals for the New Year. My cousins' lists, all of whom are avid tri-athletes, often include fitness goals. But they also include relationship goals, academic goals, personal goals, career goals and life long goals. Call me corny, but I really like this idea. Reflecting, writing and then discussing our ambitions serves as an important reminder that we are here for a reason and are quite capable of achievement.

As I am sure you can relate, a lot of people feel inclined to share with me of their life long dream to attend law school. From my observation, those that make it to and through law school, are the goal setters and contrary to expectation are not necessarily the highest achievers.

By now David Wiseman is probably asking, "WHO CARES?" Well, Professor Property, for the purposes of this edition, my "Lentil Soup" title would have been more appropriate because today's topic is about how life's challenges affect our goals. It didn't take law school to teach me that personal trials are inevitable. I have realized that it is not a matter of 'if' a trial strikes your life, it is a matter of 'when'. How prepared are you? And is goal setting useless if difficulties are guaranteed to arise and challenge the likelihood of arriving at our destination anyway? In my experience setting goals is necessary because they will keep you afloat and provide hope during strife.

I. Goals

My uncle is a motivational speaker. He frequently addresses business people at their breakfast meetings, hockey teams, university students and

II. Obstacles

Months before my OAC graduation, the grad committee asked the students about their favorite quote. Mine, I shared, was the anonymous: "Obstacles are what we see when we take our eyes off of our goals." Little did I know that weeks after graduation I would be confronted with the greatest obstacle of my life, one that would force me to reconsider the merits of my favorite quote.

Excited and nearly packed to attend university away from home, I was completely unprepared when the pregnancy test read "positive". For many of my friends and even family, the news that I was pregnant was justification enough for me to quit school, start working and get married. Stubborn by nature, I disregarded all of these well intended suggestions and instead started school--not my McDonalds career- and like drugs, I just said NO to the prospect of marriage.

A few years into my undergrad I realized that my Ason's daycare buddy was the son of the Associate Dean of the law school I (thought I) wanted to attend. We even became friends, emailing one another, meeting for lunch and coffee regularly. You can imagine my surprise and discouragement when it was her signature on my letter of refusal. This (very personal) rejection sparked in me an unattractive regression to my childhood days as I cried uncontrollably, yelled and screamed to my mother that it was just not fair! You see, I didn't have faith that my own merits were capable of reserving my place in a law school classroom. I assumed that I needed this contact to arrive at my destination. I didn't- and in hindsight, an acceptance based on credentials over contacts is much more rewarding anyways.

The week leading up to my LSAT my young son became sick. I called a professor who had and continues to assume the role of personal mentor in my life. I asked his advice on whether I should delay the prepaid test on account of my unforeseen family circumstance. He encouraged me onward: "You've gotten this far kid. Your son is going to be fine and so are you. Call me after the test."

That test hated me and the feeling was very mutual. I had studied, wrote, studied and wrote again. After my first attempt I asked dad if I should just abandon my law school goal given my apparent LSAT writing handicap. Dad didn't even blink. "So what? I didn't raise a girl that would let a low score keep her from her goals. Keep writing." And I did.

In September 2003 I started at Windsor Law. But the challenges were far from over. Who was going to fund my three year Survivor Challenge? My parents still had three more younger children at home and regretted that they could no longer pay my way. With an acceptance letter staring back at me complete with Mary Gold's pretty signature at the bottom, I struggled with the very real threat of forfeiting my invitation because of finances. OSAP rescued me and for this

reason, I refrain from criticizing the short comings of Canadian government because without its programs, I would have been prevented from pursuing my goal.

Without the vision at 18 that I wanted to litigate, I probably would have succumbed to a life of working and wifehood. Perhaps I would have been asked to play the lead role in "Desperate Housewives" because by now, that's what I would have been. Instead, when confronted with what many (including me at times) believed were insurmountable obstacles, hardships, stumps in the road and crosses to bear, I was encouraged to not deviate from the plan and somehow, I remained afloat. My survivor challenge was to juggle baby and books and come out a lawyer. And the reward will be more than a framed Windsor law degree. By not giving up, I have gained a real sense of accomplishment. I have learned about the valuable lessons of endurance and determination. Most importantly, I have learned that obstacles are

what I saw when I took my eyes off of my goal.

The task:
Before January 1st think about your future goals. Be like Martin Luther King and have a dream. On January 1st take out a piece of paper and steal a really neat gel pen from someone you don't like that



much. On your piece of paper and with your stolen pen, write out your goals for the next year and the next five and the next ten. Find someone your trust and share your ambitions. And don't feel silly about formally committing to your goals. Successful people don't feel silly. Consider whether you will deviate from your plans when things go wrong and you are slapped in the face with an unexpected challenge. May I encourage you to strive for greatness and when difficulty strikes, don't panic! Just keep on keeping on, hold on tight and enjoy the journey.

Of course, everybody's knows that Star Wars is the best movie saga ever...but what you may not know is that there are hidden sub-texts in the Star Wars Universe relevant to you and me as law students. and in our struggle against the tyranny of law school tedium we bring to you:

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Jedi human rights violations



The Imperial Attorney General has released documented new evidence that the People's Republic of the Galactic Empire were subjected to death and devastation at the hands of the Jedi security forces.

The Report "1000 Years On: Injustice and Violence haunt the Galaxy," was released Thursday to coincide with the 30th anniversary of the execution of scholar and human rights activist Darth Maul, a pivotal event in the volatile lead-up to the clone wars.



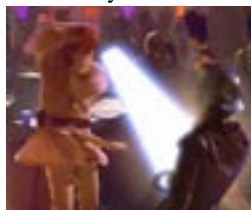
Jedi para-military unit in action

The report reveals new evidence on how those protesting against the Jedi minority risked collective punishment. According to the report, they used Jedi mind tricks that "would place the unsuspecting protesters in lewd poses", while the Jedi would laugh and snap pictures.

Commenting on the report, the Emperor said: "This is a vindication for Lord Maul. I intend to use the full weight of this report to show that his death at the hands of the Jedi was nothing but racial profiling. He was killed because his skin was of two different colours, nothing more, nothing less."

The Empire urged every out-lying system to conduct thorough searches to weed out rogue Jedi that are continuing to live within their borders. While the official word was that "the Jedi are a threat to the sanctity of the empire", those close to the situation say that there is reason to believe they are in possession of weapons of mass destruction.

One Jedi, commenting on the grounds that his identity remain concealed said "this is just another example of the empire throwing its weight around", and that he intended to use a community standard defence if apprehended on any new charges.



Jedi "peace & justice"

"Force choke" suit dropped, Vader ecstatic



Controversial action against Lord Vader by a former Imperial Navy officer was thrown out in summary judgment yesterday afternoon.

The battery claim alleged that the Dark Lord of the Sith used a mystical energy field to choke him for spilling coffee on the box with flashing lights Vader wears on his chest.

The plaintiff claimed that he lost his voice as a result of the attack and sought damages in excess of 90,000 credits for the attack along with an unspecified amount for emotional suffering.

Lawyer's for Lord Vader argued the rare 'crumbling skull' defence, claiming that the plaintiff's weak larynx was responsible for 100% of the alleged harm.

Onlookers in the court-room commented that they thought the judge was leaning toward allowing the suit to continue until he had a horrible coughing and hacking fit, then he quickly threw out the claim.



Another victim of weak-larynx syndrome

In his ruling, J. Veers of the Imperial Court of Justice stated that "the evidence presented, if believed, does not show that Lord Vader's contribution to the injury fell outside the *de minimus* range."

The plaintiff, recently demoted to reviewing Wookiee refugee claims, had hoped to use the suit as a spring-board to celebrity status. His forthcoming book "You Can't Crush My Inner Voice" has been indefinitely delayed, the publisher says.



Darth Vader & his legal 'dream' team



**Princess Leia Organa
wanted for terror links**

An Imperial Senator has been accused of delivering secret documents to suspected militants in the Outer-Rim for use in a terrorist attack on the Imperial Death Star.



**Imperial artist's
rendition**

If convicted, Alderaanian-born Leia Organa, who is already facing charges of sedition, would be the first government official directly linked to a terrorist attack.

The allegations were submitted to court by Grand Moff Tarkin, who has applied for Organa's charges of sedition to be upgraded to more serious terrorism offences, including treason.

The Grand Moff alleged that Princess Leia "had received data files which included a schematic of the battle station with intent to deliver it to help extremists plan an attack."

The Empire's sinister agents tipped off officials to Organa's potential role in the planned attack, documents submitted to the court show.

Leia had earlier left Coruscant on a false passport, despite being on bail and awaiting trial for her seditious out-burst last year during the spring session of the Senate.

Organa's lawyer, said "largely lies these charges are."

"Deny she does not the passport charge, but made up the rest is," he said.

**Empire takes cloners
to court for breach
of contract**

Lawyers for the Empire have filed a complaint for what the Emperor alleges is a breach of contract.

In a filing last week with the Imperial Department of Better Business, the Emperor said it would seek damages, declaratory judgment and injunctive relief in a reaction to recent reports which characterize the quality of Imperial shock-troops as 'sub-par.'

Senate lawyer Mara Jade charged that the

Clones, manufactured and distributed by Kamino Cloning Inc. "only aim properly at unarmed civilians and anonymous rebel troops, and are definitely not fit for purpose." "They couldn't hit the broad side of a planet if you ask me," she added in a huff.



Stormtrooper training facility

While the dispute seems to echo a previous Imperial scrap with the Pilot Academy on Corellia -which has since been resolved- Imperial sources said that peace and order in the galaxy has not been compromised.

"We do not understand this lawsuit," the CEO of Kamino declared in a statement released yesterday. "We have been providing the empire with goose-steppers for decades... of course after years of shooting down droids they'll suffer a little wear and tear."

Next Issue:

Choose your own adventure!

Option (1)

The SLS Gomery Report

Option (2)

**A message from the
underground student
gov'ment**

**Help *The Oyez* re-shape democratic
discourse...email us your choice.**



Bonus! The Oyez' exam tips

- 1** Watch as much Law & Order as you can. It'll teach you important legal jargon like accused, hearsay, guilty, conjecture, and objection.
- 2** Print off as many sets of notes as you can get your hands on. Make sure to bring them all to the exam. In law, the more paper the better.
- 3** If you still don't think you're ready, some delay tactics may be in order. Go play in an extra-busy parking lot and make sure you get hit. Skip the crutches and use a wheelchair for maximum effect (and dollar value in your statement of claim).
- 4** Write these three useful words on the back of your hand – “void for vagueness”. Use it to describe anything that you don't recognize. Other valuable terms to drop: the “principle of fundamental justice”, the landmark case of “finders v. keepers”, and “reasonable on a case-by-case basis.”



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