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# SHU Law jumps to 61

## SHU Law school jumps 11 spots, bests local rivals Brooklyn, Rutgers, St. John's, NY Law, Hofstra

Michael G. McDonough  
Editor-in-Chief

On Tuesday, March 15, *U.S. News & World Report* unveiled its 2011 law school rankings. This year Seton Hall Law improved eleven spots, from 72 to 61. Seton Hall Law has now improved in the rankings four of the past five years.

Though Dean Patrick Hobbs was pleased by the improvement, like many other law school deans, he does not view *U.S. News & World Report* as the be-all and end-all for measuring law school success.

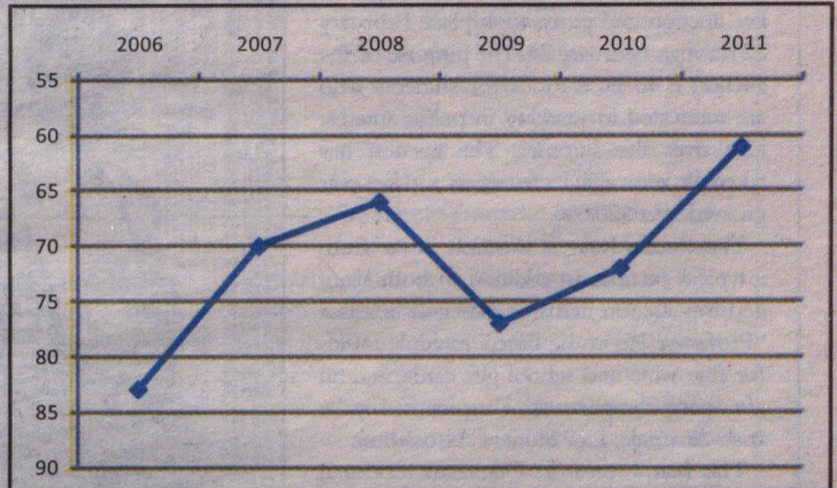
"While we certainly welcome the increased recognition of our Law School's excellence, none of the rankings I've seen fully reflect the strengths and talents of our student body and our faculty," said Hobbs.

"As that recognition increases in the years to come, there is no limit to the heights our Law School can achieve."

Seton Hall's healthcare law program improved two spots to sixth best in the nation and the school's part-time program is now ranked 34th. Seton Hall Law's overall ranking of 61 is the highest achieved in the history of the law school.



*U.S. News & World Report* rankings are based on qualitative assessment (40%), which includes peer assessment and assessment by lawyers and judges; selectivity (25%), which includes median



### Seton Hall Law National Ranking

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
83	70	66	77	72	61

LSAT scores, median undergraduate GPAs, and acceptance rate; placement success (20%), which includes graduate employment and bar passage rate; and faculty resources (15%), which includes expenditures per student, student/faculty ratio, and library resources.

# Career Services may be short-staffed, but all hands are on deck

Corey Klein  
Staff Writer

With the legal job market in recession, many Seton Hall Law students are wondering what is going on in the Office of Career Services (OCS). The staff has decreased from nine employees to just six. Two staff members have left in the past year, Madeleine Kurtz and Jim Andrews, and another, Assistant Dean of Career Services Janice Manganello, has taken a temporary leave of absence.

The Office of Career Services recently hired one new permanent employee, Associate Director of

Career Services Paula Edgar, and one temporary employee, Acting Public Interest Coordinator Molly Moynihan, according to Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Claudette St. Romain. St. Romain also emphasized that the Office of Career Services has called for an "all hands on deck" approach to mitigate any problems arising from the recent employee departures.

### Who is new?

Edgar has been a full-time career counselor since the fall prior to Andrews' departure. Seton Hall Law chose her because of her New York contacts, including government, public interest, private industry, and alternative career services. Additionally, she has experience in mentoring and placing students.

"[Edgar] was a real get for us. She was running a program called PALS (Practicing Attorneys for Law Students Program, Inc.) and we persuaded her to leave and come to our students. We've been thrilled that we were able to bring her onboard," said St. Romain.

Moynihan, a relatively recent Seton Hall Law graduate, is temporarily filling in as the point person for students interested in public interest work. She recently worked for Professor Mark Poirier over the winter and went to New Orleans for the BP Oil Spill course. She is currently waiting to find out if some other potential employment opportunities are going to work out for her.

"There have been some government hiring freezes and I think Molly's in line for some positions," said St. Romain. "While she had some time on her hands, Professor Poirier had agreed to hand her over while the students got back from New Orleans."

Dean of Enrollment Services,

Giselle Joachim, has also been assisting OCS on the data gathering and analysis end, providing data for the NALP, the ABA, *U.S. News and World Report*, *Princeton Review*, and OCS itself.

Dean of Alumni and Development, Vicky Fleischer, has been filling in for Manganello, reaching out to employers about interviewing Seton Hall Law students. St. Romain herself has been filling in for Manganello by handling the judicial clerkship process as well as hiring new employees.

Dean Fleischer, as head of Alumni and Development, reaches out to law firms to ask for contributions or scholarship funds for students. Now, Fleischer has taken on the project of going out to employers who formerly participated in Seton Hall's OCI but no longer do or haven't in recent years as well as employers who are unfamiliar with Seton Hall Law students.

"She's really aggressively ramped up the process of going out to employers and trying to find out what their staffing needs are, what kinds of students they're looking for and really what career services can do in a non-traditional way to help employers," said St. Romain.

As a result of Fleischer's efforts, Seton Hall Law has found a number of employers who are looking for part-time student employees beginning in the spring and continuing into the summer.

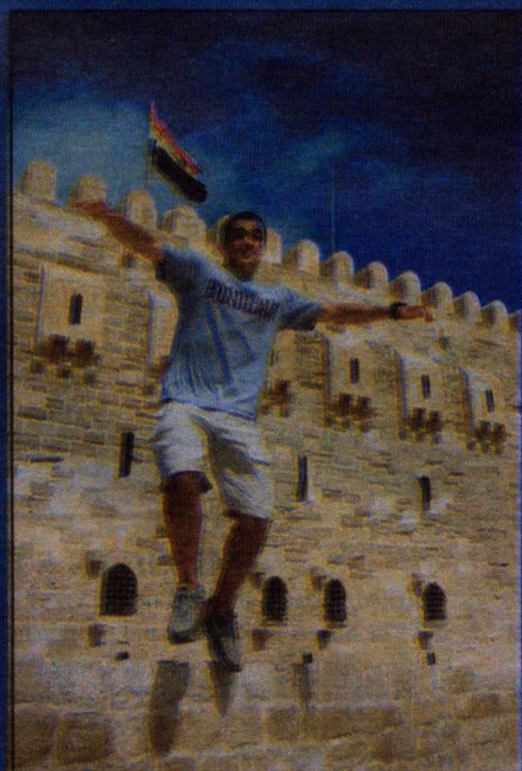
The law school is actively interviewing for someone to replace Jim Andrews, but the employee will more likely be a general career services counselor that will also act as the point person for students interested in government work.

St. Romain hopes to have someone on board soon. "The issue with government positions is that they ebb and flow. Sometimes there's high opportunity in government and sometimes there are freezes and lower opportunity in government."

**Class of 2010 reports 87 percent employment**  
While a recent ranking in the National Law

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## Cairo cancelled



Courtesy Seton Hall Law

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# Students "auction advocacy" to raise money for public interest

**Victoria Gonchar**  
Staff Writer

The Public Interest Auction, three days of silent auctions and raffles culminating in a live auction and party, took place February 22 through February 24. The purpose of the auction is to raise funds for students who are interested in working in public interest jobs over the summer. The auction has taken place for quite a few years and last year grossed over \$20,000.

The Public Interest Auction is far from a typical auction. In addition to both silent and live auction items, the auction boasts a "Professor Pie-in-the-Face," multiple raffles for fine wine and school gift cards, and an after-party complete with a keg donated by the Irish-American Law Student Association.

This year, Professors Denbeaux, Lonegan and Sullivan were the cooperative recipients of the pie-in-the-face. Many other professors and Student Bar Association President Todd Tolin also graciously volunteered to risk getting "pied."

All of the proceeds from the auction and the other activities go to the Public Interest Network to fund summer fellowships. These fellowships are very important to students interested in pursuing work outside the walls of courthouses or firms.

Each year, many students apply to receive approximately \$4,000 for a ten-week program working 40 hours per week for a non-profit or public interest organization. This year, the program is also available to students who are interested in holding non-paying government internships in places such as a county prosecutor's office or public defender's office. Last year, the school funded 33 students.

The auction is one of the Public Interest



*Courtesy Seton Hall Law*

**Going once, going twice, SOLD to the most compassionate student:** Dean Cornwell and Professor Franzese kept the money pouring in for a good cause at the annual Public Interest Auction.

Network's biggest fund-raising events for summer grants. In early January, the Public Interest Network began rounding up students interested in public interest work during the upcoming summer. Each student was provided with a list of possible businesses and professors to contact to gather donations for the auction.

Involvement in both the auction and other public interest work was necessary to be considered for a fellowship. Each student was also required to work at some of the activities during the week of the auction. Students were assigned to monitor the silent auction table each day, prepare the pies for

the professors, and clean up after the party, among other things.

This year there were over 50 volunteer students and they were very successful at bringing in donations. There were approximately 117 popular and creative silent auction items available for bidding. Professors generously donated many interesting packages and some of the most popular were "Karaoke with Professors Steinman and Carroll," and "Dinner in Chinatown with Professors Boon, Healy, and Sheppard."

There were also various sets of tickets to events like a Jets game donated by Professor Caraballo, tickets to the Colbert Report

donated by Professor Boon, and tickets to a Chelsea Handler show donated by Simone Handler-Hutchinson. Many students also solicited donations from their parents, including handmade chocolate lollipops and five hours of voice lessons.

The live auction, hosted by Professor Franzese, also had some exciting items up for grabs. The Admissions Office's trip to Miami, VIP Graduation tickets, and Professor Riccio's "Day at the Races" were some of the highest selling items.

The auction also received donations from companies such as Bar-Bri and Steiner Sports. Bar-Bri donated over \$10,000 in certificates and cash donations. All the Bar-Bri certificates went for about face value.

Shari Genser, a 3L PIN executive board member, who was extremely involved in the preparation for the auction, successfully bid on the Bar-Bri certificates. Genser said, "I will be taking the bar prep course in the spring, so I'll have to pay Bar-Bri either way. This way, by bidding on the certificate in the auction, I know the money is going to the Public Interest Network and will be used for a great cause."

This year, acting as the interim public interest coordinator, Molly Moynihan, stepped in to help prepare for the auction. Moynihan stated that the auction would not have been possible "without the help of all the student volunteers, professors, and benefactors that donated their time and items to the auction."

The auction also received many cash donations from alumni and friends of the school. Moynihan was very pleased with the auction's turnout and wanted to thank the PIN Presidents, executive board members, and everyone who put so much work and effort into the auction.

## SHU Law ranked 33rd in nation in top firm placement

**Mike Collins**  
Staff Writer

A new report indicates that job prospects for Seton Hall Law students at the nation's largest law firms are strong. In the 2011 annual survey conducted by The National Law Journal, Seton Hall Law is ranked as a "Top 50 Go-To Law School."

The survey calculated the percentage of 2010 graduates that were hired as first year students at "NLJ 250 firms," which are the nation's largest law firms according to The National Law Journal. With 41 out of 320 Seton Hall Law graduates becoming first year associates at "NLJ 250 firms" in 2010, Seton Hall Law is ranked number 33 in the "Top 50 Go-To Law Schools."

This ranking shows that Seton Hall Law "has a good foothold in the major firm market," said Gisele Joachim, Dean of Enrollment Management. "That is definitely

something that is important to some prospective law students."

The finding is also important to current students, according to administrators. "In this challenging economy, it's important to see that the nation's largest firms recognize the value of a Seton Hall Law degree," said Claudette St. Romain, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. "Current and prospective students want to see how a school is ranked in the various polls and measures."

Students have shared news of the ranking with one another. For example, SBA Senator Brad McConnell recently e-mailed his 1L constituents in Section A to inform them of this ranking, providing a link to The National Law Journal article and writing "Welcome to the Top 50!"

While the ranking is significant, it "tell[s] a pretty limited part of a larger story," said St. Romain. To this end, Joachim acknowledges that many prospective students "use this and other rankings in making decisions" about where to attend

law schools, but cautions that they treat this survey "as one piece of a larger puzzle to determine which law school is the best fit."

Similarly, current students should "learn about all employment options" and choose a career path "that is the best fit for the individual," said St. Romain. "A large law firm is not the best practice setting for every attorney."

For students that are best suited at a large law firm, St. Romain states that Seton Hall Law has "strong, longstanding relationships with many of the NLJ 250 firms," and in spite of the challenging economy, "there are many large firms in the area who are seeking to hire a Seton Hall Grad."

Seton Hall Law's ranking as a "Top 50 Go-To Law School" helps to inform the law school community and The National Law Journal's nationwide readership of this reality.

The article can be read in its entirety at <http://www.law.com/jsp/nlj/PubArticleNLJ.jsp?id=1202483173162#>.

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# Dispute Resolution Society takes 1st and 2nd at regional competition, qualifies for nat'l finals

**Donald F. Burke Jr.**  
*Executive Editor*

Seton Hall Dispute Resolution Society members Nima Ashtyani and Nick Stratton took top honors and David Budd and Alex Spayd captured second place at the Law Student National Representation in Mediation Competition, Region 2 finals, held at Seton Hall Law School on March 5 and 6. Seton Hall Law's third team of Chris DeAngelo and Carly DiFrancisco placed fourth. Region 2 encompasses law schools in New York City, New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania. Teams from New York Law School, Pace University School of Law, Quinnipiac University School of Law and Roger Williams University Law School competed. As Region 2 finalists, Ashtyani and Stratton will join the winners of the other regional competitions at the National Finals, which will be held during the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution's Spring Meeting.

In a message to members and friends of the Society, Director and Professor of Law David White stated "While winning any interschool competition is a significant achievement, this contest is particularly gratifying. The Representation in Mediation Competition is among the most respected ABA-sponsored events. To achieve success, competitors must demonstrate proficiency in multiple professional skill sets. With the continued rapid expansion of private sector and court-annexed mediation, this competition enables our students to

enter the profession with a level of proficiency not common among their peers."

Echoing White's words of congratulation and encouragement, DRS President DeAngelo stated, "On behalf of all three teams that competed this weekend, I extend thanks to the entire Dispute Resolution Society for the support shown both in preparing the teams and coming to the competition itself ... Seton Hall was the only school to remain undefeated going into the final round: six wins, zero losses - perfect."

Preparing for the competition was no easy task. According to Budd, "[W]e spent intensive sessions practicing with fact patterns from previous years. Spotting interests, preparing openings, working how to make appropriate use of the mediator, and how to manage time during the session ... We all met six to seven days a week either in our pairs or as a big group to work with each other and develop our tactics."

Though each of Seton Hall Law's three teams conducted its own practices and strategized independently, Budd stated they all met with White as one team at least once a week to go over the finer points of the competition. Budd emphasized that the competitiveness amongst Seton Hall Law's three teams was not overshadowed by their camaraderie. "Though

we were all competitive with each other, it was truly a team spirit. It was our goal to put two SHU teams into the Regional Final and assure that SHU would be the regional Champion."

Budd credited the fellow members of DRS who helped the competitors prepare with playing a big role in Seton Hall Law's success. "As we closed in on the competition the rest of the Society were brought in for outside perspectives and then to moot our teams. There was a day last week where all three teams were practicing, not just on the same day, but at the same time. We were able to benefit from the excellent insight and skills that our Society members

"We all met six to seven days a week either in our pairs or as a big group to work with each other and develop our tactics," said Budd.

possess." Ashtyani concurred: "We also received a lot of help from professors who took the time to sit with us and assist us in better understanding how to prepare and present our arguments."

Honorable Elizabeth Bonina, Honorable John P. DiBlasi and Kenneth Grundstein, Esq. judged the Region 2 finals. The New York Law Journal rated all three as being among the best mediators within New York State. Judge DiBlasi was rated as New York State's top mediator.

The National Finals will be held on April 13-15, 2011 in Denver, Colorado.

## Cricco-Lizza, Van Houter flawless at Cardozo moot court tourney

**Michael G. McDonough**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

The 27th annual Cardozo/BMI Entertainment and Communications Law Moot Court Competition took place March 10-13. Of the 26 law schools competing, Seton Hall Law 2Ls Gianna Cricco-Lizza and Andrew Van Houter finished in first place.

The competition was hosted by Cardozo Law and sponsored by BMI.

Competitors analyzed a fact pattern which focused on intellectual property, specifically copyright and trademark law. Cricco-Lizza and Van Houter, each arguing in their first interscholastic moot court tournament, breezed through the preliminary rounds, earning the tournament's top seed heading into the final 16.

"It took a lot of work and preparation, but it was well worth it. With each round we learned more and further developed skills, making it a rewarding experience," said Van Houter.

The pair went on to win three consecutive knock-out rounds before reaching the finals, where they defeated

a team from the University of Wisconsin Law School. Says Van Houter, "I am thankful for having a very talented partner and dedicated coaches to help carry [the team] through the finals."

"To be able to continue to improve in the art of oral advocacy round after round with the added pressure of being the number one seed and knowing the opposing teams are all looking for an upset is top notch," said Seton Hall Law's Moot Court Director Jodi A. Hudson.

Says Cricco-Lizza, "Great coaching, great teamwork, and great competitors - this was an amazing competition. Thanks to everyone who helped us prepare and everyone who came out to watch."

The judges for the final round consisted of Judge Sandra Segal Ikuta (United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit), Judge A. Raymond Randolph (United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit), and Judge Richard C. Wesley (United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit).

Says Hudson, "The added bonus of arguing in front of three federal circuit court judges in the Final Round is an experience Gianna and Andrew will never forget."



*Courtesy Seton Hall Law*

Oyez, oyez, oyez: Justice Rivera-Soto will speak at Seton Hall Law April 6.

## Mark your calendars: Justice Rivera-Soto to visit Seton Hall Law

On Wednesday, April 6, the Seton Hall Law chapter of the Federalist Society will host Roberto A. Rivera-Soto, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey. Justice Rivera-Soto will deliver a lecture entitled "Snyder v. Phelps and the Future of Free Speech."

The event will begin at 4:00 p.m. in room 373. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Food will be provided.

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# Government Day a 'tremendous success'

**Joe Kenny**  
Copy Editor

For many Seton Hall Law students, a career in government is an ideal option. The hours, benefits, and salary can be better than private practice and job security is very strong. In addition, government careers provide terrific opportunities for public service and the chance to help those in need.

With that in mind, the Office of Career Services recently held the Third Annual Government Day on March 1 at the Newark Club, where students had the opportunity to meet and network with officials from various offices of the local, state, and federal government.

At the event, students spoke with potential employers and learned about the responsibilities and benefits of jobs with each particular organization. The government officials were uniformly enthusiastic and excited about their work and very eager to share their experiences. Several representatives told students about summer internships available with their organizations



Courtesy Seton Hall Law

**Uncle Sam wants you!** Looking dapper as ever, 2L Corey Klein speaks to an employer at Seton Hall Law's third annual Government Day.

and invited them to submit resumes.

This popular event was well-attended by students from all class years. First year student Justin Grant

called the event, "a unique opportunity to meet and interact with employers focusing on the intricate legalities of the American Government system."

Among the agencies represented at Government Day were the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the New York County District Attorney's Office, and the Union County Prosecutor's Office. In all, approximately 25 government agencies attended the event. Most agencies offered students brochures and pamphlets about their organization and several also provided giveaways such as key chains, pens, and mugs.

The Career Services Office went to great lengths to arrange for many organizations to attend. Maria Capra, the Recruiting Coordinator at the Office of Career Services, was a driving force behind the event.

Capra remarked, "Government Day was a tremendous success! It was an overall great networking experience for our students.

The employers were very happy to be part of this event and are already looking forward to attending again next year!"

# Spring fever hits the 1L summer job search

**Allison L. Martin**  
Staff Writer

Shortly after first semester grades were posted, the phrase "Can you teach me how to use mail merge?" echoed throughout the 1L sections.

As has been the trend in past years, the majority of first-year students will spend their summers in a judge's chambers, according to the Office of Career Services. For some students, judicial internships offer an opportunity to hone practical research and writing skills. But many students have more personal justifications for choosing this particular summer job option.

"I want to work for a judge not only because I have judicial aspirations, but also because I think it's important for law students to have a dual perception of advocacy and adjudication in order to properly understand our legal system," said Josh Fisher, a 1L who has accepted a judicial internship for the summer. Fischer, like many other 1Ls, sent out resumes to more than 100 judges in the New Jersey area in pursuit of a coveted judicial internship.

In addition to the perennially popular governmental agency internships and faculty research assistant positions,

the Verizon Fellowship and the Cyber-Security internship have garnered a significant amount of attention from students, said Sonia Cunha, the Director of Career Services. The Port Authority internship program was also extremely appealing, with numerous Seton Hall students applying and interviewing.

The Public Interest Law Fellowship (PILF) program, which assists students working in unpaid positions, expanded support for placements this year to include both non-profit and governmental positions. Because of this change, the number of applications for the PILF grant has definitely been greater than in past years, according to Molly Moynihan, the acting Public Interest Coordinator. Moynihan said that approximately one-third of the applicants have secured placements at this time with either governmental agencies or public interest organizations.

While some 1Ls have already secured summer internships, many are still sending out resumes and interviewing. "I'm not really stressed yet because it's only mid-March and there are still plenty of places that are

just beginning to interview," said one anonymous first-year student. "I have some interviews lined up and it's just a matter of finding the right placement for me at this point."

Career Services say this is the optimistic attitude students who are still searching should have. "A lot of students come in panicking, but it's not too late," said Paula Edgar, Associate Director of Career Services. "A lot of interviewing and hiring happens in March and April."

The Office of Career Services has several upcoming programs to assist 1Ls who are still in the job hunt, such as a networking workshop and tea with appellate court judges. Edgar also suggests that students think outside the box to find unique opportunities tailored to their interests by reaching out to individuals whom students have met through bar association meetings or various school events. "It's not just about what is listed with career services," she said. "You always want to use your own resources as well."

**"It's not just about what is listed with career services, you always want to use your own resources as well."**

# Amidst instability, SHU Law cancels summer in Egypt for 2011

## Resources will now be diverted to a study abroad program in Jordan

**Joe Luppino-Esposito**  
Publisher

On March 2, Seton Hall Law School cancelled the popular Summer in Cairo study abroad program. Although demonstrations in Egypt have scaled back after the resignation of President Hosni Mubarak, there is still uncertainty about the Middle Eastern country's future, as well as a standing travel

warning by the U.S. Department of State.

In a statement posted on the program web site, the administration states, "While we lament this decision, we believe that it is in the best of interest of students and faculty to do so given the ongoing political and social unrest and the uncertainty of the Egyptian government restructuring."

Students who had planned on attending the Cairo Program are being encouraged to participate in the Jordan Summer Program. "We've shifted our resources to Jordan" said Professor Bernard Freamon, the on-site director for the Egypt and Jordan study abroad programs.

"We have more confidence in our ability to protect the well-being of students in Jordan," he said. Although he notes Jordan's government has

**"We have more confidence in our ability to protect the well-being of students in Jordan."**



Freamon

faced difficulty, the school believes that it can better ensure everyone's safety.

"I'm disappointed for those students that were hoping to be a part of the Program this year, particularly for those students that now may miss the opportunity completely," said 3L Phil Ryan, who has twice participated in the program.

But Ryan understands the issues involved. "Student safety is paramount," he said.

Freamon says that he expects the program to return next summer. "The revolution will likely make Egypt more attractive," he said.

## St. Thomas More Chapel Weekly Mass Schedule



Tuesdays & Thursdays

12:45 p.m

Wednesdays

5:15 p.m

## All are welcome

Additionally, a shuttle takes SHU Law students to Mass at 5:45pm on Saturday and 4:45pm on Sunday.

Finnegan's Feature:

# Irish eyes are smiling ... upon IALSA

**John F. Finnegan III**  
Managing Editor

It's Thursday afternoon. About 4 p.m. You are walking to your locker, for which you pay a handsome \$40 a year. But then, all of sudden, you stop. You hear a ruckus inside the multi-purpose room on the second floor. So naturally, you follow your Curious George instincts and take a peek inside. What do you see? Not The Man in The Yellow Hat (though, he may come later). In fact, you don't see the color yellow at all. Instead, you see lots of green. Green shirts, green solo cups, green decorations. There's cheerful talk and Gaelic music whistling through the wind. What you're seeing, George, is Thirsty Thursday, sponsored by the Irish American Law Students Association (IALSA).

IALSA is one of the few student organizations at Seton Hall Law School that does not have a direct legal or academic nexus. But when have rules ever stopped the Irish before? According to its student group profile on the SHU Law website, IALSA is "committed to celebrating Irish-American culture at the law school" and welcomes "all individuals who want to celebrate the rich heritage and traditions of the Irish." Sound like all bluster and blarney? Perhaps. But listen to the new president of IALSA, 3L Corey Sargeant, and you may change your tune to a Celtic beat.

"I'm excited for the new opportunity in taking over the IALSA presidency," said Sargeant, who reportedly is a mix of Irish, English, Italian, German, and Dutch heritage. "IALSA is a unique student organization to this school, providing students with an Irish way of kicking back and relaxing." Sargeant is right. IALSA is open to all SHU Law students and it sponsors two to three "Thirsty Thursday" events per semester. 3L Michael G. McDonough, former President of IALSA, said that "when I speak to Seton Hall Law alumni, they consistently mention Thirsty Thursdays as the most fun part of their law school experience." IALSA provides free food and drink at Thirsty Thursdays, which are usually held in the multi-purpose room from 4 to 6 p.m. Members are encouraged to bring friends, network with their peers, and take a well-deserved break from the daily study grind.

In addition to Thirsty Thursdays, IALSA renewed its annual softball tournament on Saturday, March 26 at 9 a.m. "We're having it at Belleville Park in Belleville, New Jersey. We were unable to hold it last year, which was unfortunate," remarked Sargeant. "It's a great time to get together with your classmates to show off your old



Courtesy Ricky Tracy

**In the Emerald City?:** The road rose to meet Seton Hall University's Irish student group as they marched on one of the most beautiful St. Patrick's Days in memory.

softball skills. Two years ago, there was a great turnout with eight to ten teams for the all-day event. Everyone had a great time and I think the sun even peaked out a little early to hand out some (Irish) tans."

It is not all fun and games for IALSA, however. On April 12, 2011, Seth Stern, author of "Justice Brennan: Liberal Champion", will visit SHU Law to discuss, among other issues, Justice William Brennan's Irish upbringing in Newark, NJ. As a member of the Warren Court in the late 1950s through the 1960s, and as an Associate Justice until 1990, Brennan was one of the most influential Supreme Court justices of the past century. He opposed the death penalty, wrote the landmark *New York Times v. Sullivan* decision, and supported abortion rights. The discussion promises to be insightful and informative, and IALSA members are encouraged to attend and learn how Brennan's life experiences shaped his worldview and contributed to the judge, and person, he became.

The exact number of IALSA members is unknown, but its mailing list boasts over 250 – far and away the biggest club on campus. The turn-out for Thirsty Thursdays is

typically over seventy students, but there are open E-Board positions available for interested students.

"We will need a new president and E-board for next year to take over and continue the tradition of this extremely friendly club," said Sargeant, who counts John McEnroe and Michael Flatley as his favorite Irish athletes and Conan O'Brien as his most admired Irish writer-turned-late night comedy talk show host. For now, Sargeant's goals for IALSA are simple, yet laudable: "Continue the previous president's fine work on Thirsty Thursday's; throw a rock-star St. Patty's Day party; and revive the IALSA softball tournament."

Given the group's straight-forward platform and staunch student support, IALSA appears to be in capable hands. "I see IALSA as a morale-booster for Seton Hall law students, and I believe it will continue to function as such," opined McDonough. Indeed, with the luck of the Irish on its side, IALSA seems destined to play a small, but meaningful role at SHU Law for years to come.

## Academic Success Program helps part-time and full-time students alike

**Lillian Raja**  
Staff Writer

As described on the school's website, "Seton Hall Law School's Academic Success Program (ASP) is dedicated to the development and realization of a student's full potential in law school." It offers support and exam taking skills essential to success in law school. ASP offers a variety of services, including large and small group instructive meetings, individual consultations, the ASP Reserve in the law library, and general workshops in the fall led by ASP, faculty or Counseling Services.

The program is led by a full-time Director, Christina Bennett, and is staffed by a select group of student teaching fellows. The program's chief beneficiaries are first and second year day and evening students. There is also an ASP blog at <http://asp-profbenett.blogspot.com>.

ASP has been around since August 2000 and is geared towards 1Ls. Bennett says she has seen improvements in the spring with students who had difficulty with school in the fall and she says that students have expressed that the program has made a big difference.

Both full-time and part-time students can take part in ASP. For example, last fall, several full-time students from different first year sections were enrolled in the program, and even some full-time second year students became involved in study groups for BA and Tax, says Bennett.

In the spring semester ASP reaches out to all full-time day students that have struggled academically their first semester and strongly suggest that they join ASP. ASP is also open to any students seeking improvement, whether or not it seems they may have struggled.

Last fall, an e-mail was sent to the entire first year full-time day class announcing the program, and an informational meeting was held, says Bennett. Students from many of the sections joined and were able to take advantage of the program. Students can continue in the program after their first year at Seton Hall, however, groups for upper class students would depend on student initiative. Becoming a part of ASP is also a commitment; students cannot just show up periodically to ASP.

All 1Ls have the same access to practice exams and resources. There are exams

on-line and in the law library. Both the part-time and full-time day students enrolled in ASP have the opportunity to take the same practice exams administered in exam-like conditions. There are also workshops available to them where they can get feedback on the exams.

In addition, Bennett is willing to meet with any student to discuss techniques for maximizing success, exam preparation, and to loan them materials whether or not they are enrolled in the program.

Any students who are interested in participating can contact Bennett at [christina.bennett@shu.edu](mailto:christina.bennett@shu.edu).

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# CAREER SERVICES: Staffers throughout the law school come together to make it work



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Journal ranked Seton Hall Law 33rd in the country for sending over 12 percent of the class of 2010 to the nation's top 250 law firms, a similar percentage of the Class of 2010 were not employed nine months after graduation.

Recently, the Office of Career Services submitted data to the NALP, the Association for Legal Career Professionals. A preliminary analysis shows that of the Class of 2010, 284 out of 320 recent alums, or 87 percent, were employed nine months after graduation. "To me, that's a very positive number," said St. Romain. Thirty-seven students were seeking work and four students did not respond. Of the 284 who were employed, 99 had judicial clerkships and "a nice handful of them" took the clerkship with a job lined up for after the clerkship ends, typically one year.

"We have some students who are unemployed by choice because we had a couple of parents in the Class of 2010 who don't want to work. We have some people who decided to continue their education by seeking an LL.M or an MBA, but 87 percent of the Class of 2010 has jobs now."

St. Romain emphasized that these were legal jobs, as opposed to waitressing or working at a car dealership. Almost all of them are full-time jobs, according to St. Romain. However, some of the positions are temporary or part-time and the jobs run the gamut from accounting firms, a high school teacher, and a sheriff.

"We did have some folks who were doing some document review and some temporary positions, but they're employed in the legal realm and they're just looking for something more permanent or full-time," said Career Services Director Sonia Cunha, who assisted in compiling the data.

Once the data is approved by the NALP, it will be released publicly.

## The new face of the legal job market

The legal job market has changed and this has blurred the lines between fall and spring On-Campus Interviewing (OCI). Big law firms have scrutinized the traditional hiring model: where large firms come to the law school and interview during the fall of second year, hire a number of associates for the rising 3L summer, and hire them back after they graduate so long as they behave themselves at the firm's parties.

"Firms are starting to say, 'Is that a smart way to do business?' I don't think we're going to go back to the way it was in the '80s. I think that a lot of firms are just saying that that's not smart, but that doesn't mean that they're not going to hire. It just may mean that they're not going to hire you, almost permanently, in the fall of your second year after you have two semesters worth of grades," said St. Romain.

The new legal market makes the job search less predictable, but also less strict. For the past three years, more employers participated in spring OCI than participated in fall OCI.

The new legal market could also mean taking a temporary position or a part-time position and finding full-time work through those employers or contacts made through that work, an avenue some recent grads are taking. "We're finding more and more employers are in favor of going that route because they can't predict so far in advance. If they like you and the work is there, then they can keep you for the summer or even for a full-time position post-graduation," said Cunha.

A higher GPA, passing the bar, a demonstrated interest in a particular area of law through externships and pro bono work, and a good relationship with a faculty member are still the most important factors firms consider in hiring new attorneys. "It doesn't mean that only the top of the class gets jobs," said St. Romain. "It means that positioning yourself in the best possible way always helps."

Thomas Andrykovitz, a second year student, thought he would have a job lined up in the fall. Currently, he is interviewing for a summer position. "There are people with better grades than me. There are people who went to better schools for undergrad than me. I had to apply everywhere," he said.

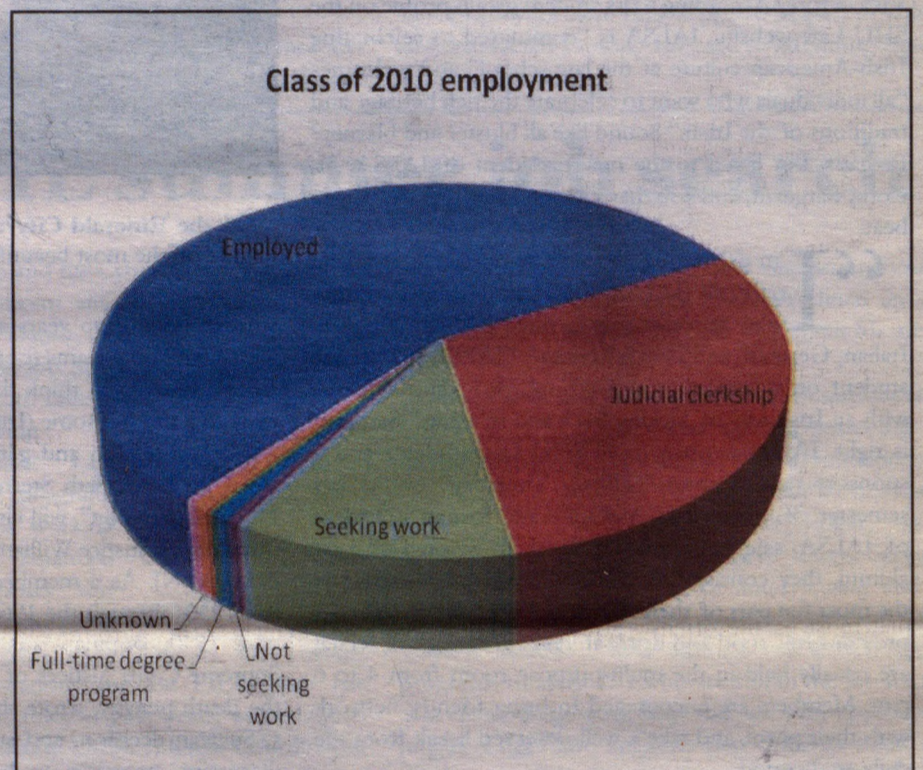
While he is no stranger to OCS, he does not solely rely on it in his job search. "OCS should not be the be all and end all," he said.

Andrykovitz frequents non-school-sponsored networking events to supplement his participation in OCI and Resume Referral. "Career Services does encourage you to go out there and meet people and you go to functions for free as a law student," he said. "I plant as many seeds as possible and hope one will sprout."

## Are students taking advantage of OCS?

Despite being short-staffed, career services has a lot to offer students. OCS offers resume and cover letter review, networking seminars, and mock interviews in addition to resume referrals, OCI, and various networking events. Students, on the other hand, are not always taking advantage of these opportunities.

**"Whether or not an employer is looking to hire one or two people tomorrow, they might be looking to hire one or two people in two months. These are events where you can make that first impression, get that foot in the door, or maybe get yourself an upper hand when the jobs are going to be available."**



**Take this job and love it:** Seton Hall Law students have largely been successful navigating the difficult economy

employer is looking to hire one or two people tomorrow, they might be looking to hire one or two people in two months. These are events where you can make that first impression, get that foot in the door, or maybe get yourself an upper hand when the jobs are going to be available," she said. "Students can't pass up an opportunity to make that first impression, to shake the hand of an employer, to hear the employers rap about what their firm does so that when they do go on an interview in a couple months, at least they can speak intelligently about the firm, they can know whether it appeals to them or whether it would be a waste of their time and so on."

Student habits in applying for jobs through career services also leave more to be desired. OCS received 99 resumes for employers who asked for "resume only" and one job in particular that required a cover letter, only garnered three responses. "PSE&G was looking for a paid summer intern for their legal department. They were paying an \$8,500 stipend for someone to work from May to August and we sent them three applications because they required a cover letter. I can't believe that every 3L is employed or wasn't interested," said Cunha. "It takes an extra hour or two to write a cover letter. I don't see why you wouldn't apply for these great opportunities, because if they're getting three resumes from us and 50 from Rutgers, they may consider hiring a Rutgers person versus a Seton Hall person just because they have more to choose from."

Other students have told OCS that they prefer not to participate in the resume referral program, feeling as if employers who do not come on campus to interview are not truly serious about hiring from Seton Hall Law. "That's not necessarily true. A lot of firms, especially smaller firms, don't necessarily have the time to come in for a half day," said St. Romain. "Students need to be open to all the ways that firms are conducting hiring."

*Do you have an opinion about the job market or Seton Hall Law's Office of Career Services? Write in to The Cross Examiner at [thecrossexaminer@gmail.com](mailto:thecrossexaminer@gmail.com).*

Last spring, OCS held a Law Firm Open House at the Newark Club where the employers in attendance outnumbered the students. "The attorneys were talking to one another. It was truly disheartening," said Cunha.

St. Romain wondered whether the students believed that because the event was not an interview and no one there was going to hand them a job, they chose not to attend. She also said the law school bears some of the responsibility for not educating the law students about the benefits of these networking events.

"Whether or not an

# Campus keepers: Seton Hall Law's effective (and friendly) security force

**Frank Gonnello Jr.**  
Associate Editor

Every time you pass through the revolving doors and enter the Law School, you whip out your ID, show it to security, and go about your business. But have you ever taken the time to get to know the smiling faces behind the front desk? Do you know what it is that they're actually doing for you, round the clock, day in and day out? It's about time you found out.

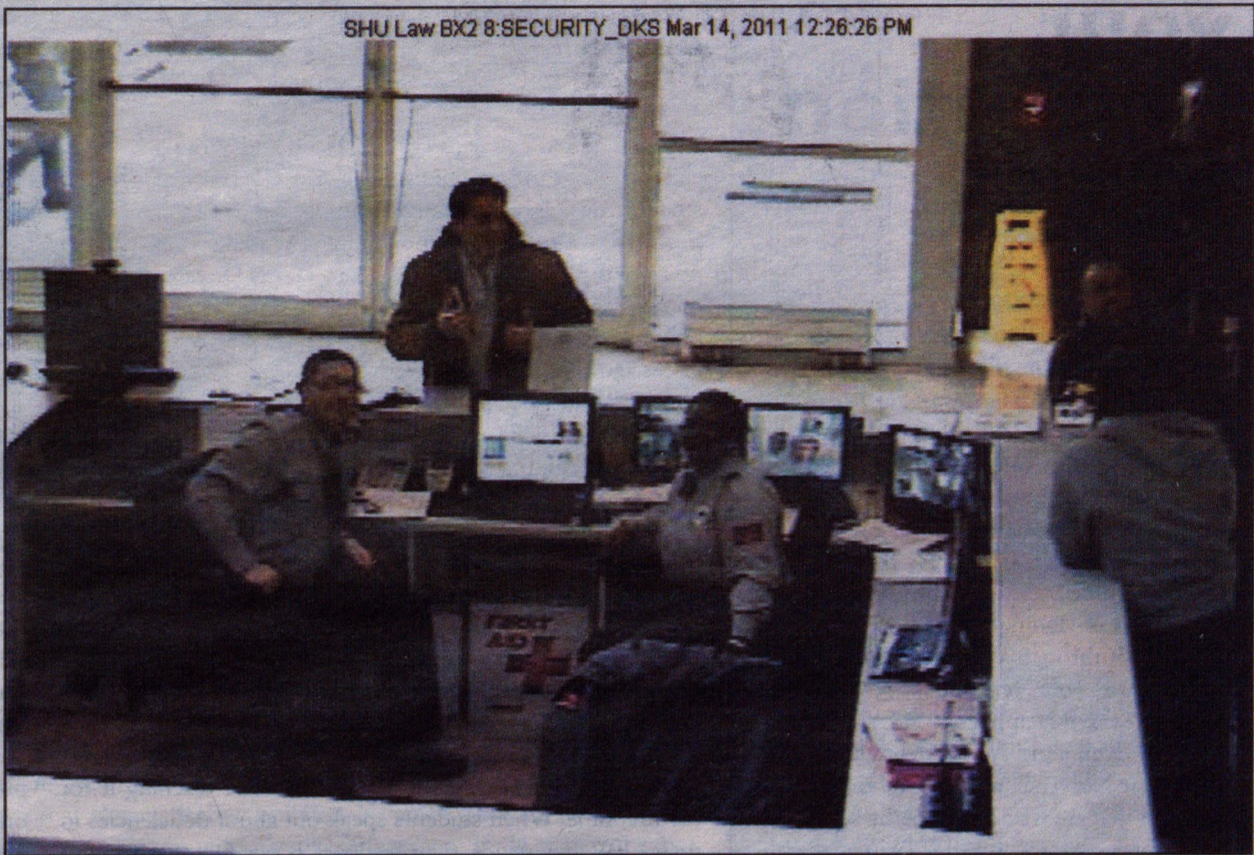
Seton Hall Law's security force consists of twelve members, many of whom were born and raised right here in Newark, NJ, and all of whom can usually be caught with a smile on their face at any given time. The squad is monitored by Gerald P. Lenihan, Security Manager, formerly of the Newark police force, who is constantly looking for new ways to maintain the safety of the law school community.

"We're fortunate to be in a great area, surrounded by the FBI around the corner, DEA across the street, the courthouse down the road, and the increased security presence on both sides of us for NJPAC and the Prudential Center," Lenihan explained. "Even so, we try hard to make sure students and faculty feel safe once they're inside."

If the numbers are any indication, they seem to be succeeding.

Pursuant to federal requirements under the Cery Act, Lenihan keeps annual crime logs for all reported incidents that occur both within the building, as well as within about a block radius of the school. Though the majority of crimes reported in these logs are thefts taking place inside the building, this number has seen drastic improvement over the past six years.

For example, in 2003 there were 19 reported thefts taking place within the building. In 2004, eleven more thefts occurred before June. Suspecting that most of the offenses were committed



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Courtesy Big Brother

**Entrance secured:** Lenihan's team greets students and faculty with amicable authority.

by nonstudents entering the building, Lenihan and his team implemented the mandatory ID check at the front door that still exists today. The ID check was effective, and for the remainder of 2004 there were no thefts reported. Even more impressive, there has only been a combined ten thefts reported within the building since 2008.

Lenihan encourages students to voice their concerns, and to stop by his office at room 108A if they ever wish

to see the publicly available security logs. He also notes that students should be mindful of what they leave out in the open, especially during stressful finals period.

Employing a bit of common sense is sometimes all that's needed to prevent theft. Other times, it's Lenihan's friendly team of security professionals that keeps us secure on campus -- just don't mistake their kindness for weakness.

## Meet our security staff



**Sylvia Wilcox**  
**Hometown:** Newark, NJ  
**Favorite thing to do when not protecting our school:** Sylvia likes to visit the Hoboken Waterfront with her significant other to watch the ships pass, and keep an eye out for our school's Hoboken residents.



**Arthur Murphy**  
**Hometown:** Newark, NJ  
**Favorite thing to do when not protecting our school:** Arthur is a movie aficionado. Though he enjoys all types of movies, action flicks with Liam Neeson are among his most recent favorites.



**Anna Hallman**  
**Hometown:** Washington D.C.  
**Favorite thing to do when not protecting our school:** Nicknamed by her fellow officers as "RoboCop," Anna volunteers her expert security services for the church ministry she belongs to every other weekend. When not making the world a safer place, she spends time with family and makes occasional trips to the movies.



**Ketia Jean Baptiste**  
**Hometown:** Jersey City, NJ  
**Favorite thing to do when not protecting our school:** Ketia enjoys her time off by spending it with family, namely her daughter, Lilliyane.



**Andrew DaSilva**  
**Hometown:** Newark, NJ  
**Favorite thing to do when not protecting our school:** A retired clubgoer, Andrew now enjoys playing soccer and spending time with his five-year-old daughter, Janessa Nicole.

### Staff Members not pictured

**Rameera Green**  
**Hometown:** Jersey City, NJ  
**Favorite thing to do when not protecting our school:** Security by day, student by night, Rameera spends much of her time studying Social Work at Essex County College. Rameera plans to work for DYFS in the future, since she is passionate about children's rights.



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**Giovanna Santos**  
**Hometown:** Newark, NJ  
**Favorite thing to do when not protecting our school:** Giovanna is big into sports. He likes to follow the Miami Dolphins and New York Yankees in his spare time. Keep him updated with the score if you see him working a late shift after baseball season begins.

Michael Wilson

Cynthia Ward



## Web-proofing your reputation

**Mike Wilkos**  
Staff Writer

*Last month, Mike Wilkos explained the importance of securing your "Net Trail" and why that is so vitally important. This month, Wilkos discusses some good rules to follow in order to accomplish those goals.*

### Internet Reputation Management Guidelines to Follow

- Separate the personal from the professional. Do not link the email address that you put on your resume to any social media account like Facebook. Doing so makes you easily discoverable through a simple email search.
- Never use your real name on a public website. Note: this applies to private Twitter accounts. Even a private Twitter account can reveal your Net Trail, and anyone can search messages that are written to you by searching for @yourusername in the Twitter search feature.
- Master the art of "preemptive detagging" This means kindly declining to pose for potentially embarrassing or incriminating pictures before they are taken.
- Google yourself periodically, or set a Google Alert (<http://www.google.com/alerts>) with your name so you are notified of anything written about you. If you have a common name, add in various modifying search terms. For example, if you are John Smith and attend the University of California, search for things like "John Smith UCLA" for a more accurate set of results.
- If you discover any offensive content when Googling your name, email whoever posted it and politely ask him or her to take it down.
- Double check your Facebook settings to ensure that they are indeed private. A good way to test this is to have a friend "defriend" you for a few minutes and ask them to visit your page to see what they have access to.
- Use different usernames for different websites and message boards. This fragments your one Net Trail into many, and thus makes it extremely hard to trace everything that you do online.
- If you must engage in an Internet flaming match, make sure you use an entirely new and anonymous username.

### But my Twitter is Private

It will still reveal your username and thus your Net Trail, and by going to the search feature and typing "@yourusername" anyone can see who is communicating to you on Twitter.

### But my Facebook is Private

It can still reveal your username in the URL bar of the browser, and it will still display one profile picture and sometimes will display your "likes." Make sure none of this is incriminating or unprofessional.

### But I have a fake name on my Facebook

If the email on your resume is linked to your Facebook account, even as one of multiple email addresses on your profile, employers can easily find you. Remember the case of "Big Chris Daddy" mentioned above.

### Conclusion

Use these rules of Internet Reputation Management and be proactive about removing content that can cost you the job. It may seem like overkill to some, but trust us, it is absolutely necessary—you never know who is watching... or Googling you.

Cross-Examined:

## An inside look at the class 1Ls love to hate and the changes afoot

**Gina Barbieri**  
Staff Writer

As a required course, Legal Research and Writing elicits a range of reactions from 1Ls. Every year students raise issues, ranging from distaste for their professor to the lack of anonymity in grading. I sat down with Professor Deborah Herrera, the Director of the Legal Research and Writing Program, to find out what all the fuss is about and what is being done to ease student concerns.

LRW is unique because the professors are all adjunct professors. Everyone interviewed for a teaching position goes under a rigorous process before they are even considered for an interview. Applicants are sent a student writing sample, which they must correct and give feedback on. This tests their ability to clearly communicate writing recommendations to students. Every year one third of the LRW professors leave either because of the time commitment, family reasons or simply not being asked to return based on a comprehension evaluation of their performance. Based on the turnover, it is inevitable that some classes will have professors who have taught the class for five years, while other classes will have someone teaching it for the first time. When students speak out about deficiencies in their LRW experience, their feedback is one factor taken into consideration when deciding whether a professor's contract will be renewed.

Many changes have been made to the program in the last few years in response to student concerns. Students felt they were not learning the skills they needed prior to their first graded assignments. To remedy this, the first assignment given to 1Ls is now ungraded and filled with feedback for them to work with in subsequent assignments. More re-writes have also been embedded into the program. The second

writing assignment now incorporates elements from the first assignment, which were corrected and are subsequently expanded on so students feel confident with the material.



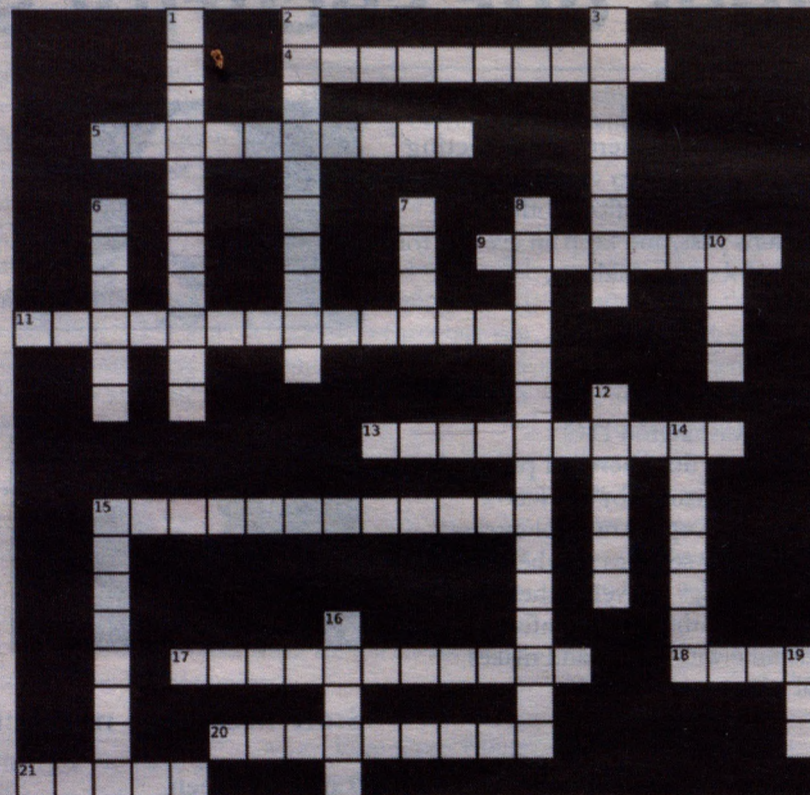
Herrera

1Ls are taught to help solidify important concepts such as rule interpretation and writing a statement of a case. In the past, students complained of topic fatigue. Now there are two topics tackled in the fall and one topic with two separate issues for students to work on in the spring.

Last, we touched on ongoing concerns that Professor Herrera hears frequently and is currently exploring: anonymous grading, full-time faculty, and the dreaded curve. In the context of anonymous grading Professor Herrera is currently looking into how it can be implemented and if it will work once implemented. The possibility of hiring full-time professors to teach the Legal Research and Writing program is also being considered. The ability to hire full-time professors largely depends on the budget. The curve was created with the help of the SBA several years ago because students were concerned that there was inequity in the way the LRW professors graded their assignments. The curve was implemented to prevent some professors from giving high marks to all students while other professors had a more stringent standard. The curve was originally set at 3.0 but was raised to 3.2 because of student feedback. Both of these issues are continually being evaluated and adjusted to best fit the needs of the students.

The LRW program will continue to grow and change with review of constructive student comments and suggestions. Herrera sends out a course questionnaire once a semester and she carefully reviews written responses to help effectuate positive changes to the program such as how the curriculum can be adjusted. Students who want to effectuate change should take the course evaluations seriously and write thoughtful comments that can realistically lead to improvements.

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# TOY FAIR NOT JUST FUN AND GAMES: Who thought that intellectual property law could be so much fun?

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rights and the toy industry. Despite giant animatronic stuffed animals and Lego sculptures, I still sensed some of the austerity I was trying to escape. In fine print on the back of my nametag, I read: "No one under 18 admitted. Please save yourself and your child the shame and embarrassment of being turned away." Notwithstanding the prohibition, the sound of babies laughing and gurgling permeated the cavernous room, piped in over the PA system.

My unnamed source in the lab coat tipped me off to a story that sounded far more interesting than patents and trademarks, and I decided to hunt down a new source in the China Pavilion on the second floor. Going straight to the horse's mouth seemed like a flash of brilliance, something that an actual journalist might do. I wove through the aisles, pausing every few steps to examine the occasional toilet-shaped coffee mug or remote-controlled shark balloon. Eventually, I arrived at a grouping of booths that featured the latest developments in toys from Asia. They were noticeably more electronic and sophisticated than their American counterparts (see "Toilet-shaped coffee mug," *supra*). I approached the booth, trying out ways to phrase my question that would avoid instigating an international incident.

"I don't have anything to say about that," responded the representative from the trade association, *made-in-china.com*, with just the right amount of surliness. I didn't press her for any more information, mainly for fear of crossing the fine line that exists between investigative journalist and unwelcome paparazzo.

The trail looked officially cold, but I pressed on.

Later, I met Tom Rotundo, inventor of the *Hawaii H2O Mister™*, a water bag connected to ten feet of tubing—



**Lego my patent:** competition in the toy business can be treacherous

hook it up to an ordinary beach chair and presto, one gets a continuous spray of light mist to stay cool at the beach. He had no problems trade-marking his product's name or slogan ("Personal cooling at its best"). Linda Harkavy, of *Linda's Lollies®*, said that despite her company's slogan, "Often Imitated, Never Duplicated," she has had no issues with patent infringement in 26 years of sales. I was happy for her, but mildly irritated at her lollipop company's misleading catchphrase.

I cheered myself up at a product demonstration, where a man demonstrated the amazing power of "*Grow Snow®*," a crystalline powder that, when water was added, expanded within seconds into a handful of something that actually resembled snow. While I played with the faux snow, I asked inventor Steve Spengler what he found to be the most enlightening thing about his amazing journey from "guy with an idea" to "guy with fake snow." "I'll tell you something I didn't know going into the whole process: you need a lot of money, right up

front," he said. I asked him why, and his bright eyes hardened just a little at the memory.

"For the lawyers."

"Thanks," I said, and moved on quickly to the next booth.

Jonah White, co-inventor of *Billy Bob Teeth®*, perfected a product line of gag teeth available in any number of styles, from caveman to psycho clown. He generously handed me a nugget of wisdom that my property professor never divulged: "What they won't tell you is that patents are worthless." He told me he has been involved in several lawsuits, all over patent infringement on, yes, fake vampire teeth, which have cost him upwards of a million dollars. He expressed no happiness at meeting a future lawyer, and after his tirade on law school students, he left me with

this parting thought:

"The lawyers took all my money."

Nevertheless, when I looked at his website later, I was comforted to see that, despite it all, he was still brainstorming. His latest invention is a plastic revolver that dispenses liquor from one of its six chambers: *The Russian Roulette Drinking Game*. This "College Drinking Must Have" could not possibly spawn any more lawsuits for him.

I came to the Toy Fair to find the dreamers—the brave men and women who saw their world with a little piece missing and said, "I want to finish that jigsaw puzzle," and at least gave it a try. But between the Chinese spies and the patent lawyers, many of them failed, or became so embittered along the way that they could no longer enjoy even their own toys. The toy fair taught me a valuable lesson that I hadn't expected.

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## Small talk: Barrister's menswear



**Frank Gonnello Jr.**  
Associate Editor

with Professor Wefing.

### The suit slim is in

In a recent survey by a very reliable publication that polled every woman in America, an astounding 100% of respondents stated that the most unattractive thing a guy can do at Barrister's Ball is wear a suit that doesn't fit properly. To test whether a suit fits, or looks like it belongs to your fat older brother, follow these simple guidelines:

**Shoulders.** The shoulder pads should be even with your own shoulders. Stand sideways against a wall with your arm down at your side. If the shoulder pad touches the wall before your arm does, the jacket is too big.

**Chest.** Button your suit (middle button only for three-button suits, top button only for two-button suits). If that was difficult, the jacket is too small. If you buttoned up without a problem, make sure there's no more than a three fingers' worth of space between the button and your chest.

**Torso.** You should be able to see space between your arms and your torso when your arms are at your side and your jacket is buttoned. If needed, have the sides of

your jacket taken in by a tailor. A good tailor can even slim down the sleeves to help give you the appearance that you actually go to the gym.

**Legs.** Proper-length pants can make you look taller. If you try on your suit pants with dress shoes and experience any more or less than one fold before the pants reach the shoe, take those straight-leg pants straight to the tailor. Pleats are less likely to be flattering for most people, but if you're comfortable with the fit (and it's not a zoot suit), you'll look fine.

If a tailor is not going to cut it, you can pick up a new slim-fitting suit at relatively low cost at stores like Zara and select H&M locations. See [www.zara.com](http://www.zara.com); [www.hm.com](http://www.hm.com).



**Slim is in:** Women across America have agreed, SHU Law men should wear a slim suit to Barrister's Ball.



**Be successful and look good.** Slim ties and tie bars are retro looks that back from the Mad Men era.

### Neckwear

**The Skinny Tie & Tie Bar.** Retro = "winning." Just look at the popularity of AMC's *Mad Men*, a show about men in impeccable slim suits, skinny ties, and tie bars, being successful and looking good. Pick a tie that's 2" or less wide, making sure it is darker than the shirt you're wearing. Clip a tie bar over the tie and no one will suspect that you still haven't locked up a job for this summer. See [www.thetiebar.com](http://www.thetiebar.com)

**The Ascot.** Previously mistaken by some to be pretentious, this classic neckwear item is staging its comeback by puffing the collars of many stylish celebrities, including David Beckham, Jeremy Piven, and George Clooney.

The ascot is as comfortable as it is sartorially sensible, so distinguish yourself at Barrister's by rocking this great conversation starter that effectively doubles as an attractiveness-intensifier. See [www.absoluteties.com](http://www.absoluteties.com).

### Grooming:

**Pass on Hair Gel.** Instead, apply a hair paste like Axe's Whatever to dry hair to give yourself a textured look that won't scream "Jersey Shore" or cause your fists to pump into the air involuntarily.

**Smell Better.** Almost any fragrance is better than eau de sweaty dancer. Since colognes are designed to react chemically with your skin, never apply them over clothes. Spray once in the air at chest level and walk through it. Spray a second spray in front of your knees and walk through again. This will allow the scent to blossom up and last a bit longer. Recommended: Chanel Bleu de Chanel or 2 MAN by Comme des Garçons.

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## Reply all



**John F. Finnegan III**  
Managing Editor

Recently, I reached out to some fellow SHU Law students and asked them to contribute to *The Cross Examiner*. The e-mail went a little something like this:

"Good evening men. The latest copy of *The Cross Examiner*, SHU Law's only independent student newspaper, just came out on Friday. Pick up a copy and read the fine journalism at your leisure." – OK, I'll admit: "fine journalism" may be a bit self-congratulatory. But I believe it's true.

"I'm asking if any or all of you would like to write an article in *The Cross Examiner* for the March edition. It can be about anything. A news article or an op-ed piece. Sports, politics, humor, running diary of spring break antics gone awry." – In retrospect, I am relieved that nobody took the Spring Break idea and ran with it. We try to run a clean paper here.

"Frega, you can even write about the legal implications of your Amazin' Mets getting a \$25 million dollar loan from MLB." – Somehow, 3L John Frega resisted this angle for a story. Hope springs eternal, and my guess is he is ignoring the Wilpons' financial woes and talking himself into a rotation of Pelfrey, Dickey, and Niece for the 2011 campaign.

"Or perhaps, you can even write a brief, poignant reflection on your law school experiences as we wind down the merry-go-round and get set to graduate." – Kind of like what I am trying to do here.

"I write to you all because I respect you as writers and as thinkers ... as people with something worthwhile to say." – In fact, not only do I respect Carson, Andrew, John, Joe, Kenny, Doug, Dave, Josh, and Nick, but I feel the same way about every student, faculty member, administrator, and employee at Seton Hall Law School. As writers and thinkers. As people with something worthwhile to say. As people.

"The March 2011 issue will be the last edition that Joe Luppino-Esposito, Mike McDonough, and I are involved in the paper ... So, if you have a moment, feel free to write an article." – They didn't take me up on the offer. Can't say I blame them. It's their spring break, after all. They weren't going to fall for some cheap sentimental appeal.

"Until then, I hope to see you all around school and that everything is going well." – Law school is busy. The real world will be even busier. But I do hope to see them around. And I know that everything, in the end, will go well for them, and for you.

"All my best" – All my best.

## A simple answer

"Why did you choose to go to law school?" seemed like a simple enough question. It popped up towards the end of the Princeton Review's online survey. For me, it was a simple answer: "To become a lawyer."

The problem was, the answer choice was nowhere to be found. Instead, I had to choose from: be a professor, "continue my intellectual growth," make bank, get some respect, be a bleeding heart, be a political hack, "intrinsic interest," the dreaded "to find myself," hold off becoming part of the Obama recovery, or "I am a masochist."

I came in wanting to be a prosecutor. I guess I could spin that to mean I wanted to "change society" or "serve humankind," but what's wrong with wanting to just work? I wanted to do my job, and do it right, and it required a J.D. So I took the LSAT, filled out the applications, and three years ago, I paid my deposit.

Perhaps these head-in-the-clouds and money-on-the-mind answer choices are indicative of the multiple personality disorder of law schools. When law schools want to be all things to all people, they serve no one.

*What is the point of law school?* This is a serious question. No guarantees are made that you'll get a job, or even that you'll pass the bar exam. The latter will cost you another \$3,000



**Joe Luppino-Esposito**  
Publisher

and two months of your life in the classroom. That's on top of the six figures and 20 plus years you've already spent getting to this point.

So why go to law school? Students, faculty, administrators, and their institutions would be

better served if someone would hammer that down. Success can only come from one clear vision of why students bother to pay to attend an institution of higher learning for three to four years.

That's not to say that the end result will be, or even should be, uniform. A legal education can expand your opportunities more than any other degree. Getting through a juris doctor program is undoubtedly grueling, and after that, you can do most anything.

But if the people in the program don't have one purpose, everyone flounders. Classrooms are tough to navigate when the person who wants to be a lifetime student gets paired up with the one who wants to make money writing dismissal motions.

As I'm sure every law student has experienced, plenty of people will ask you if they should go to law school. I'll leave you with my response.

Don't come to law school to bide time. Don't come for "the challenge." Don't come for the salary and don't come to save the world.

Come to law school if you want to be a lawyer.

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# Here we go again: politics as usual in NJ judiciary selection



**Donald F. Burke Jr.**  
Executive Editor

Governor Christie's decision not to re-nominate Justice John Wallace Jr. had many in the legal community fuming. There were claims of infusing politics into New Jersey's judiciary and jeopardizing the judiciary's independence. One South Jersey newspaper editorial said it made Supreme Court retention "subject to political winds

and whims." Even if you believe the Governor was motivated by politics, however, his decision broke no new ground. Politics has played a role in the judicial selection and retention process since New Jersey enacted its 1947 Constitution.

In New Jersey, judges are nominated by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Thus, the judicial selection process is inherently political; to become a judge in New Jersey it is necessary to have the support of the political establishment. New Jersey has long had a tradition of senatorial courtesy, whereby if a nominee's senator blocks a nomination or does not support retention, the prospective judge's judicial career is over. Gaining the support of a local senator and/or the governor usually involves the same type of activities it takes to get anything done in politics: attending swanky dinners, supporting the right candidates, and – most importantly – contributing to political campaigns. A 2007 Bergen Record article about New Jersey's judicial selection process revealed that 40 of the 49 judges appointed to the bench in Bergen, Passaic, Morris, and Hudson counties over the last decade made repeated contributions to their local senators and other candidates

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prior to nomination. These contributions ranged from a few hundred to several thousand dollars. To be clear, this

is not illegal and has been the practice in New Jersey for decades. It does, however, make it difficult – if not impossible – for good candidates who have no political connections to become judges. According to Barry Epstein, a former president of the New Jersey State Bar Association, "It seems it has gotten harder for candidates of merit to be nominated. There are some wonderful lawyers who probably would like to be judges but don't want to go through with the political aspects of it."

Case in point: Governor Christie, in a time-honored tradition adhered to by both parties, recently nominated a state legislator to the bench. Is there any doubt that this was a political nomination? Ironically, Assemblyman Michael Patrick Carroll's bid failed – for political reasons. The Democrat-controlled Senate Judiciary Committee blocked Carroll, who opposes abortion funding, supports gun rights, and advocates a literal interpretation of the U.S. Constitution. Carroll, who will probably be a thorn in Christie's side throughout the upcoming budget debate, was a good candidate for Christie to eliminate for political reasons. The Star Ledger called the move "political housecleaning in the legislature."

Politics is an ever-present component of the judicial selection and retention process in New Jersey. It is the 800-pound gorilla in the room. Maybe it would be best for New Jersey to follow the clear majority of states – about 39 in total – that elect their judges. That way, everyone's cards would be on the table. The citizens of New Jersey would have an opportunity to vet judicial candidates in the light of day, without leaving the process to the whims of New Jersey's legislature. And the best candidates, regardless of political connections, would have an opportunity to become judges.

# Replace anti-military posters with 'thank you' placards



**Michael G. McDonough**  
Editor-in-Chief

In 1993 President Clinton and the Democratic Congress enacted "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT), a policy that required the military to eschew sexual orientation-based recruiting inquiries and not hire those who self-identified as homosexual. The Association of American Law Schools (AALS), of which Seton Hall is a fee-paying member, deemed this a violation of AALS's internal non-discrimination policy.

In response, the AALS attempted to ban military recruiters from law school campuses, but Congress's 1996 Solomon Amendment allowed the Secretary of Defense to deny federal funding to universities that banned military recruiters. In *Rumsfeld v. Fair*, the Supreme Court held that the Solomon Amendment was constitutional, rejecting the AALS-backed challenge.

AALS could not require its member law schools to forgo federal funding, so it permitted law schools to host military recruiters, but mandatorily required that law schools post non-discrimination policy notices and take further ameliorative action, such as holding an annual Amelioration Day or creating faculty and student amelioration committees. AALS also encouraged law schools to protest DADT by inconveniencing JAG recruiters. One such practice was articulated in a 1998 memo which coached law schools in ameliorative efforts:

"[R]easonable [recruiting] access does not dictate equal access... [T]he language of the law does not obligate schools to do anything else beyond providing reasonable access; ... [which] does not in the Section's view imply that schools are obligated to provide other free services or amenities (such as, perhaps, scheduling appointment times, collecting and transmitting resumes, free parking, endless supplies of coffee, snacks or lunches and the like)."

Some viewed AALS's response as a courageous defense of homosexuals from DADT, others saw it as sour grapes which unnecessarily disrespected JAG Officers. Regardless of diverse commentary on AALS's choice of tactics, AALS required member law schools

to tow the line.

Then, on December 22, 2010 Congress repealed DADT. Surprisingly, there was no response from AALS.

Seton Hall Law had hosted an annual Amelioration Day to support homosexuals in the face of DADT, and it posts flyers on every bulletin board in the school, which denounce DADT and inform military recruiters that they are only welcome so that SHU can receive federal funding.

President Esteban and Dean Hobbs: it is time to tear down these posters.

Over three full months since DADT's repeal AALS has said nothing to bury its hatchet with the military. Some might add that this was never even the military's policy, as it was passed by the Democratic Congress of 1993 and signed into law by Clinton.

Yet no military embrace by the AALS. Harvard, Yale, and Columbia, some of the greatest learning centers in the country and home to some of the most outspoken liberals in political discourse, have embraced the return of ROTC programs. On January 25, President Obama called upon "all... college campuses" to open their doors to military recruiters and the ROTC. And still, nothing from the AALS.

DADT is dead. And so, now is the time for Seton Hall, and all of its members, students, faculty, administrators, whether they are straight, gay, Catholic, Jewish, white, black, American, or enjoying Seton Hall while visiting from another country, to stand together and say: we support American servicemen and servicewomen. Seton Hall Law should urge AALS to say the same, and replace the Non-Discrimination Policy posters with flyers which read the following: "To all military employees recruiting at Seton Hall Law: Welcome and thank you for your service. We greatly admire and appreciate your sacrifice so that we may remain free. Please feel at home, and stop by the third floor for validated parking, a pass for free food and coffee at the cafeteria, and a personal 'thank you' from our administration."

Equality in the armed forces has been achieved. Now let us support our troops and armed forces while they fight to win two wars and protect freedom around the globe.

## Announcing the 2011-2012 Editorial Board THE CROSS EXAMINER

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Best of luck to all of the editors, writers, photographers and designers for another successful year.

And THANK YOU to all of our graduating members!

## “The Newark School” defines the “aesthetic sensibility” of the city

**Charlotte Howells**  
Design Editor

The stark, bleached walls and airy, echoing layout of Seton Hall Law invites creative intervention, and receives it this month through April 30, as “The Newark School: A Multi-Site Exhibition” is on display. The exhibition, supported by Newark gallery City Without Walls, and curated by Alejandro Anreus and Petrushka Bazin, features multi-media pieces by a variety of local artists that reflect the dynamic relationship between Newark and art. The exhibition, which opened on February 26<sup>th</sup>, is also displayed at City Without Walls and Arts High School,

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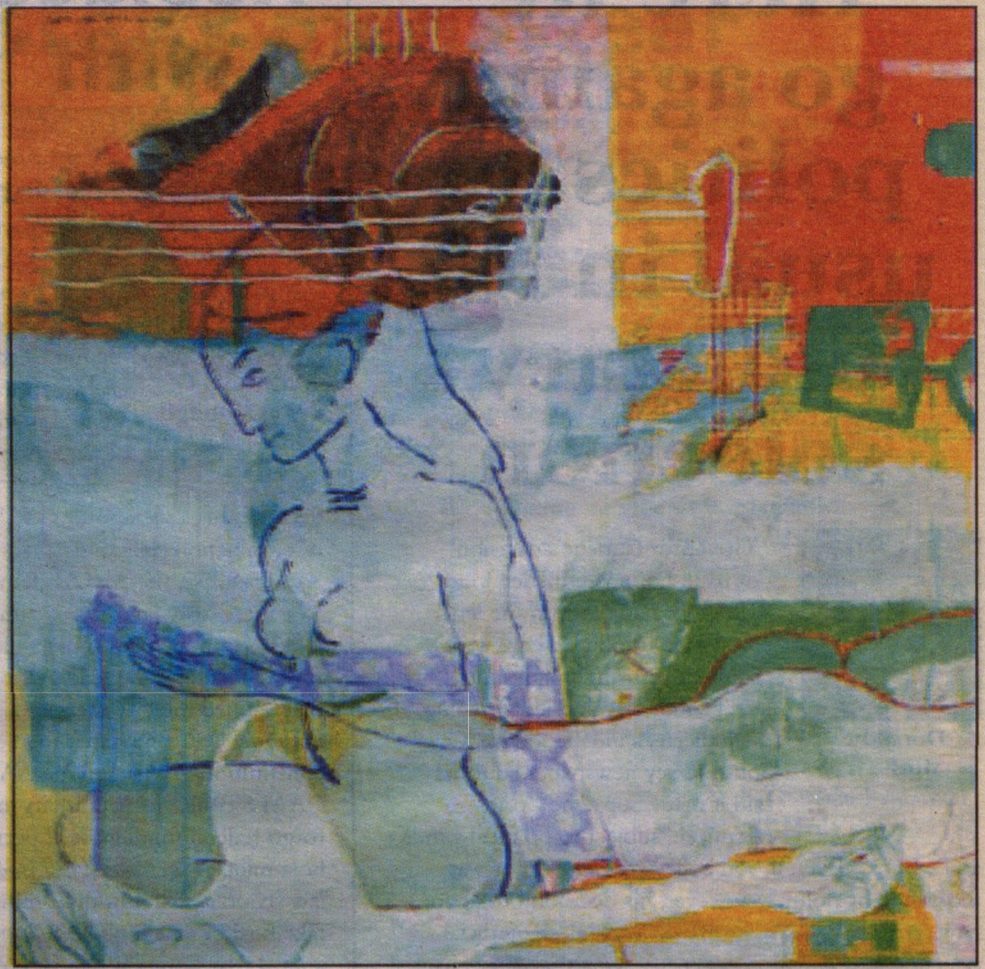
worked with many galleries in the metropolitan area. The two curators approached the project in different ways, yet the finished project communicates an “aesthetic sensibility that is Newark,” according to Dr. Anreus. Ms. Bazin agreed, “Alejandro and I had some differing perspectives of what The Newark School was, but we also had intersecting ideas. We brought both of points of view to the table when selecting the work.”

In fact, Dr. Anreus admits that the completed exhibition superseded his expectations, commenting that the “rich and diverse series of submissions” allowed the curators to convey

a sense of Newark’s gritty but resilient history. When asked what the collection says about Newark, Anreus responds: “Variety. Its resistance sensibility. That in spite of what we might see as the failures of the politicians and social institutions and bringing it up to speed, comebacks keeping getting postponed, but in spite of that, the art of the exhibition reflects that sensibility.”

To achieve this sensibility, artists including Kevin Sampson, Willie Cole, and Roger Tucker used found objects, such as tires and other recycled materials, in their pieces. Additionally, displaying the pieces throughout the city contributed in the project’s theme of urban diversity. Ms. Bazin goes further in describing the reconciliation of the project’s diverse media with its central theme, asserting that “the show is the start of a conversation, so it was a great opportunity to get a group of artists with various interpretations on this theme in the room.”

Dr. Anreus also comments that the inclusion of student work in the exhibition “proves that these are the artists of the future, that continue to reflect the gritty kind of sensibility, and it is ongoing, which is important, one generation replaces the other.” Displayed in Art High School in Newark, the student



Michael Manning, *ointment*, 72x74” acrylic and oil stick on canvas. Courtesy of cWOW

**The urban landscape:** The Newark School artwork amazes not only its observers, but its organizers and patrons as well.

work shows that although “The Newark School” may be historically founded, artists are developing new ideas as the city progresses.

“The New City: Urbanization and the Arts,” a panel discussion and award ceremony, will take place on March 23, 2011 at William Paterson University’s Ben Shahn Gallery and will discuss the role of arts in keeping the urban experience alive. Panelists include Dr. Clement A. Price, Dr. Alejandro Anreus, Petrushka Bazin, and others. The event will also honor Mayor Cory Booker, as Ms. Bazin explains, “Honoring Mayor Cory Booker is symbolic of the fact that the Newark School is a movement that is strongly connected to the history of Newark as a city.”

## Medical marijuana up in smoke in NJ

**Danny Ljungberg**  
Website Designer

Prior to the Marihuana Tax Act of 1937, physicians routinely prescribed cannabis to their patients. The University of Mississippi grows marijuana for the federal government for use in studies and for distribution to private individuals as part of the Compassionate Investigational New Drug (IND) program. The federal government supplies 320-360 marijuana cigarettes each month to each participant in the IND program. Yet outside of official federally sponsored studies and the IND program, marijuana is classified as a Schedule I Narcotic in the Controlled Substances Act of 1970, meaning that it has a “high potential for abuse,” “no currently accepted medical use,” and “a lack of accepted safety.”

As a Schedule I narcotic it is illegal for doctors to prescribe cannabis, which may explain why the states that have legalized marijuana for medicinal use only require that the doctor “recommend” it. Marijuana was not reported as a primary cause of death once between Jan. 1, 1997 to June 30, 2005, compared to 2,254 deaths in which the drug Viagra was the primary cause of death, according to the FDA.

Since California became the first state to legalize the use of medicinal marijuana in 1996, they have been joined by the District of Columbia and 15 other states: Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey,



**Last dance with Mary Jane:** New Jersey must clarify its marijuana laws.

New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington. In addition, Maryland law allows for reduced penalties if the marijuana use is medicinal. In New Jersey, the rules and regulations governing the cultivation and distribution of the drug have not been made clear. What has been made clear is that cultivation and distribution will take place at Alternative Treatment Centers (ATCs), designed solely for this purpose. The first six ATCs must be nonprofit.

The New Jersey Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act is the most restrictive statute of its kind in the nation; it prescribes a very short, specific list of ailments that may be treated by medical grade marijuana. The list notably does not include chronic pain, a condition many California medicinal marijuana users have. The Compassionate Use Act requires that the medicinal marijuana program be run by the Department

of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), while the initial list of approved conditions is very short, it does allow DHSS to add to the list without approval from the legislature. The act requires that physicians register with DHSS to participate in the medical marijuana program. Thereafter, the physician certifies that the patient has qualifying conditions and the patient must then register with DHSS either online or on a paper application. Once the patient is registered,

they may purchase up to two ounces of marijuana per month for medicinal use at ATCs.

Even though New Jersey’s legalization of medicinal marijuana law was passed in January of 2010, there remains a need for clarification before the state’s chronic pain sufferers can legally avail themselves of marijuana to treat their ailments. Even after New Jersey clarifies its procedures marijuana remains illegal under federal law, although Attorney General Eric Holder did issue a memo to all U.S. Attorneys stating that the government’s limited resources are not best-spent prosecuting marijuana users who are in compliance with state medicinal marijuana laws. Thus, regardless of what New Jersey does, it is unlikely that the Obama administration will make marijuana prosecution a priority given its stance on the matter.

## Monopolizing Monopoly® (and other legal games)

**Matthew Blair**  
Contributor

“Someone hands me a business card in Chinese, I shoo ‘em away like a bum in a French restaurant,” confides the man in the white lab coat. “Let me tell you something—my life would be 90% easier without the Chinese.” The inventor, who asked to remain anonymous, divulged to me the scourge of the toy industry—an international espionage that he senses everywhere he goes. The spies, he told me, establish themselves as potential business partners and take a few samples and some information. The next thing he knows, a knockoff under the same name is being sold in the markets of the Far East, sans any profit for him. He gave no reason for wearing a lab coat, but it lended his words a certain authority.

On behalf of *The Cross Examiner*, I attended the American International Toy Fair, which took place February 12-15 at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in Manhattan, consisting of 840,000-square-foot filled with every toy known to mankind. What I sought was a bit of fun, and a diversion from working on my Legal Writing paper; ostensibly, I came to learn about the intersection of intellectual property

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