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
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# Res Ipsa Loquitur

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## Parting Thoughts From Dawn and Jim

After two years as the editors of *Res Ipsa Loquitur*, we have now come to our final issue. We can not begin to tell you what a great time we have had working with the paper and keeping all of you informed. Because of our positions, we have been able to see SHLS in a way many have not. We had the opportunity to meet so many people who not only had a big hand in creating many of the articles that appeared in the paper, but offered us many views and insights which helped us to greatly improve the paper over the last two years.

To our many, many contributors, we thank you for your submissions. So much of this paper was written by members of students groups who made sure we knew what was going on at the school. We hope your support continues because without all of you our jobs would have been much harder than they were.

To the professors, administrators and staff who wrote for us, were interviewed by us, or provided us with the information we were seeking, we thank you for your support and your patience when we had just one more question. Please continue to be accessible and willing to add your insights.

To our staff writers and columnists, we have been honored to have the opportunity to edit your work and we thank you for your help- often at the last minute.

To Joe Kavesh, our resident political analyst, we thank you for two years of contributions. Your politically unsavvy editors greatly appreciate the information we could not have provided.

To Carlos Sanchez, we thank you for your news articles that kept students informed.

To Andy Baharlias, we thank you for helping to develop our sports section- please, please continue.

To Brian Kernan, we thank you for your intelligent, insightful, if sometimes controversial columns. We look forward to reading your columns in the future.

To Bob Braine, our humorist, we thank you for making us laugh every time we read your column. You do not know how many times we heard "Did you read that thing in the SideBar?" During the last year you have said things many of us wish we had said, or had even thought of saying.

To Drew Clark, how can we possibly thank the person who made sure that all of the important issues and events received thorough and accurate coverage. Your superb writing and interviewing skills made a big difference in the quality of the paper and in its improvement. And, of course, we owe you great credit for putting together the April Fool's issue. People are still telling us how funny they thought it was.

To Charles "Chuck" Musante, we thank you for your great columns and welcome you to the ENTIRE newspaper. We leave you missed and ignored deadlines; promises, promises and more promises; no office supplies; late delivery; contractions; damaged and diseased disks; and documents on Word and Wordperfect 6.1. We'll try not to leave you a messy office. We want everyone to know that under your editorship next year, the paper can only get much better. You are bright, funny, hardworking, and care a great deal about this school and about people. Remember to have fun with this paper; it is definitely not all work.

Finally, we say thank you to everyone else who supported us and criticized us. Without both, the paper would not be what it is today. Having a viable newspaper in this school is not only important as a vehicle for transmitting information but also as a forum for the exchange of ideas, whether popular or unpopular. If everyone continues to read, to write for, and to comment about *Res Ipsa*, the paper will only improve.

Thank you all so much for giving us the opportunity to be the editors of *your* paper. Good bye and God bless.

### Dear Class of 1996:

It is always with mixed emotions that I bid our graduating students farewell. On the one hand I am very proud of each of you and confident in the knowledge that you have been well trained in the law, on the other hand I will miss all of you very much.

Being Dean of this great law school has always for me been a source of enormous pride and joy. I know without a doubt that we have as fine a law school as there is anywhere. This year I also came to realize something that I suspected, but probably took for granted- the law school is also a source of strength and comfort to me. I hope that it has been all that and more for you. And my most fulfilling times, aside from those with my family, continue to be those spent with the students, particularly the time I have spent with the spectacular Class of 1996. So it is that I leave you with two thoughts, one from St. Francis and the other from Emerson.

St. Francis said **"It is in giving that we receive."** I'm sure he must have had each of you in mind when he spoke those loving words because it is emphatically true that Seton Hall Law School is a better institution for what you have given to it and you, in turn, are a better person for haven given it. And Emerson's definition of success is which I aspire and hope you achieve: **"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children...to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better...to know one life has breathed easier because you have lived."**

God bless you all!

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Riccio

Dean

## Commencement Scheduled for June 1

The 1996 commencement for SHLS will be held at the Garden State Arts Center on Saturday June 1. Festivities begin with a special mass at 10:00 a.m. with the actual graduation at 1:00pm. All students are invited to attend.

Commencement speaker will be Sister Helen Prejean, C.S.J. Sister Helen, who is the author of *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States*, has been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize and was featured in *McCall's Magazine* as one of the "Twenty Most Confident Women in America." A film based on *Dead Man Walking* starring Susan Sarandon, playing the part of Sister Helen and starring Sean Penn has been released. She has been featured on *Sixty Minutes*, *ABC's World News Tonight* and *The Phil Donahue Show*.

Sister Helen was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and has lived and worked in Louisville all her life. She joined the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1957. She received her B.A. from St. Mary's Dominican College and a Masters of Arts from St. Paul's University in Ottawa, Canada.

Involvement with poor inner-city residents in New Orleans led her to prison ministry where she counseled death row inmates in the Louisiana prison system. Currently she continues her ministry to death row inmates and murder victim's families and is at work on a book about women's struggle for equality in the Roman Catholic Church. In 1995 Sister Helen became a recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship.

For questions and information about commencement ask your class' SBA rep or drop by the SBA office on the second floor.



# Graduating Goodbyes

## Top Ten People Who Would Have Spoken At This Year's Graduation But Couldn't

Jonathan N. Marcus '96 & Associates

1. **Pope John Paul II**-  
*only comes to Newark once every ten years*
2. **Walter Walsh**-  
*too controversial*
3. **Leonard Jeffries**-  
*not controversial enough*
4. **Any Member of the Kennedy Family**-  
*outbid by Rutgers*
5. **Anyone Associated With the OJ Simpson trial**-  
*busy writing books*
6. **Ralph Trujillo**-  
*contract up for bid*
7. **Susan Sarandon**-  
*why have her when you could have the real thing*
8. **The Dead Man Walking**-  
*inadequate representation*
9. **Bob Grant**-  
*got a new gig*
10. **Bernard Goetz**-  
*afraid to take the train to New Jersey.*

Jeralyn Paulson '96

### To the Family Law Clinic

Just wanted to thank all of you *Slackers* for making this year so much fun! You are all so special and I will miss you very much! Good Luck!

Love Jeralyn  
SMO

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! You are a great role model, educator and friend. You will be missed.

JLP  
Roger

Never, ever forget the days at TMCLS. This sure is not Lansing, but the bagels are certainly better! Congrats! We made it!

Love Jeralyn  
Danielle

My quasi-transfer friend! Its been fun. Take care and keep in touch.

Love Jeralyn  
John & Christina

I do not know what I would have done without you guys! Imagine being all alone on the 7th floor library!! Scary! Thanks for making it fun!!

Love Jeralyn.

## A Moment of Destiny

Lois Carney '96

### Dreams

Some dashed, some achieved  
Yet, the person remains  
What will you be?

### Work

Chore to do, or task fulfilled  
The mind is the tool  
The heart is the craftsman  
What remains in your heart?

### Choices

Faced and Decisions made  
Pot of Gold or Heart of gold  
The choreography of life's choices creates battles or ballets

Blended they create the face in the mirror  
Will you exist in harmony?

### Words

Power to shatter a life or raise a soul.  
To know so much; is to know so little  
To teach a little; is to touch the future.

### Destiny

Name in the wind or Name in stone  
Posture gained through principles will keep you standing through the ages  
A life lived-can be destiny fulfilled.

## Success Despite Adversity

Stelle C. Vigliainco '96

The journey through law school was one of self-discovery. Learning to direct one's energy to comply with the legal structure. Knowing that you will be responsible for holding power in abeyance until the right moment comes to shape your case and bring it to light through voice and knowledge.

Artistry, strategy, play on words... Doubt pushing you through fear and opening the door toward your higher vision. The license to be a sovereign of your creative talents, nonetheless, not without impunity. Discipline and the projection of impressions. Proof in the finest sense. Once again, the meaning of our logo was put to the test.

Karen Prelich '96

What a strange place this has been....aside from advice telling friends "Go to law school" or "Don't go to law school" there is nothing simple that can be said about the Seton Hall Law experience. When we arrived at 1111 Raymond Boulevard, we were told that the time would fly, that we would make good friends, forge the bonds of professional relationships that will stay with us forever. How long ago that two years and nine months has been. For many of us, our academic careers are over....a notion somewhere in the realm of unbelievable. I find myself nervous about THE BAR, but also sad to leave this school. The experiences of First Year, most notably that Section B had 8:30 a.m. class everyday (and the long and lingering Arnold's study (?) breaks), Second Year's feel of a new school when we continued to meet the newly integrated Class of 1996 and then the fresh, jubilant attitude of September 1995....The semester when Professors started to refer to us as the Graduating class, the class that would become lawyers in less than one year! I look back on all these experiences and can only hope that I am fortunate enough to stay in touch with many of you, and that I will continue to encounter the type of people I became acquainted with during these three years all of my professional life.

This year has been such a wonderful year and I thank Becca and Jodi because the three of us have overcome obstacles and stuck together through thick and thin (and plaid and lipstick and nausea and headlicking and Jacki). I have never before been so proud to be teamed with two people! This year has been the perfect end to a long, difficult journey....the wonders of moot court....what? the Supreme Court...C.T. has ADD. We got clocks.

And yes, breathe a long sigh of relief, Dean Chuckles, I am finally leaving. May no other student take that place for me that is so close to your heart! Lori and Toni --evals--'nuff said! Yes, Wheeledo and JG, there is a Dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms and Mr. Ornstein, you do need Evidence to graduate!

I wish the wonders of the world to all of my classmates, most especially the dear friends (basically all of Section B) I will always treasure as having made my time here bearable....Des, Christine, Vin, Jodi, Becky, Tyson, The Parma Pals, Mr. Professional Responsibility, etc. and the one I leave behind....Scurti. Congratulations and Good Luck!

Love, Karen



What happens when you let a few section D student loose

Kerry Laurito '96, Toni Vaccarino '96,  
Karl Riehl '96, Matt Phillips '96

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# Graduating Goodbyes

## 1996 Seton Hall Law School Commencement

Michael Parmelee '96

It is a rare occasion when the thrill and excitement of an event far outstrip even our greatest expectations and anticipation. But at our graduation ceremony we will witness such an event. In one sense this day will be a culmination of thousands of miles traveled and centuries of histories learned. But perhaps in a greater sense, it is a new beginning, . . . a threshold, . . . an awakening.

Today we make the transition from seasoned law student . . . to novice attorney. Perhaps you will witness the fledgling steps of a new lawyer embarking on a journey to greatness and perhaps a seat on the U.S. Supreme Court . . . or you could be viewing the public unveiling of a future President of the United States or other world leader. Although we do not know what piece of tomorrow's history begins here today, you can rest assured that the great event is unfolding before your very eyes.

Greatness is intangible and rarely recognized at its inception. It must be viewed and measured in retrospect. The magnificent body of law- the jurisprudence that we have come to know, to devour, to love, and to use- is simply an indicia of greatness. It is an incredible quilt; a remarkable compilation of the works of many. It is a lasting, yet dynamic contribution to history and humanity. It is a piece of fabric we know as greatness.

We find those great architects who crafted the law today by looking back at the mile markers . . . the significant events along the twisting path through the history of humankind. And the results are often surprising and unexpected. Who could have imagined, for example, that nearly a thousand years ago when Bill, a guy from Normandy, became William the Conqueror of England, he would forever change the laws of property and forever influence the transfer of wealth for hundreds of millions of people, for generations upon generations, for a millennia? Could Richard the Lionheart possibly have known in the 12th century that he would craft laws of the admiralty that would endure and withstand the test of time, and be followed more than 800 years later? It's not likely.

But we all know that the law is more than history . . . It is a living and breathing entity . . . It is the embodiment of the heart and soul of a people. The development of law in this country and the evolution of our free society are inextricably interwoven.

To know the Constitution and Constitutional Law is to understand out fundamental fabric and morality. We owe a great debt to the Honorable Dickinson Debevoise and other professors who taught us constitutional law. They presented us with marvelous kaleidoscopes through which we could witness the weaving of that fabric we call greatness. They have enriched us and we are better able to understand not only ourselves, but also our heritage and the development of this great nation.

But to whom have the faculty passed on this law. There is no single answer. We are day students and we are the "night people." We are 25 years old and we are 50. We seek our first job and we are changing careers. We are men and women with ethnic backgrounds as diverse as the United Nations. We are parents, we are children, and we are spouses.

But with all of the differences considered, we do have a common denominator- the law. Our love of the law; our respect for the law; and yes, our ignorance of the law. These attributes are shared among us. Our education will continue far beyond today and hopefully our thirst for knowledge and enlightenment will never be slacked. Through the law school clinics and outreach programs, we have touched the lives of hundreds of people. We have aided the poor and provided relief to the disenfranchised. We have fought for and secured the fundamental rights for victims of discrimination. As students, we have answered the call. We have personified Seton Hall's motto, "Hazard Zet Forward"- "advance despite difficulties." Time and time again we have accepted the challenge and we have prevailed. By our humble service, we have added yet another stitch to the fabric of greatness.

From a personal perspective, I have thoroughly enjoyed every night of this marvelous journey. It has been a terrific experience. Each class brought something new and different to light; an unusual twist to a familiar theme; the insightful, passionate, and resounding words of Justice Cardozo; another piece of that fabric we call America stitched

into place by yet another court decision. These friendships we have developed here at Seton Hall will last a lifetime. The sage advise and wise counsel offered by this superb faculty will be a well for which we may draw for many, many years to come. On behalf of the graduating class of 1996, I'd like to thank you, the faculty, for what you taught us. I hope that we have the wisdom to use it well.

In closing, to all of our family and friends, thanks for being there for us. Your support was essential, and we could not have done it without you. Again, many thanks, and God bless.

### YEARBOOK Purchase Form

If you wish to purchase a year book, please submit:

1. The bottom portion of this form, AND
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1. Dean Miller - Room 301,
2. Toni Furman, or
3. Jeffrey Fiorello - at the Yearbook office.

The yearbook will come out over the summer so that it will include the 1996 Barrister's Ball, Graduation, and many other spring activities.

The Book will be mailed to your home, so you must fill out the bottom portion of this form so that we have your mailing address.

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**\*\*AS OF 4/4/96\*\***

### NEW YORK SUMMER 1996 LOCATION INFORMATION

(ALL LOCATIONS BEGIN 5/29 & ARE VIDEO UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED)

<b>ALBANY</b>	Albany Law School - (Begins 5/28)	9AM/1:30PM/6PM
ANN ARBOR, MI	Univ. of Michigan Law School - (Begins 6/3)	9AM
ATLANTA, GA	Southern College of Technology - Student Center - Marietta	1:30PM
AUSTIN, TX	Univ. of Texas - Tarlton Law Library	9AM
BERKELEY, CA	International House	1:30PM
BOSTON, MA	Boston Univ. School of Law	9AM/1:30PM/6PM
BROOKLYN	Brooklyn Law School	9AM/1:30PM/6PM
BUFFALO	SUNY at Buffalo School of Law	9AM/1:30PM/6PM
CAMBRIDGE, MA	Harvard Law School	9AM/1:30PM
CAMDEN, NJ	Rutgers Univ. Campus Center - North Cafeteria	1:30PM
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA	Omni Charlottesville Hotel - (Begins 5/28)	9AM
CHICAGO, IL	Univ. of Chicago Law School	9AM
1) HYDE PARK	Northwestern Law School	9AM
2) GOLD COAST	Franklin Pierce Law Center	1:30PM
CONCORD, NH	Duke Univ. - School of the Environment	9AM
DURHAM, NC	Quinnipiac College School of Law	9AM
HAMDEN, CT	Univ. of Hartford - Gray Conference Center	9AM
HARTFORD, CT	Hofstra Univ. School of Law	9AM/1:30PM/6PM
HEMPSTEAD	Cornell Law School	9AM/1:30PM
ITHACA	BAR/BRI Office - 3280 Motor Avenue	1:30PM
LOS ANGELES, CA		
<b>MANHATTAN</b>		
1) DOWNTOWN	NYU Law School	9AM/1:30PM
2) MIDTOWN	A - Eastside - Loews New York Hotel - 569 Lex. Ave. (at 51st St.)	6PM
	B - Westside -	
	(1) Town Hall - 43rd St. (bet. 6th Ave. & B'way) - (Begins 5/22)	9:30AM (LIVE)
	(2) BAR/BRI Lecture Hall - 1500 B'way (at 43rd St.)	9AM/1:30PM/6PM
3) UPTOWN	Columbia Univ. - Altschul Aud. (117th St. & Amster.) - (Begins 5/28)	9AM
4) WALL STREET AREA	Marriott Financial Center - 85 West Street	6PM
<b>MIAMI, FL</b>	BAR/BRI Office - 1570 Madruga Ave, Coral Gables	9AM
MONMOUTH CTY, NJ	Holiday Inn - 700 Hope Road - Tinton Falls	1:30PM
MONTREAL, CAN.	McGill Univ. - Old Chancellor Day Hall	9AM
NEWARK, NJ	Rutgers Univ. Law School - (Begins 5/28)	9AM/1:30PM/6PM
NEW HAVEN, CT	Colony Inn - 1157 Chapel Street	9AM
NEW ORLEANS, LA	Tulane Law School	9AM
NEWTON, MA	Boston College Law School	9AM
PALO ALTO, CA	Stanford Law School	1:30PM
PHILADELPHIA, PA	Sheraton Univ. City - 36th & Chestnut	9AM/1:30PM
PITTSBURGH, PA	Univ. of Pittsburgh School of Law	9AM
POUGHKEEPSIE	Vassar College	9AM
QUEENS COUNTY		
1) FLUSHING	CUNY Law School	9AM
2) JAMAICA	St. John's Univ. Law School	9AM/1:30PM/6PM
ROCHESTER	Days Inn Downtown - 384 East Avenue	9AM
ROCKLAND COUNTY	Nanuet Inn - 260 West Route 59	9AM
SO. ROYALTON, VT	Vermont Law School	1:30PM
SPRINGFIELD, MA	WNEC School of Law	9AM
STATEN ISLAND	Wagner College	9AM
SUFFOLK COUNTY		
1) HUNTINGTON	Touro College of Law	9AM/1:30PM/6PM
2) RIVERHEAD	Ramada East End - 1830 Route 25	9AM
SYRACUSE	Syracuse Univ. College of Law	9AM/6PM
TORONTO, CAN.	Ontario Driving Training Center - 20 Eglinton Ave. East	9AM
WASHINGTON, DC	GW Law School - (Begins 5/30)	9AM/6PM
	Georgetown Law Center - (Begins 5/30)	1:30PM
	Pace Univ. - Hayes Theatre	9AM/1:30PM/6PM
<b>WHITE PLAINS</b>		



# Graduating Goodbyes

Theresa DiGuglielmo '96

An undergraduate friend of mine is frantically preparing for the LSAT. She came to me for advice about the law school application process and the road that lies ahead. My mind raced. Should I tell her about the sometimes backbiting competitive environment of law school? What about the specter of being subjected to a mandatory downward grading curve? Should I mention the saturated legal job market? How about the public disdain for attorneys and its deleterious effect on our collective professional self-image? I felt uniquely positioned to save my friend from making a big mistake. I contemplated trying to change her mind about law school altogether. *Be fair, I thought. Don't rain on her parade.*

I took a deep breath and recalled the peaks and valleys of the past three years. I decided that my friend would benefit from hearing some of the highlights of law school. It's funny how situations that force us to accentuate and articulate the positive actually catapult us into the realization that there are many things about which to feel positive.

I started at the beginning. I described a section full of talented people of various ages, cultures and educational backgrounds. I explained the process by which each of them, in one form or another and in varying degrees, would be confronted with a feeling of inadequacy. In the face of Socratic interrogation or a one-shot, anonymous, comprehensive exam, it was easy to feel overwhelmed. I am convinced that the first year of law school is about much more than the fundamentals of contract and property law. By design, it provides every student with a period of forced personal and professional growth — a boot camp of sorts, in which we prepare ourselves mentally and emotionally for the rigors of the legal profession. The Rule Against Perpetuities may have been occupying our thoughts in class, but on some level — perhaps even unconsciously — we were forced to evaluate our own abilities and the level of dedication we would bring to the study of law. Given the chance, few if any lawyers would elect to go through the first year of law school again. But the truly honest and insightful among us will admit that the first year — for better or worse — shaped us in far-reaching and significant ways.

My friend smiled. This description of law school tickled her fancy. It was exactly the kind of "challenge" that a stony-eyed college graduate contemplates when she thinks about applying to grad school. *Not so fast, I thought. There's more.*

While I was focusing on the positive, I ventured to explain the process by which a legal education transforms an individual's perception of the universe. Though we each came to law school encumbered by the biases of our individual experiences and education, the process of legal reasoning taught us to question authority, demand authentication and seek out the facts on both sides of a controversy before asserting our opinions. This "standard" that insists upon both precision and substance may be applied in various aspects of our lives — from watching the evening news to evaluating the merits of a political campaign. It should be a guidepost for our work as lawyers. Some among us are more fastidious in this regard than others, but we have all, at the very least, been exposed to the intellectual rigor of legal reasoning. If we aspire to greatness as attorneys, we must demand this type of objective intelligence from both ourselves and our colleagues. We have learned that the proverbial "dog and pony show" in the courtroom cannot replace sound legal arguments from the mouths of

diligently prepared attorneys. We needn't be ruled by emotion or engage in unscrupulous conduct because we *have been trained to think on a higher level*. Law school has given us the intellectual tools with which to be instrumental; how we use them is our choice.

I have an old friend — an attorney — who thinks that the world would be a better place if everyone went to law school — not necessarily to practice law, but to learn how to *think*. He thinks the intellectual "drills" of the law are unrivaled by other disciplines and that people can become better at whatever they do by virtue of a legal education. As I approach my own graduation from law school and reflect upon what I have learned, I tend to agree with him.

As I contemplated my law school experience, I realized that there was a great deal of positive that I could impart to my friend who is applying to law school and beginning her journey into our fascinating profession. I still warned her about the frustrations of first year and the precarious job market, but overall, my tone was discernibly more optimistic than the grumbling in my head to which I had become accustomed over the past three years. I realized that for every challenge I described, there was a corresponding victory. Like so many things in life, it was only in retrospective deliberation that I came to appreciate the victories.

As we celebrate our accomplishments on June 1st, every graduate may reflect on the ways that law school has forced us to grow as people and professionals. For better or worse, we are transformed by the experience. We have endured and prevailed. (Who's afraid of the big bad bar exam?).

FABIANA MUZII  
via CAMPO GALLO 21/86 20020 ARESE (MI) ITALY -> 02/9381698

Dear SETON HALL LAW SCHOOL,  
you've all been so cool.  
I want you all to know,  
that I really hate the snow,  
after 4 months of cold and rain,  
I won't ever freeze again.  
I'll miss everything here,  
the Law School was so near,  
but even if I ran fast,  
in class I was always the last.  
I'll miss the IALSA afternoon,  
where you get drunk 'till June,  
I'll miss section D,  
it was the best one, indeed.  
I loved to surf the Internet,

while everybody was upset,  
as you were working hard,  
I was playing with the cards.  
in the library I went to study,  
but then I always talked to  
somebody,  
when a free-food was found,  
the Italians were the first to be  
around,  
Jewish, Bar Bri or Rodino  
meeting,  
you were talking, we were eating.  
I wish you good luck for your  
test,  
I hope you'll enjoy and do your  
best,

I'm not scared, I'll go away,  
I'll get tanned in L.A.,  
I'll come back for the parties,  
and I will eat all your SMARTIES.  
I'm sorry my stage now ends,  
I'm happy I have new friends,  
so come to Milano and rest,  
you will always be my guest.  
I'm leaving Newark on the first of  
June,  
I hope to see you very soon,  
now I really must say BYE,  
I will miss you, I don't lie.

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# Graduating Goodbyes

James B. Johnston '96

## To...

- Our Lady of Knock; For my son.
- Maureen; For being a great wife and mom.
- James Patrick; I am proud to be your father.
- Dad; For being an unmatched role model.
- Galway; For my mother.
- Donegal; For my father.
- Sligo & Roscommon; For my wife.
- Dean Riccio; For running America's premier Catholic Law School.
- Sheila, Anthony and Tommy; For doing what some said was impossible.
- Project Children; For bringing joy where there is despair.
- Rev. Robert Grady; For believing in me.
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- St. Patrick; For my faith and my heritage.
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- Johnnie; For his blessings.

*-Most importantly to my dear departed mother; Our Galway Mum. For the gift of life and the gift of love. I am proud to be your son. I know you and Johnnie will be smiling down on us on June 1.*

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU ♣



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## I Am Out Of Here!

*Tammy White, 3D*

I cannot believe I am graduating. When I first started here at Seton Hall, I never thought this day would come. Endless classes, worthless notes, preparing outlines, constantly rewriting my legal research and writing papers to no avail, and numerous trips to Ralph's Cafe for caffeine made me dizzy my first year. My first year was probably the worst year of my life: I broke up with my boyfriend, my aunt and a good friend of mine died, and I found out how shallow my classmates were. However, all was not lost. I watched my first year section play bingo in criminal law and then Professor Wefing catching us playing the game. You know who you are. I had the opportunity to dance with the best dancer and dresser in this school, the Wef, otherwise known as Professor Wefing. I finished the New York Times crossword puzzle with Mike Mironi or Joe Kavesch every day in class, eating lunch with Paul DeGrado, Lisa Perez and Mike was definitely an unforgettable experience, and studying with Mike Dippolito, Alexis Enderle, Sharol Arnold, Maria Velez and Milton Florez for exams. I will never forget the tiger, Professor Denbeaux, grilling people in Constitutional Law and constantly getting me to change my argument. Listening to Charlie Keates and Rachel Littman argue with the professors on what the law actually was, to say the least, an interesting and most enlightening experience. And finally I met some really nice people and made some very good friendships during the three years year.

Now that I am graduating I realize that I am going to miss this place. I will miss getting sick off of Ralph's food (just kidding, Ralph), students coming up to me at all hours of the day asking me computer questions even when I was not working, the professors I had (especially the Wef, 'Kip' Cornwell, D for Denbeaux, Professor Ambrosio, Professor Boozang, Professor Freeman and Professor Albert) and most of all, I will miss seeing my friends day in and out here. And I am actually going to miss fighting with Scott Decker every day.... just kidding Scott. But I will miss seeing you on a daily basis in class reading the sports section, playing the alphabet game with you in family law, studying with you for contracts, criminal law, and tax or up in the computer lab checking your e-mail when you were supposed to be in class. In all seriousness, I would have to say our friendship taught me the most about life and made me grow up. Thanks for being my friend. I hope that we keep in touch after graduation. And give my best to Amy... I will never forget our spring break trip to Cancun. Thanks Amy, for being there when I needed a friend the most.

Bear with me, I only have a thousand more people to recognize. I wanted to say thanks to Dawn Mims for being a great friend. Dawn was in my first year class and one of the first I met here. She is truly a great person. From raising the most money for Disability Awareness Day two years in a row to editing the newspaper to countless events she helped prepare, Dawn remained the same... a very nice person. Whatever you do in life, stay the way you are, Dawn. Good luck in life and your upcoming nuptials.

Senator Kavesch... ooops... Joe Kavesch, I cannot write this without mentioning Joe. I have enjoyed being friends with you. Believe it or not you have influenced me a great deal... I will definitely not run for office! I will not forget our first booze cruise, last year's election and sitting next to you in class our first year. I hope that you had a good time during the three years and even if you are not recognized for your achievements during the time you were here, I hope you realize that your record stands for itself. You are definitely one of a kind and I love you.

To the first years that were in my guardian group I hope you stay the way you are, you are all great people and I hope I made your experience here at Seton Hall more bearable. To Isabelle Machado, Jessica Lerner, Steve Muhlstock, Derek Wood, Michael Mann and Veronica Roche I will miss you, I love all of you and you know where to find me if you need anything next year.

To those in my first year section that I am forgetting... especially, Alexis Enderle, Mike Dippolito, Bill McClane, Anthony Fernandez, Jim Gianakis, Andrew Finkle, Joe Jones, Rich Guidita, Darryl Smith, Aaron Patel, Linda Sinuk, John Vasquez, Christine Li, Drew Clark, Andy Zuckerman, Ed Szep, Scott Colgan, Steve Bontempi, Dave Semple, Bob Braine, Robin London, Jamie Katz, Beverly Liposky... to those that left, Tin Ryan, Diana Li and Elynda Mitchell and to the others I will never forget Martha Roberts Little, Todd Riddick, Vicki Karlson, Josh Levine, Matt Petrosky, Androsky Lugo, Doris Newman, Anthony Guaracci, Tonya Nevil, Dominic Tomaio, Nita Raval, Annette Valentin, Myra Rosa, Julie Simoney, Karen Terraciano, Darren Bernstein, King Leung, Jon Sarver, Stephen Beck, Liliana Martire, Carolyn Daly, Carlos Sanchez, Dave Calviello (Senator of the Year... Ha!), Greg Houck, Brett Nemeth, John Mamoras, John Cerza, Danielle Devita, John Testa, Lara Leighton, Mayerling Rivera, Syed Ahmed, Jodi Hudson, Frank DeAngelis... I will miss you all.

And speaking of Carolyn Daly... I will miss Hennesseys, sleeping over your house, laughing at your parents, and your beautiful voice. Hopefully I will hear you sing again in the future. Thanks for being a friend these past years. Don't forget to keep in touch. And Alexis, thanks for the rides, the outlines, the friendship and support, you are great. Keep the faith and give Justin a kiss for me. And Carlos, simply put, you were a major pain in the butt to work for. Thanks for making the lab a funnier place. And Pete Johnston... I cannot write this and leave you out... you have been my designated driver at the parties and functions we went to, you taught how to use the computer my first year and you were there. Thanks for being a great friend.

To those that remain behind: Jeff Fiorello, Sophia Chin, Sue Hiller, Rob Aldrich, Davin Cellura, Rich Garza, Jodi Gordon, Jen Mazawey, Steve Kosciolk, Chris Newsham, Lisa Bianculi, Ken Spassione, Derek Lee, Rich LaBarbiera, Dave Dobson, Rachel Schulman, Karen Baker, Steven Chakumba, Gina Bilajiw, Margaret Lesniak, Rob Fried, Carlos Rodriguez, Bill Clarke, Judy Ricci, Laura Wadleigh, Sonia Brand, Grace Yoo, Michael Schwartz, Brigitte Shrank, Chris Shields, John Shotter, Mike Devins, Darren Baldo, John Feeley, Angel, Jay Town, Aris Mirazian, Burk Burnett, Dena Verides, Pam Nash, Clarence Clay, Darren Rydberg, Susan Kowal (GO DETROIT), Bill Nossen, Tom Humbert, Dave Ambrose (Bald men are attractive), Nashon Hornsby, my roommate George-May Figaro, Kevon Chisolm (my Dallas buddy), Craig Robin, Gene Brenczy, Ken Rosellini, George Williams... GOOD LUCK... you will need it Myra Rosa. Carmelo and Ian, I will miss you guys. And Ralph, I hope that you will remain with the law school for years to come. Without you, Seton Hall would not be Seton Hall. I hope that this is realized by others, too. If I forgot anyone... sorry.

And last but not least I would like to thank my family for their undying support these last three years. My mother has been my inspiration these past three years, her voice commands me and her wisdom guides me on the path I am about to take. Thank you, mom for everything. My graduating today is as much my accomplishment as yours and I love you. To my stepfather, thanks for financially supporting my education, putting up with my attitude with only an occasional snap or two and some grumbling, and being there for me. You have done more for me in the last seven years that you have been with my mother than my "real" father has done. Thank you for everything and I love you. To my sister, my younger brothers, grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins, thanks for listening to me spew off these strange arguments and understanding me. I love you all. And I cannot finish this without remembering my aunt and my friend, Frank, who passed away during my first year. I think about them daily and while I regret that neither one can be here to see my graduation from law school, I know that somewhere they are both smiling on me today. I love you and will always remember you.

The most important thing I have learned that life is what you make of it and I, for one, am happy with my decision to go to law school. See you all in court!



*Tammy White '96 & Pete Johnston '96*



# Graduating Goodbyes

## America's #1 Catholic Law School

James B. Johnston '96

*"We must pray for the courage to endure the scorn of the sophisticated world." -U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.*

As graduation approaches and we look into the eyes of our loved ones and the faces of our children, we see the promise as well as the uncertainty of the future before us. Not only our personal future but the future and uncertainty of our country and the world.

Such disquiet should be embraced. After all America did not become the greatest democracy in the annals of mankind by being untested or timid. We have not become the light of freedom because we lacked fortitude or moral strength. Our forefathers did not journey across the oceans with generations of hopes and sacrifices to succumb to the anxiety of the unknown. For as the late President John F. Kennedy once said, "Change is the law of life and those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future."

Instead we must do here and now what the people of Seton Hall have always done. Take control of our own destinies and use our resources, sharpened by the mission and purpose of Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton- to establish uncompromising justice envisioned in the laws of these United States.

The legal education we have received and which we celebrate has given us the basic fundamental tools needed to help our countrymen and women achieve such a majestic goal. This is just one of the reasons why it is my unequivocal belief that Seton Hall University School of Law is the finest Catholic law school this nation has ever seen.

Why else is she so? Words are indeed cheap. Is it because Princeton Review says she is so? —Hardly. Is it due to her devoted alumni? —Yes. Is it due to the efforts of her faculty, staff and students? —Absolutely. But more importantly what makes her such a premier institution is her diversity. As a Catholic academy we have numbered religious and non-religious alike. Among our graduating class are Black and White, rich and not so rich, men and women. Yet, we are all driven by the same objective- to make the world a better place to live work and play using the law as our tool for attainment.

We, the students of Seton Hall University School of Law are the beneficiaries of a powerful, traditional approach to legal training. A world class education supplemented with a spirit of commitment, character and excellence. It is not an accident that some of the most distinguished members of the bench and bar have walked the foyers of our law school.

Mere legal knowledge however is not what makes our law school the creme de la creme. For while our education is exceptional, the most important apparition we take from Seton Hall is a deep and sincere commitment to service; not just for our clients but for our fellow man.

At first year orientation Dean Riccio told us that service to others is not something that is simply taught at Seton Hall University School of Law, it is something that is encouraged and provided. Integrity, responsibility, and devotion to justice are not merely words at our law school- they are a way of life.

During this our last year of law school, think back to last October when we waited in anticipation for the arrival of our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II. A few days before the Pope landed, Msgr. Darcy and our Alumni Association held our school's annual Red Mass celebration at Sacred Heart Basilica in Newark. During Mass, Archbishop McCarrick said something that I believe communicates the true essence of our law school. The Archbishop said that while our school is relatively young in years it has been good to the law. But more importantly, he said Seton Hall University School of Law has been good to life.

Whether assisting the physically or mentally challenged with their unique legal problems through our clinics-mentoring kids from the inner city to set their sights on the law as a career- or helping give kids from Belfast a chance to have an American vacation free from bloodshed, there is a good chance a Seton Hall law student is at hand. It is indeed this commitment to service which we take with us as we commence our lives in the law.

Thankfully, the law is a broad and everchanging phenomenon. The duties of lawyers while often conflicting must be held with the ideal that after all sides have had their argument the ultimate goal of the legal process is the pursuit of justice. To accomplish this we as defense lawyers must simultaneously represent the rightfully accused with the same passion and zeal as the wrongfully accused. As prosecutors, the pursuit of justice must remain of paramount importance while keeping in mind the rights of the defendant as well as the crime victim.

Among the mandatory qualities of the Seton Hall lawyer is leadership. Being a leader is certainly not easy. Just as graduating from law school is not easy. Nevertheless, we must have a clear vision and passion for the promises of the law. We must have a distinct focus on the law's priorities as we face the new challenges of the 21st century.

Above all we must maintain a thorough understanding, appreciation and utilization of the greatest legal document in the world, The United States Constitution. The principles of this piece of paper represent the guiding light for which we must direct our vocation. We must assure that as mandated by our founding fathers, "All" men and women- I emphasize "All"- are indeed created and treated in the eyes of the law equally.

In closing, I am hesitant to say good-bye. Instead I am reminded of an old, well known limerick:

May the Road rise to Meet You,  
May the Wind be Always at Your Back  
May the Sun Shine warmly Upon Your Face,  
the Rain Fall Softly Upon Your Fields-  
and Until We meet Again My Friends, May  
God Hold You in the Palm of His Hands.

Best Wishes and Good Luck on the Bar Exam.

## Sidebar

Bob Braine, 3D

Just a few random thoughts from a law student on the edge of graduation :

I was speaking on the phone with a friend of mine from college and, as I was telling him for the **billionth** time that I could not come down to hang out due to **take-home exams** and **my paper**, he remarked to me that law school has taken **my soul**. I laughed at first, but I realized he was right. I was a little saddened by the realization, but, if I were given a choice, I much rather have the **\$60,000** that I lost to the school than a little thing like soul. Anyway, back to reality, and thank God my June 1st **parole** date is quickly approaching. I figured I would take this last opportunity to point out a **few minor things** that could stand to be **improved** in this lovely but sterile, state-of-the-art institution; an exercise that I would prefer to call **my parting shots**. Gee, where do I start?

When asked what I am going to do **after graduation**, the answers vary from **cry** to **pray**, but none of them include beginning a job. While I do take responsibility for this condition, the career placement office didn't exactly help. I have been asked by a number of people why there is a job binder for **alumni** and a job binder for **students seeking jobs** but no job binder specifically set up for **graduating third years** with available **full time** positions. I thought that was a good question until I realized that there were **no advertisements** for full time employment in the office. The point is this: the **top ten percent** of the class are not the only people that need jobs. In fact, it is the **rest of us** that really need the help. **Thirty percent** employment rate at graduation just doesn't cut it. Photocopying only one half of the clerkship availability list and then not, on a wide scale, telling anyone about the corrected list doesn't cut it. The school hangs its hat on "placing" students in **New Jersey judicial clerkships**. I hope now that New Jersey has **downsized** the number of these positions that this office will work a little harder on bringing in **other avenues** of employment.

I don't know what **star** you have to be born under to get **position as a professor** at a law school, but I hope I have such luck one of these days. Don't get me wrong, the **majority** of the professors here take their jobs **very seriously** and **work extremely hard** to teach the law to the **best of their abilities**. However, there are some professors here that either don't understand why they are here or are **just clueless altogether**. When the same professors routinely turn their noses up on deadlines for grades and have the audacity to joke about it in front of students, maybe someone should look into it. When professors in class consistently **verbally insult** and **berate students** in front of their classmates simply to make a point, maybe someone should look into it. When a professor tells a class he really doesn't want to be teaching a subject because **he failed it in law school**, maybe someone should look into it. When a professor is asked for an **explanation** of a grade and responds by saying, "I really don't know what the difference between an **A** and a **D** is," maybe someone should look into it. When a teacher tells a student that, "It doesn't matter whether you take this final or not, you **won't pass the bar** anyway," maybe someone should look into it. (Yes,







# Graduating Goodbyes

## Lawyers As Communicators

Joseph S. Kavesli '96

As I was contemplating what to write as my final contribution to *Res Ipsa Loquitur*, I thought of two conflicting quotations about lawyers. The first is taken from J.D. Salinger's *The Catcher in the Rye*, spoken by Holden Caulfield.

"Lawyers are all right, I guess — but it doesn't appeal to me. I mean they're all right if they go around saving innocent guys' lives all the time, and like that, but you don't *do* that kind of stuff if you're a lawyer. All you do is make a lot of dough and play golf and play bridge and buy cars and drink Martinis and look like a hot-shot. And besides. Even if you *did* go around saving guys' lives and all, how would you know if you did it because you really *wanted* to save guys' lives, or because you did it because what you *really* wanted to do was be a terrific lawyer, with everybody slapping you on the back and congratulating you in court when the goddam trial was over, the reporters and everybody, the way it is in the dirty movies? How would you know you weren't being a phony? The trouble is, you *wouldn't*."

I reflected on Holden Caulfield's words, and contrasted them with those of Professor Denis F. McLaughlin, who addressed the graduating Class of 1996 at our orientation in August 1993.

"The legal profession demands a lot of you. As lawyers, unlike other professionals, we are directly involved with the administration of justice. We are charged with upholding and preserving the rule of law, which forms the fabric of our society. Law touches every aspect of our lives and, without the continued confidence of the public in our system and in its ability to dispense justice, our society cannot endure."

I wonder if Professor McLaughlin ever anticipated being compared with J.D. Salinger.

As we, the Class of 1996, celebrate our pending commencement with family, friends, and teachers, June 1 will be the last time we will be together, physically, as a single unit. However, this is hardly an essay about sad endings or goodbyes. Rather, I submit that we will be together, in spirit at least, in our professional and personal endeavors.

And, in this spirit of unity, I think our mission is enormous: COMMUNICATION. While we will pursue diverging careers as litigators, corporate attorneys, legislators, educators and judges, it is our common responsibility — wherever our passions lie — to use our communication skills to the best of our abilities as advocates for social justice.

We need look no further than recent events and public opinions to see the importance of effective communication. The Branch Davidians in Waco, the Freeman in Montana, the Unabomber. Surveys indicate that people "don't trust the government," and that they trust lawyers even less. Political apathy is rampant, as the embarrassingly low voter-turnout the past 30 years attests. And more than ever, judges — once the pillars of society — seem to receive more attention as tabloid television items: Justice Thomas, Judge Wachtler and now Judge Baer. These have been tough times for lawyers.

We all know that, in reality, most lawyers are honorable, hard-working, trust-worthy citizens dedicated to the improvement of the community. However, for whatever reasons, we have become the butts of too many tasteless jokes in those "dirty movies" Holden Caulfield spoke of. Therefore, perhaps our immediate objectives should be as good-will ambassadors, to communicate and demonstrate to the public that lawyers are still the champions of virtue and morality.

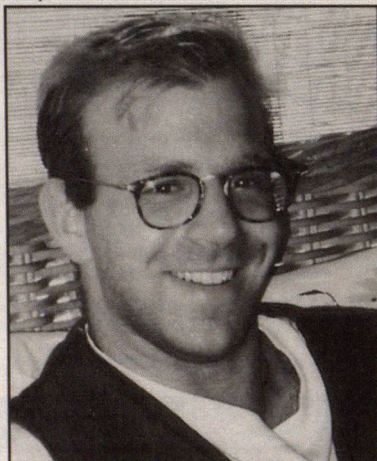
In fact, it is possible that as great communicators we can also transcend lawyering. After all, communication applies to everything in life, from relationships to world peace.

While I may be accused of subscribing to a simplistic formula, I passionately believe the following to be true: **Lack of communication leads to ignorance, and ignorance, in turn, leads to racism.**

If we think about all the crises around the world, whether it's the tragedy still unfolding in the former Yugoslavia, or the antipathies raging in Northern Ireland and the Middle East, it's too easy to dismiss these conflicts as disputes over land. In reality, it's much more than that.

At some point in time, people stopped communicating, for whatever reasons. And as communication ceases, mistrust and dislike increases. So, while there is precedent for Serbs and Croats to live together without bloodshed, for Jews and Muslims to live peaceably, for Catholics and Protestants to live without war, none of this will happen until those channels of communication are reestablished, strengthened and, most importantly, filled with positive and educational language, and not just rhetoric. Naturally, this is easier said than done.

Ultimately, we the lawyers of the 21st century will face this truth. We can either present stale, hollow ideas and end each day with a paycheck and little else. Or, we can embrace social justice and stand up for what each of us truthfully believes is right. While we won't always agree with one another, if we remain true to ourselves and our causes, we will become the virtuous sorts of lawyers that Holden Caulfield openly questioned and that Professor McLaughlin expects us to aspire to be.



Joe Kavesli '96

## Dawn Just Keeps Talking (will she ever stop?)

Dawn Marie Mims '96

When I came to visit this school in March of 1993, I had never been to New Jersey except to go to Great Adventure. Aside from the information in the student handbook, I knew absolutely nothing about SHLS. Frankly, although I had applied to this school and had been accepted, when I came to visit I had every intention of attending another school. Thanks to a 1.5 hour personal tour of the school by the then Assistant Director of Admissions, I had changed my mind. I did not realize at the time what a great decision I had made.

Attending SHLS has been a wonderful experience for me. I have had the opportunity to learn so much from many wonderful professors. I have been fortunate to have met so many others who have forever enhanced my life. Not only have I been educated in the law, but I have learned so much about people and the tremendous things that can be accomplished through hard work and joint effort. There are so many people I want to thank that I hardly know where to begin.

First, I would like to thank my professors for sharing their knowledge with me and for inspiring me to work harder than I ever thought possible. To Professors Denbeaux, Carmella, Wefing, Jennings, Zimmer, Lao, Hobbs, Diab, Freamon, Stein, Boskey, Callahan, Greinstein, Hartnett, Sklaw, Boskey and Cutler, my words of thanks and appreciation could span pages and for this reason I will be sure to thank you all personally.

I would also like to thank those professors with whom I did not have a class, but who still treated me like one of their students. To Professors Kaye, Franzese, McLoughlin, and Ambrosio, thank you for knowing that teaching extends beyond the classroom.

In addition, I must thank the administration and staff of this school which have greatly enhanced my experience here, especially Dean Riccio, the best Dean a school could have and a genuinely wonderful person, and to Dean Miller, for always being there when I needed you and also for being my friend. There are so many others to thank- and again I will talk to all of you personally.

Finally, to my classmates and friends, I cannot begin to list all of you who have made law school a lot easier to deal with. My years here would not have been half as wonderful had I not met all of you. You all know who you are, and you will hear from me. I will always, however, have a special place in my heart for Section D. I met some of my closest friends in that section during the first semester of law school, friends I expect to have for many years to come. Life is never too busy for your friends.

Although I say farewell to this school, I say goodbye to no one, for I believe that these few years here at SHLS have only been the beginning. So long for now . . .



Dawn Marie Mims '96 (who else?)



# Organizations Highlights

## LALSA

The Latin American Law Students Association (LALSA) has had a tremendous year. It all culminated Friday April 19 when they won the award for the Organization of the Year.

LALSA conducted numerous academic, philanthropic and social events this past year. On the academic front, LALSA started the year by holding a debate on affirmative action entitled "Affirmative Action Revisited." This event, co-sponsored by the Federalist Society, involved nationally renowned speakers and was attended by hundreds. More recently, LALSA helped coordinate a conference sponsored by the Department of Housing and Urban Development which drew approximately eighty attorneys from around the nation to Newark for a three day conference. LALSA also sponsored a group of three students to compete in the First Annual National Hispanic Bar Association Moot Court Competition held in Chicago. Finally, LALSA sponsored numerous speakers and held several resume-writing workshops.

All of LALSA's social events were conducted for philanthropic reasons. LALSA raised money and provided donated food for the homeless in Newark, co-sponsored a Christmas party for underprivileged local public school children, and provided mentor relationships to Bronx school kids. Furthermore, LALSA held two cappuccino and bake sales which raised money for the Ricardo Esquivel Scholarship, one of three scholarships given by LALSA to its members. It is worthwhile to note that no other school organization provides its members with scholarships opportunities. LALSA provided its members with an opportunity to compete for \$3000.00. These scholarships were distributed at LALSA's 6th annual Dinner Dance where LALSA provided students with an opportunity to network with attorneys, judges, and state/federal government officials.

LALSA is a fast moving, cutting-edge, and dedicated organization whose membership has conservatively quadrupled since last year (approximately seventy five). Many LALSA members were able to find employment through events held and several won scholarships. LALSA is, and always will be, dedicated to its mission of providing the Seton Hall Latino community with the best events and the most opportunities to succeed. On behalf of this year's LALSA Executive Board thank you to all its members and good luck to next year's Board.

## Yes, We Are Back!

Thomas Humbert, 1D

After a brief hiatus, Phi Alpha Delta resumed activities on the campus of Seton Hall Law this spring in full force. With all new officers and a new management philosophy, Phi Alpha Delta fills a void on campus as a true service oriented student organization designed to appeal to the entire student body.

As of January 1996, Phi Alpha Delta consisted of twelve members. However, the spring semester saw the ranks of Phi Alpha Delta swell by more than 300%. With an aggressive, "lead by example" style of management, Phi Alpha Delta's new Justice Pamela Nash, along with Vice-Justice Thomas Humbert, Marshals Chris Adams and Dina Vanides, Treasurer Soo Mi Batoff, and Chapter Clerk Tom Zalewski, breathed new life into the ailing organization. The highly successful spring rush yielded the club forty-one new members.

Phi Alpha Delta plans to continue its high profile position. Watch your e-mail and the atrium easel boards for announcements concerning upcoming events.

Welcome to all new members and a special thanks to all new officers. Without your efforts Phi Alpha Delta would not be the success story that it is.

## Vita Volunteers

April 15 has come and gone, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is officially over until next year. Thank you's are in order for the following students for their numerous hours crunching numbers and getting through the code.

Professor John Coverdale  
Professor Tracy Kaye  
Professor Philip Ross  
Aurora Aragon  
Darren Baldo  
Salvatore Danna  
Maria Deraco

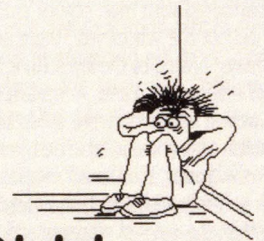
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Chris Quinn  
Dorothy Razawich  
John Shahdanian  
Punam Singh  
Belinda Vieira  
Grace Yoo  
Jim Zarrillo

Kudos to the following volunteers and professors:

This year we were able to help finish more than 3 times as many tax returns as the previous year! We extend an invitation to all students to join us next year for VITA.

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## SHLS O.W.L.S. Provide Support For Nontraditional Students

Beverley McNamara Liposky '96

The Seton Hall School of Law O.W.L.S. [Older Wiser Law Students] began as the "Over Thirty Club" several years ago to address the concerns of the growing numbers of nontraditional students. The O.W.L.S. are a support group for students who are not the "traditional" age for law students and who may have additional responsibilities which compete with the time needed to prepare for class. O.W.L.S. participate in orientation activities and speak to prospective students who are weighing the decision to attend Seton Hall School of Law.

Last year, the O.W.L.S. became a recognized organization of the school. Several activities were hosted each semester, including a Luncheon With Dean Riccio in the fall, and seminars designed to help students choose courses as well as how to approach the job market.

Particularly since there is a strong trend for older adults to change careers or to go back to professional school after being out of college for a number of years, the O.W.L.S. feel that an organization is needed to address their concerns and assist them in preparing for their future lives as attorneys while achieving the best possible balance between personal responsibilities and law school studies.

I will be graduating in June but Dorothy Razawich has agreed to continue as Chairperson. If anyone is interested in attending or assisting with O.W.L.S. events please contact Dorothy. I also want to wish all my fellow O.W.L.S. who are graduating good luck on bar exams and the best of success in your future endeavors!

## Mentor Program

The Mentor Program of New Jersey affords an excellent opportunity for any practitioner or law student to educate and guide young people in the multitude of opportunities, entitlements, and obligations which are part of our system of law. Seton Hall Law School implemented the Mentor Program in 1987 as a unique avenue for members of the legal community to be partnered with high school students in the Newark area. Throughout the school year, these high school students attend "law days" hosted by the law school. The students utilize current legal issues and case summaries for interpretation and discussion of the different sides which must be analyzed to establish a fair and equitable outcome for situations.

In the Spring, the Mentor Program pairs students at Newark high schools with law firms and Seton Hall law students. Together, the pairs of students and their mentors delve into a complex moot court competition scenario. This scenario serves as the basis for the Seton Hall/PSE&G Moot Court Competition. The high school students prepare and present oral arguments which are judged by Seton Hall faculty and students.

This year's competition was scheduled for April 27, 1996. Eight High Schools sent up eight representatives each to the moot court competition. Those students competed in pairs, with two students representing the petitioner and two representing the respondent. The winning students and their representatives received a \$5,000 donation by PSE&G towards scholarships and for furtherance of such programs in the high school.

These mentoring partnerships provide high school students with direct access to the legal profession. They achieve an enhanced understanding of the legal system through observation and participation of the system's workings via the moot court competition. They are also able to appreciate the diversity of backgrounds which compose the student body of the law school, and the legal profession.

During the 1995-96 school year, this program was very aptly directed by three graduating third year students: Denise Errico, Tanya Nevil, and Hope Tuber, under the faculty advisement of Professor Paula Franzese. These directors have been involved in the Mentor Program and progress for all of their three years at Seton Hall. As directors, these students were responsible for communication, coordination and set-up of many law days and the final moot court competition. This year, seven high schools visited Seton Hall while students of the law school discussed their backgrounds and encouraged the high school students in their future endeavors, discussed sample cases of public interest, gave the students tours of the school, and answered a myriad of questions. Seton Hall thanks these directors for all of their hard work and dedication to this important and extremely valuable program and welcomes all students to participate in this program in the future.

## Woman's Law Forum

As the semester comes to a close, I would like to thank all of the supporter's of the Women's Law Forum for making this year an outstanding one. During the course of the year, the Women's Law Forum sponsored a number of exciting and memorable events. This list includes, Women in the Entertainment Industry, co-sponsored with the Entertainment Law Society; the WLF annual Holiday Party and raffle; "Making Strides", an event honoring Women of Color in the Legal Profession, co-sponsored with APALSA, BLSA, and LALSA; the WLF annual drive to collect personal items and toiletries for the Safe House, a shelter for battered women and their families; a self-defense class taught by Esther Cohen; "Having it All?": Balancing Career and Family, which was a brown bag lunch discussion; the presentation of the 1995-1996 Sandra Day O'Connor Medal of Honor to Marion Wright Edelman by the Legislative Bureau, the Law Review and the WLF; the Fourth Annual Networking Reception where the WLF honored New Jersey Attorney General Deborah Poritz with the Woman of Substance Award; and A Conversation with Professor Martha Fineman from Columbia Law School.

Despite this distinguished list of events, the WLF is already trying to outdo itself. Scheduled for next year, the Legislative Bureau, the Law Review and the WLF will be presenting the 1996-1997 Sandra Day O'Connor Medal of Honor to United States Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. We are also planning a Women's Convention for the day of the Award Ceremony. Please watch for this event as it promises to be an inspirational experience for all who attend.

In closing, I would like to congratulate the Executive Board for the 1996-1997 year: Lisa Chanel, Chair; Shoshana Schiff, Co-Chair; Laurie Newmark, Secretary; Dawn Scott, Treasurer; Melanie Cradle and Elaine Rocha, Speaker's Bureau; Tia McDonald, Public Relations; and Kris Ann Cappellutti, Women's Issues. I hope that the experience you have with the Women's Law Forum is both meaningful and enjoyable!!! Good luck!!!!

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# Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The Black Law Students Association would like to respond to the Sidebar, authored by Bob Braine, 3D, which appeared in last month's *Res Ipsa*. The article, which portrayed the city of Newark and its residents in a highly unfavorable light, was offensive to many of the Black students here at Seton Hall. It was offensive on a number of levels, as the piece portrayed Newark residents, who are predominantly Black, as muggers, thieves, ruffians, and otherwise unsavory individuals. Although the piece was couched in satire, it expressed views commonly held as fact by many members of society, and satirical tone aside, further perpetrated derogatory and negative stereotypes of Blacks. (Lest the import of this response be lost in semantics, Mr. Braine did not expressly refer to the individuals in his piece as "Blacks" or any other racial group. The inferences drawn however, are unmistakable.)

What was especially disturbing about the piece was that it appeared in *Res Ipsa Loquitur*, the law school's paper, which represents all students, regardless of the 4 point font statement, which disclaims that the opinion contained within reflects the university, law school administration, and faculty. As a student who lives the Black experience, comments like Mr. Braine's must be addressed when they occur, lest our silence be deemed acceptance. The Black Law Students Association would like Mr. Braine to know that we do not take issue with him. I spoke personally with Mr. Braine, who expressed quite sincerely, that it was not intended to offend. I also spoke with the Editor who wished to understand what was offensive about the piece. For Mr. Braine, Ms. Mims, are all those who are similarly inquisitive, allow me to elucidate:

1. The media portrays Black people as the great perpetrators of crime. We have been forced to express society's disdain for the criminal element in society, despite the fact that white, not blacks represent the greatest number of killers, thieves, rapists, muggers, alcoholics, drug addicts, and the like in this society. Thus, the portrayal by Mr. Braine was inaccurate as well as offensive.

2. The use of the word "crack" in any manner, especially to describe our Black security officers, smacks of the same stereotypical rubbish that cannot be tolerated where such individuals are responsible for the livelihood and security of all members of our Seton Hall family.

3. The references to Blacks as gold hood ornament toting rap artists, where many Blacks are struggling to be recognized as LAWYERS, PROFESSORS, JUDGES, intellectuals, and professionals, defeats the strides made by many. It is especially offensive to the students here, who strive to create the impression among our peers, that we deserve to be here despite prevalent misconceptions about our abilities.

Irrespective of the prevailing reputation of the city of Newark, or what reputation certain individuals who reside in Newark perpetuate, we as Seton Hall students and guests of the city of Newark, have a responsibility to either (a) become a part of the solution to the ills we observe, or (b) continue to be part of the problem. By the latter statement I mean, adding to the perpetuation of commonly held derogatory and offensive racial stereotypes, with this type of satirical banter, exacerbates already complicated issues. We have a responsibility to make Seton Hall a place where people should feel welcome, not afraid (and definitely afraid to be around Black people).

When individuals make a conscious effort to think about the implications of their acts, and their words, then we can dismiss such comments as light hearted humor. However, while Blacks are under constant attack, with the repeal of affirmative action in several states, OJ backlash, "reverse discrimination" claims finding increased legitimacy and decreasing rates of enrollment of Blacks in higher education, BLSA will have something to say about the Sidebars of the Mr. Braines of the world.

Stephen Chibuzor Chukumba, 2D  
Executive Director, NBSA  
Corresponding Secretary, BLSA

The following letter was submitted to the Star Ledger as an editorial. It was never printed.

Dear Editor:

I am writing to express my concern regarding the October 4, 1995 Star Ledger article entitled, "Future Lawyers Have Their Own Summation: A Killer Goes Free." The article purported to reflect the sentiments of Seton Hall Law students on the subject of O.J. Simpson's acquittal, but it appeared that author Meg Nugent chose only to showcase those students who strongly disagreed with the verdict.

As a Seton Hall Law student, I sat among hundreds of anxious viewers who were tuned into television screens throughout the law school. Having witnessed their reaction to the verdict, I can confidently attest to the fact that many students were satisfied with the jury's decision. Given the degree of excitement around the law school that day, I am hard pressed to believe that Meg Nugent did not encounter a student who was at least satisfied, if not downright pleased, with the verdict.

The students who were interviewed only partially reflected the sentiments of Seton Hall Law students. Others among us, if asked, would have described the verdict as an example of due process. Some would express disgust with the prevalence of the race issue, and others would say that race was an indispensable element of the case. Nonetheless, "A Killer Goes Free" strikes me as a rather sweeping and superficial characterization of our views.

To call O.J. Simpson's acquittal an example of due process should not be interpreted to trivialize the murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. Yet even in the face of such grave tragedy, I stand among many future lawyers who relish the principle that an individual's liberties will not be impinged until his culpability is proven *beyond a reasonable doubt*. We know that "not guilty" does not mean "innocent", and the legal machinery that effectuates our system of justice does not use the terms interchangeably.

I do not pretend to know the truth of O.J.'s guilt or innocence, but given the lengthy sequestration of jurors, racial controversies, contorted evidence and unprecedented media hype, I am unsure that the whole truth could ever be known. Our system is imperfect, and the "Trial of the Century" seems to have embodied its flaws. It is no easy task to reconcile amorphous constitutional principles with what some view as a harsh and unjust result. As the curtain closes on one of the most controversial trials in the history of our country, we must reflect *objectively* upon the values that underlie our system of justice — the precious presumption of innocence remains intact. The issue of O.J.'s involvement or lack thereof is settled in the realm of our criminal laws. As for the truth, the tribunal of his conscience is the only place where that may ever be known with certainty.

Theresa M. DiGuglielmo '96

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Liliana Martire & David Calvielo

**Liliana:** Thank you for all your time and effort. Without you there would be no ΦΑΔ at Seton Hall. You kept things going for us when interest and commitment were low, and look at us now! Thanks to your efforts, ΦΑΔ can proudly boast "We're Back!"

**Dave:** Thank you for being the ultimate "answer man." We would never have made the comeback that we did without your guidance and assistance. We thank you for your patience to our constant requests of "What do we do now?"

Best of Luck to both of you,  
Your ΦΑΔ Brothers and Sisters



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