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# Undergraduate student slain in off campus shooting

## Eyewitness account says Moore saved friend's life

Nicholas Parco & Jessica Sutcliffe  
*The Setonian*

Details regarding the shooting incident - which led to the death of one Seton Hall student and the injury of two others - are becoming clearer.

Sophomore Jessica Moore, 19, suffered a gunshot wound to the head and died from her injuries in the 4 p.m. hour according to a student who was at the hospital with her.

According to an eyewitness at the party, Moore jumped in front of classmate Nakeisha Vanterpool, majoring in social work, in order to shield her from the gunfire, which resulted in Moore's head wound.

According to two eyewitnesses, who asked to remain anonymous due to the severity of the situation and because the alleged gunman was at large, the amount of people at the off-campus fraternity house party made it hard to move.

One eyewitness said he left 20 minutes before the shooting incident happened. While he was leaving, two more groups of what he estimated were 25 people total were entering the house.

He said that he was unable to move to begin with, and he did not understand how so many more people were being let into the party.

"You couldn't breathe, all the windows were closed," another eyewitness said. "It felt like you were in a can of sardines."

The eyewitness explained that at first, the gunman came to the house unarmed. He was turned away at the door, and an altercation ensued. After being escorted out of the house, the eyewitness said the shooter returned with a gun at what she estimated was not even two minutes later.

He barged in the front door and started shooting, according to the eyewitness.

"He started blowing off shots," she said. "(He) shot anywhere, anyone."

According to the eyewitness, people started running and jumping out windows. Many people, including the eyewitness, fell on the floor, which she described as slippery.

By the time she escaped the house, she said she saw local police were already outside.

"She was a nice person, and she said 'hi' to everyone," the eyewitness said of Moore. "She saved her friend's life."

Vanterpool suffered two bullet wounds, as reported by The New York Times.

"My friend, my sister I can't believe your (sic) gone you not only save my life but you taught me so much my angel," Vanterpool wrote on her Facebook page.

Vanterpool still remains at University Hospital in Newark, according to junior Derel Stroud.

"It's not fair to anyone at all," one eyewitness said.

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Two suspects in  
shooting plead not guilty.

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Special thanks to the entire staff of *The Setonian* for permitting *The Cross Examiner* to reprint their outstanding coverage of this tragic event.



## Jessica Moore

*The Cross Examiner* sends its deepest sympathies and heartfelt prayers to all those who have been affected by the tragic death of Jessica Moore. Jessica will forever remain a part of the Seton Hall community and her act of heroism will serve as a lasting memory to Pirates old and young.

May God bless her family, friends, and everyone who has been touched by her remarkable life and her enduring love.

## Prayer service held for victims



*Peter Caputo, The Setonian*  
In remembrance: Across the university and beyond, the Seton Hall community copes with losing one of its own.

Nicholas Parco & Jessica Sutcliffe  
*The Setonian*

The University held a prayer service for Jessica Moore, Nakeisha Vanterpool and Nicosia Henry on Wednesday in the Walsh Gymnasium.

The entire Seton Hall community was invited to "A Service of Memory and Healing" to remember Moore and pray for Vanterpool and Henry. Students were encouraged to wear "Pirate blue," according to a broadcast e-mail sent by interim President

Gabriel Esteban.

Esteban delivered the opening remarks in which he spoke of how the school has been coming together. He also touched upon the impression Moore has left on the community.

"Today is the day we remember the love of life Jessica brought into the world," Esteban said.

Melissa Boege, president of the Student Government Association, gave the first reading from Isaiah.

Melinda Papacicio, Moore's Core English I professor then took the stage. She described Moore as lovely, intelligent, kind, courageous and talented, and said she was "mature beyond her years" and the "embodiment of love and compassion."

An excerpt from I Thessalonians was the second reading, courtesy of assistant dean of student activities Kyle Warren.

Msgr. Anthony Ziccardi, vice president for mission and ministry, gave the homily in which he compared the violence in the Sept. 25 incident to events in the Bible.

Luther Wright, former Seton Hall men's basketball player, then presented a song of meditation. "It's so Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday" by Freddie Perren and Christine Yarian was Wright's song of choice. He stood front of the first row of chairs, in complete silence, and sang a cappella.

Members of Moore's family gave remarks at the end of the service.

They each thanked the Seton Hall community and the state of New Jersey for all they have done since the Sept. 25 off-campus shooting.

They also asked the members of the University community to take care of each other and not to let Jessica's blood be in vain.

"I'm gonna (sic) miss my daughter; God gained an angel" Moore's father said. "If I can live the same way as my daughter did, I will see her again."

The family also talked of their daughter's love for Seton Hall.

"She always talked about bleeding blue," a family member said. "She loved this school."

Many members of the community wore blue and white.

"As I look out over a sea of blue, today is the day we show the world what it means to be a Setonian," Esteban said.

"She always talked about  
bleeding blue," a family  
member said. "She  
loved this school."



# Entertainment & Sports Law Society to hold career seminar and panel discussion with industry leaders

Melissa Cahir  
Staff Writer

The Entertainment & Sports Law Society will follow up its well-attended "NHL Kick-Off Party" with the upcoming "Industry Night: Breaking Into Sports and Entertainment Law" forum, scheduled for the beginning of next month in the student lounge.

ESLS President, 3L Krista Lynn Peckyno, says that the forum's speakers will include "alumni and heavy hitters" in the sports and entertainment industry, who will provide insider perspectives on the inner-workings of entertainment and sports law in modern practice.

The panel will include Chief Operating Officer for global sports and entertainment firm Madison Avenue Sports & Entertainment, Mr. Ed Horne; in-house counsel and contract guru for the NFL's New York Jets, Ari Nissim; as well as former manager of pop sensation Ke\$ha, Todd Rubenstein, who is now counsel for the Entertainment and Intellectual Property law firm Bienstock & Michael, PC.

ESLS promotes this event as "an intimate and invaluable opportunity for those seeking to pursue a career within the industry and a rare opportunity to pick the brains of seasoned practitioners."

Tara Toner and Aaron Fischer, 1Ls and members of the ESLS Executive Board, eagerly anticipate the event. Ms. Toner asks, "Where else are we, as students, afforded the opportunity to get some insight, face time, and partake in a Q&A session with some of the local Sports and Entertainment industry leaders?"

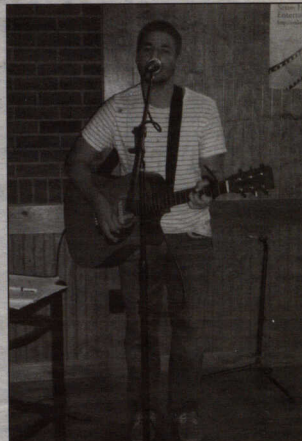
Both Ms. Toner and Mr. Fischer believe in the importance of networking and exposure in the field, and stated that a chance meeting today could translate into a career advancement opportunity in the future. "These speakers are known to exude a level of excellence and professionalism in their careers that many ESLS members hope and aspire to achieve," said Ms. Peckyno.

In the past, registration and ticket sales have gone quickly. Sign-ups commence on October 18 via the SHU Law main webpage, and ESLS urges serious students to register well in advance of the event. The 40 attendees will be provided with catering and refreshments sponsored by the Student Bar Association.

To facilitate lively roundtable discussion, students must submit three questions that they would like to ask the industry professionals before finishing the registration process.

Ms. Peckyno advises early sign-ups to avoid the waitlist. First-year student and new member to the ESLS, Alex Weininger, had this to say, "Many thanks go out to the [ESLS] E-Board for working diligently to provide the student body with this invaluable access to a wealth of information imparted first-hand by industry leaders."

Last month, the ESLS hosted its annual NFL kick off party sponsored by the Entertainment and Sports Law Society. There was an unlimited buffet, drink specials, and live music from 3L David Melvin. The event was a fundraiser for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, which the ESLS adopted as its charity this year. Two students won \$50 bar tabs from the charity raffle.



Krista Lynn Peckyno  
Melvin live: 3L and teenage heartthrob Dave Melvin strums away at an ESLS function.



## St. Thomas More Chapel

### Weekly Mass Schedule

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
12:45 p.m.

Wednesdays  
5:15 p.m.

All are welcome

## Suspects in Moore shooting plead not guilty

Tim LeCras  
The Setonian

Nicholas Welch pleaded "not guilty" at his arraignment on September 29, regarding the off-campus house party shooting that killed sophomore Jessica Moore and injured 2 other Seton Hall students. The second suspect in the death of Seton Hall sophomore Jessica Moore was arraigned in the Essex County Veterans Courthouse on October 13. Marcus Bascus, 19, pleaded "not guilty" to murder and weapons charges.

In a brief court appearance, Welch answered Judge Peter J. Vasquez's questions regarding the charges with just "yes" responses.

The defendant is being charged with murder, four counts of attempted murder, conspiracy to commit murder and burglary.

Welch's attorney, Gerald Saluti, entered his client's plea. Saluti is also expected to file a motion to reduce bail for his client. Bail was initially set at \$2 million, as reported by *The Setonian* on Sept. 27.

The Essex County Prosecutor's office filed a motion to obtain Welch's DNA.

According to Acting Essex County Prosecutor Robert Laurino, investigator's obtained a blood sample left at the scene.

Bascus's attorney, Clifford Lazzaro, entered the plea in front of



Melissa Stante, *The Setonian*  
Seeking justice: Prosecutors have charged two men in the shooting of Jessica Moore and several other SHU students.

Judge Petrollo, who was filling in for Judge Peter J. Vasquez. Lazzaro said that Bascus had no role in the shooting and that he did not attend the East Orange party. According to Saluti, he was retained last night by the defendant and only spoken to him for approximately 30 minutes.

### CORRECTION

In the front page article about Cindy Wilson's departure in the September 2010 issue, it was incorrectly stated that Ms. Wilson graduated from St. Bonaventure. Ms. Wilson is a graduate of Rutgers University, where she received her undergraduate degree.

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# Rev. Jesse Jackson headlines national race conference at SHU Law

Sara Ben-David  
Staff Writer

On the weekend of September 9 Seton Hall University School of Law hosted the largest gathering of diverse law faculty nationwide at the Third Annual People of Color Conference. The theme of this year's conference, "Our Country, Our World in a Post-racial Era," asked its more than 500 participants to consider an issue raised by many scholars and journalists following the election of President Barack Obama: Has America and its larger global community effectively transcended racial difference?

Seton Hall Law School welcomed nationally recognized civil rights activist Reverend Jesse L. Jackson as a participant in the dialogue. Rev. Jackson, who worked alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the civil rights movement, has received more than 40 honorary degrees for his activism. At approximately 5:00 p.m. on Friday evening, September 9, Rev. Jackson arrived on a flight from Detroit to address conference participants in the Seton Hall Law Auditorium in a panel moderated by Michele B. Goodwin, a law professor at the University of Minnesota Law School—the school that financed Rev. Jackson's trip to One Newark Center.

For Rev. Jackson, the economic disparities that persist among racial and ethnic minorities provide proof that America, though post-racial in a legal sense, contains within it much "unfinished business." Rev. Jackson cited the city of Camden as a case in point. Camden, whose residents are primarily racial and ethnic minorities, is also one of the nation's poorest cities where citizens are among the least likely to obtain college degrees or to have healthcare. According to Rev. Jackson, the source of the problem in cities like Camden is at least partially the fact that city employees, who have the resources to enact changes, do not live in the cities where they work and do not share the same level of city interest as residents.

Alongside the doubt he cast on America's "post-racial" era, Rev. Jackson also questioned the merits of seeking to enter such an era. Rev. Jackson advised, "We should not want to be post-racial. What we want to be is multi-racial and multi-cultural." Rather than seeking to eliminate racial difference, Rev. Jackson maintained that "we should affirm race."

Following Rev. Jackson's panel, Patrick Dunican, Chairman and Managing Director at Gibbons, P.C., remarked, "Reverend Jackson is still the same brilliant activist that he's been for the last 50 years. He looks at problems with a unique perspective and describes them in a way that is extraordinarily compelling." During a conversation with Rev. Jackson, Mr. Dunican affirmed Jackson's concerns about city infrastructure and the need to attract people to cities like Newark, which Mr. Dunican calls "a vibrant city on its way

back." For Mr. Dunican, the underrepresentation of minorities in the legal profession provides yet another example of the inequities spawned by racial difference. In his panel "Ending the Revolving Door Syndrome in Law," as in a *Seton Hall Law Review* article of the same name, Mr. Dunican proposed a method of combating the dilemma that law firms face in the retention and advancement of minority attorneys. This method would include mentoring, career planning, basic leadership training, apprenticeships with government entities and internal evaluations within firms.

During the first dinner of the weekend, keynote speaker Newark Mayor Cory Booker advocated a similar awareness of the inequities that persist between racial groups. Rather than entering a "post-racial" era, Mr. Booker argued that racial difference, as a result of these inequities, has never been more apparent, saying of this development, "How wonderful that we can no longer conveniently sweep issues of race and religious diversity

because to be made uncomfortable is a pathway to a deeper understanding that there is still work to do, there is still history to confront."

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Disability Employment Kathleen Martinez also welcomed the present on reservations and statistics show that in most cases such violence is perpetrated against Native American women by non-Native American men.

Amidst so many examples of the impact that racial difference has had on our country's politics and people, Gay McDougall, United Nations Independent Expert on Minority Issues, asked conference participants to look outside the United States and to remember that in other parts of the world disparities among racial and ethnic minorities are even more pronounced. Rather than seeking to live in a "post-racial" era, the United States should strive to enter an era of global awareness.

Having gathered so many diverse perspectives on diversity, Seton Hall Law Professor and Chair of the Conference Planning Committee Solangel Maldonado declared the conference "an incredible success," due in large part to the more than 50 student volunteers who came from schools including Seton Hall Law School, Rutgers School of Law, Penn State's Dickinson School of Law, New York Law School, Fordham Law School, University of Southern California Law School and University of Miami School of Law.



Courtesy Seton Hall Law School

Do we want to be post racial?: Jesse Jackson offers his approach to race relations.

Has America and its larger global community effectively transcended racial difference?

## Tolin makes his final appointments

Frank Gonnello, Jr.  
Associate Editor

On September 19 the SBA Senate approved President Todd Tolin's two Executive Board appointments, 21. Kevin Logan for Parliamentarian and 31. Christine McCarthy for Social Chair. Each appointee received unanimous consent from the SBA Senate.

"I felt applying to work with the SBA would be a great way to get more involved and to lend some of my legislative experience to the Student Bar Association," says Mr. Logan.

The new Parliamentarian was chosen amid several other applicants in a process that vetted experience in parliamentary procedure. The applicants were reviewed by a panel consisting of the current SBA Executive Board, absent the President, and last year's parliamentarian, Mr. John Finnegan. The panel narrowed the field to three candidates, who were then directly interviewed by Mr. Tolin, after which Mr. Logan was selected.

Mr. Logan says that he has previously worked with all members of the current Executive Board through the mentor program, and that last year he served as a senator in the same session as Evening Vice President Jessica Almeida. He is currently an evening session student mentor and an active member in the International Law Society.

Speaking directly to his new role on the Executive Board, Mr. Logan said:

"The Parliamentarian should be an advisor of parliamentary procedure and assist the natural flow of meetings to prevent them from becoming an arduous task. In this role I hope to provide advice for everyone and help facilitate the decisions of the SBA and e-board in adherence to SBA constitution and Robert's Rules."

Mr. Logan brings ample parliamentary experience to the SBA. He worked for Former State Senator Bill Baroni, who is currently an adjunct professor at Seton Hall Law. Mr. Logan also worked for Assemblywoman Mary Pat Angelini and he has served on the advisory board for his hometown. He views his role in the SBA

"as an advisor to not only the E-board but all those involved with the SBA."

Ms. McCarthy, Mr. Tolin's choice for Social Chair also brings experience to her position. "I helped out a lot with planning social events being that I was a research assistant for student services. I always had a great time at the events and I wanted to make sure that the events continue to be a success and night out for Seton Hall Law students to mix and mingle," said Ms. McCarthy.

Ms. McCarthy has worked with Mr. Tolin on Circuit Review and says that she looks forward to working with the rest of the Executive Board. In addition to the traditional yearly social events, which include Fallfest, Holiday Party, Winterfest, and Barrister's Ball, she plans to incorporate various "study break" smaller events throughout the year.

Ms. McCarthy says the most exciting change will be incorporating a "Post Barristers Karaoke event" after the dance floor closes.

Looking ahead, the new Social Chair said, "Thank you to everyone who came out to our first event [Fall-Fest] and I hope you had a great time. I look forward to seeing you at all future events." Working under Ms. McCarthy, this year's Social Council will consist of Taryn Russell, Javier Diaz, and Michael Goldman.

Position	Appointee(s)
SBA Social Chair	Christine McCarthy
SBA Parliamentarian	Kevin Logan
SBA Finance Committee	Kieran Friel
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	Logan Bowser
	Karen Benton
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	Tom DeFellece
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	Desiree Grace
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	Nicole DeMuro
Faculty IT/Library Committee	John Kelly
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Faculty Curriculum Committee	Terence Steed
Faculty DASC Committee	Phil Ryan
	Nadir Dalal
Faculty Graduation Committee	Alicia Lendon
SBA Representative to the Diversity Council	Raj Mukherji

Never waste time from her perspective, guard her business like a hawk.



# So you want to be a judicial clerk?

**Corey Klein**  
Staff Writer

On September 21, the Office of Career Services held a Judicial Panel Discussion featuring three New Jersey trial judges and their clerks. The judges and clerks candidly shared advice for Seton Hall Law students looking to clerk after graduation. They spoke of what responsibilities a judicial law clerk bears and what judges are looking for when they hire clerks.

The panel included the Honorable Carolyn E. Wright of the Family Division, Essex Vicinage, the Honorable Robert H. Gardner of the Criminal Division, Essex Vicinage, and the Honorable Kenneth J. Grispin, Presiding Judge of the Civil Division, Union Vicinage.

## What is a judicial clerkship?

A judicial clerkship could be described as a job as a judge's assistant. In New Jersey, law clerks are hired for one year. In federal court, clerkships can last longer. During this year, clerks spend their time researching legal issues for the judge, writing memos on those issues, communicating with attorneys, and various other tasks the judge may need.

While research and writing skills are very important, the scope of the job depends on the division to which the judge is assigned, according to Judge Wright. "In any division, you are at your judge's beck and call."

In the family division, Judge Wright often requires her clerk, Ms. Aarin Williams, to act as a mediator for parties. In the civil division, clerks are expected to deal with people to a lesser degree and handle more research and writing responsibilities. "Civil can be the most intellectually challenging because it is like a mini-law school exam every week," said Judge Grispin. "Family is the most important and criminal, by far, is the most fun."

## Why clerk?

Many recent graduates choose to clerk to seek shelter from a tough job market while gaining invaluable

"We take the work seriously. We don't take ourselves seriously," said Judge Gardner.

experience. The judges also noted that clerks receive an incomparable opportunity to meet lawyers and to see the inner workings of how a judge's chambers function.

While clerking provides great networking and resume-building opportunities it gives no guarantees of future employment. Of Judge Gardner's past five law clerks, one is still seeking employment. One of Judge Grispin's last two clerks is also seeking work.

Still, having a judge as a reference is a big help and law firms have even called Judge Gardner asking if he could recommend a former clerk for an associate position. He did and the firm eventually hired his recommended clerk in that case.

## What are judges looking for in a clerk?

Clerking is competitive. Judge Gardner noted that he has an eight-inch stack of resumes from applicants looking to clerk for him next year. So what makes an applicant stand out?

The first thing the judges noted was connections to the area. "I have a geographic prejudice," said Judge Gardner.

Judge Gardner chose his clerk, Mr. Steve Strauss, partly because of his northern New Jersey upbringing and the fact that both of them happened to attend the same small, private university. Judge Grispin had the same outlook. "I spend one year mentoring somebody. I want the New Jersey bar to be better because of it," he said.

Another important factor is presentation. A lousy looking resume and cover letter will not be looked at. Nor will an e-mail. As Judge Gardner noted, many judges are between 50 to 70 years old and are more comfortable dealing with hard copies than e-mail. "You're pitching to your father's generation," he said.

Mr. Strauss recommended submitting both a hard

copy and an electronic copy of your resume and cover letter and bringing a writing sample and a transcript to the interview.

As with any job, personality plays a roll. Judge Gardner wants to know if his clerk can pass the "laugh test." "We take the work seriously. We don't take ourselves seriously," said Judge Gardner.

Judge Wright said a "C" on your transcript will not necessarily keep you from obtaining a clerkship. "I would much rather have a well-rounded individual who is eager to learn."

Judge Grispin echoed her sentiments. "Everyone looks good on paper. I usually speak to the candidate about what they do out of law school. You can't teach passion," he said.

Judge Grispin's law clerk, Mr. Mackey Snee, recommended familiarizing yourself with your writing sample and experiences before the interview. When you get to the interview, relax and be personable. "I would recommend staying loose, but mind your grammar. Speak like the professional you want to be," Mr. Snee added.

Judge Wright emphasized the point that Facebook can make the difference between getting a clerkship and not getting a clerkship. She recalled weeding out a candidate after looking the candidate up on the internet. "Anything you put out there in cyberspace is always going to be in cyberspace," she said.

Following up on an interview is important, but there is such a thing as going too far. "You want to follow up. You don't want to call every other day," said Judge Wright.

## When do you apply?

Third-year students should note that interviewing for clerkships began on Sept. 16. Still, it might not be too late, as some judges are still looking at new resumes. Second-year students can begin applying for judicial externships for the Spring now. The Office of Career Services has a list of judges seeking externs broken down by county available both in the office and on the web through Symplicity.

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# Follett brings new rental option to bookstore

**Ricky Tracy**  
Copy Editor

Starting this semester, the bookstore has gone through some significant changes.

Since 2003, the bookstore was managed by Barnes and Noble. Over the summer, Follett Education Group took over management.

The biggest change for Seton Hall Law students is the availability of book rentals. Instead of purchasing a book that will only be used for a single semester, students can now rent the book at a reduced price. Rentals will be semesterly and replace the hassle of reselling.

"It's a cheaper alternative... it costs roughly half the price of a new book," said Mr. Peter Mananzano, the manager of the bookstore. "It saves [students] a lot of money."

For instance, 2L Thomas Forrester rented *Practical Guide to Appellate Advocacy and Federal Income Taxation*. The books sell for \$80 and \$60 respectively, but rent for \$35 and \$21—in total renting saved Mr. Forrester \$84.

"An additional bonus is that I don't have to worry about whether or not the bookstore will even repurchase my books at the end of the semester," Mr. Forrester added, "I wish more books were indicated



**Rent control:** Book rentals save students cash.

on the bookstore's website as available for renting. I would gladly rent all of my books."

With their popularity, it is difficult to see why it had not been implemented before. "People definitely responded to it. It definitely was popular," said Mr. Mananzano.

1L Dan Hwang stated that the rentals had run out by the time he went to the bookstore at the beginning of the semester. "I went during orientation and they were already out."

"I usually buy my books online," 2L Anthony O'Boyle states, "but renting doesn't sound like a bad idea at all so long as you're not the type of person that loses or damages your books."

## Upcoming Federalist Society speaker to address controversial immigration laws

On Wednesday, October 27, the Federalist Society will be hosting Hans von Spakovsky, Senior Legal Fellow and Manager of the Civil Justice Reform Initiative at The Heritage Foundation, who will be speaking about Arizona's controversial immigration enforcement law.

Professor Bryan Loneygan of the Immigrant Workers' Rights Clinic will also participate in the discussion. All students and faculty are invited and food will be served. More details will appear on the LCD screens and LAWnet as the event approaches.

## Women's Law Forum continues its legacy of networking

**Jessica Noonan**  
Staff Writer

On September 13, the Women's Law Forum hosted a wine and cheese reception and networking event which brought students together with attorneys from all different firm sizes, geographic areas, and cultural backgrounds.

The WLF, according to its webpage, is a student organization "dedicated to providing a forum for awareness of women's issues in the legal profession and society." More than 25 attorneys were in attendance as well as 35 students. 2L Edvie Clark, the chair of the WLF, was happy with the event's success. "I think that the casual atmosphere encouraged the free and open exchange of ideas, which is just what we were hoping for," said Ms. Clark. Professor Paula Franzese was the first speaker of the evening, offering words of wisdom and advice for women pursuing a career in law.

Next, Ms. Susan Feeney, partner at McCarter & English and president-elect of the New Jersey State Bar Association, spoke to students, emphasizing the importance of networking, finding a mentor, and encouraging students to be confident in their talents as they approach their education and careers.

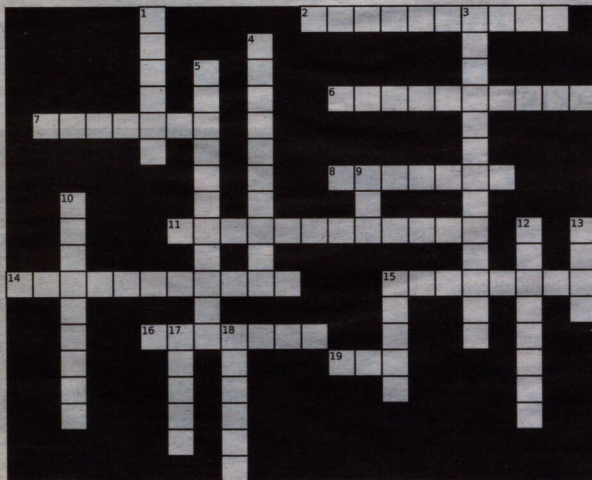
The WLF has several more events this semester for those who wish to get involved. A Work-Life Balance Panel will take place on November 1. Attorneys from several local firms will sit on the panel, whose discussion will center on finding balance, financially and spiritually, while pursuing a career in law as well as managing a family at home.

The WLF also announced its upcoming book-signing with Ms. Susan Smith Blakely, author of "Best Friends at the Bar: What Women Need to Know about a Career in the Law." Ms. Blakely's mission is to educate, inspire, and empower women as they pursue careers in the legal profession, while addressing the unique issues that females face in striving to achieve a work-life balance. The book-signing will take place in early January and the WLF encourages students to pick up a copy of the book now if they have not already read it.

## Chrisner's Crossword Corner

Meghan "Maddog" Chrisner

### Halloween Theme



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# Bocce ballers vie for Rodino's trophy

Two first year students emerge victorious after a full afternoon of play at the popular annual event

Michael G. McDonough  
Editor-in-Chief

On Friday, August 17, 2010, the Rodino Society held its annual Bocce Tournament in the Schiff Memorial Courtyard. Each year, members of the Seton Hall Law community compete in two-on-two bocce games in this annual tournament,

which serves as a fundraiser for the Rodino Society.

Competitors, and spectators enjoyed hamburgers, hotdogs and potato salad, as well as beer and soda. The contestants also donned shirts that read, "Nobody puts bocce in a corner," a reference to the popular 1980s film *Dirty Dancing*.

Games were played to 21 in the first round, 15 in the middle rounds, and 5 in the finals, due to impending darkness and player fatigue. "We had a wonderful turnout of twenty-six teams," said Rodino Society member and 1L Victoria Gonchar, who administered the tournament bracket.

For 3Ls, this year's tournament marked the last opportunity to take home the



Alex Marghella

Madams President: Rodino Society Co-Presidents oversaw the successful tournament.

coveted Rodino Society Bocce Trophy. "I'm hanging up my bocce gloves," sighed 3L John Frega, after he and his partner were eliminated in the second round by 1Ls Jessica Rey and Allison Martin. Mr. Frega stated that winning the tournament was his greatest aspiration at Seton Hall Law, "and now that goal has eluded me."

Another 3L participating in his final Rodino Bocce Tournament was Andrew Camelotto. After a quarterfinals defeat he made the following statement to the press: "It was your typical tough, grind it out, physical bocce ball match, and unfortunately we were the losers." Mr. Camelotto dubbed his defeat a "heartbreak," and could not bear to stay and watch the later rounds. "Plus, the beer is gone," he quipped.

Standing alone in the winner's circle were none other than 1Ls Nick Krieger and Chris Rodilosso. "We're very proud of Nick and Chris," said 3L Rodino Society Co-President Shaun Salmon. Ms. Salmon and Co-President 3L Alexandra Marghella organized the tournament, which serves as a fundraiser for the Rodino Society Annual Banquet. This year's Rodino Banquet will take place November 3, 2010.



Paul Sharma

Rolling to victory: Dozens of students participated in this year's Bocce Tournament.

## Night students take fire alarms in stride

Michael G. McDonough  
Editor-in-Chief

On September 29, 2010, at approximately 7:36pm, evening classes were abruptly interrupted by the school's emergency alarm system. Lights flashed throughout the school and an emergency prompt instructed students to remain calm and exit the building via the main entrance onto Raymond Boulevard.

"Okay, that's the end of class and we're not coming back tonight," declared Professor Bill Baroni to his Professional Responsibility evening class, which was set to end at 8:05pm.

Students and faculty made their way to the main exit. "It was an orderly exit, but I didn't know really where to go outside until Todd [Tolin] directed us," said 3L

Misty Busted. On the sidewalks, SBA President Todd Tolin, Dean Patrick Hobbs, faculty members and first responders directed students to move away from the building and safely down Raymond Boulevard. After about fifteen minutes, Mr. Hobbs cleared students to reenter the building.

All was quiet until around 7:59pm, when a second alarm sounded throughout the building.

"I was hoping for a fire drill on my way to my 9:00pm class. Little did I know I'd get two alarms," joked 3L Ed Nicholson. Fellow 3L Jordan Cohen provided some perspective, saying, "It's at least better than the microwave disaster last year when everyone was terrified for their lives."

As the second alarm blared, students filed into the atrium and out of the building a second time.

Mr. Hobbs comforted the confused crowd of scores of students

with a reassuring announcement. "The alarm is now going off next door. When that alarm resets, we will be able to reset our alarm. Thank you all for your patience."

Security Officer Giovanni Santos, a friendly face at the security desk, confirmed Mr. Hobbs' information. "Since we're hooked up with the building next door's security system, our alarms trigger with theirs," said Officer Santos.

After approximately fifteen minutes, the second alarm subsided and students reentered the school for the second and final time.

Most evening students were lighthearted about the interruptions. "It's not exactly ruining my day or anything, but I think we all knew the second alarm was false," said 3L Andrea Nuzzi. "The second alarm scared the bejeezus out of me," joked 3L Shari Genser.

All in all, night students reportedly took the alarms in stride. "We had a nice orderly process during the first alarm, that was good to see, despite some bottlenecks," explained 3L Eric Dante.



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## FEATURES

## Hobbs: A man for all [athletic] seasons

But the law school always comes first, says the dean

Ryan Byrnes  
Copy Editor

Patrick Hobbs is a busy man. His schedule is one comprised of student, faculty and administrator meetings, as well as responsibilities that stretch from Newark to South Orange. His life is a hectic series of days, nights and weekends stopped only occasionally by a Coldplay ringtone emitting from his BlackBerry.

"I guess that's what happens when you wear so many different hats," he said, reflecting on his most recent eventful weekend.

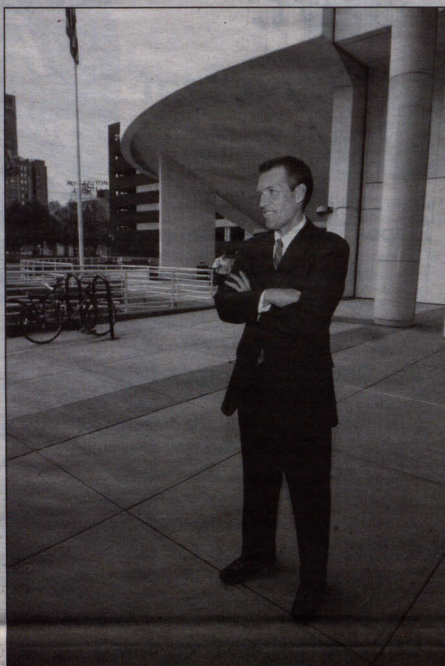
Mr. Hobbs, dean of Seton Hall Law School since 1999, also became the overseer of the Seton Hall athletic department last July at the request of outgoing university president Monsignor Robert Sheeran. Mr. Hobbs accepted the responsibility out of devotion to Seton Hall, his own undergraduate institution, expecting the term to last somewhere between one year and 18 months.

"Monsignor Sheeran and I have a great relationship and he expressed confidence in me," Mr. Hobbs said. "I want the law school to succeed, but I also want the university to succeed."

Now, 15 months, four cut athletic programs, over two law semesters and a pair of new basketball coaches later, Mr. Hobbs' position has stayed the same, while seemingly everything around him continues to change. Even Mr. Hobbs is not exactly sure when his newest side job will be over.

Msgr. Sheeran resigned in June after 15 years as university president, and Dr. A. Gabriel Esteban is serving as interim president until July 2011. The school's executive vice president position — where the intermediate between the president and athletic director should be — is also currently vacant. In addition, Joe Quinlan stepped down as athletic director on October 8, with the university releasing a statement announcing that it will launch a national search for his replacement beginning in January. However, like most of the other key leadership positions at the university, the office is likely to remain empty until the school finds its new president.

Amid this sea of change, Mr. Hobbs stands as a constant, devoted to simultaneously navigating a Top-100 law school through a turbulent legal market while also serving as the most vocal and visible representative



Courtesy Seton Hall Law School

A dean above all else: Hobbs makes no bones about which job comes first.

### Patrick Hobbs

**Born**  
March 29, 1960

**Undergraduate**  
Seton Hall  
University  
B.S., 1982

**Law Schools**  
University of  
North Carolina  
J.D., 1985

**New York**  
University  
LL.M., 1988

**Experience**  
Associate:  
Hannoch  
Weisman, P.C. and  
Shanley & Fisher,  
P.C.

**Came to Seton  
Hall Law in 1990**

**Named dean in  
1999**

of a Big East athletic program, at least, he said, "until a new university president is appointed." It is a unique position, but Mr. Hobbs said he never confuses his priorities.

"My first love and my passion is the law school," he said. "At the same time, I want to help the university. 'I'm always the dean of the law school first. The challenge is balancing time between the two, but the lion's share of my time is committed to the law school.'"

Mr. Hobbs describes himself as the "full-time law school dean, part-time overseer of athletics," with the law school and all responsibilities related to it taking precedence. His law school calendar is set almost a year in advance.

Because he still keeps his full-time dean schedule, Mr. Hobbs said his responsibilities with the athletic department are tended to on nights and weekends.

"The people who have suffered the most are my family," said Mr. Hobbs, adding that it is not uncommon for him to be dealing with athletic matters at the Sunday morning breakfast table. Though Mr. Hobbs does not think his double duties are detrimental to the law school, he is happy it is not a permanent situation.

"I don't feel that the law school is suffering under this arrangement," he said. "But I'm glad it's temporary."

Perhaps that is because Mr. Hobbs' time as overseer of the department has coincided with a tumultuous era in Seton Hall athletics, one that has called for him to take the reins in tough predicaments and make challenging decisions with no easy alternatives. In order to balance the athletic budget and also comply with the commitments of the Big East, Mr. Hobbs made what he considers to be his most difficult decision yet when the athletics department eliminated the men's and women's indoor and outdoor track programs at the end of the 2009-2010 academic year. To meet the 14-sport minimum required by the Big East, Seton Hall also added a women's golf program.

Last spring, after a calamitous conclusion to the men's basketball season, the university fired coach Bobby Gonzalez and a very public divorce ensued, complete with a wrongful termination suit against

the university. (The two sides reached a settlement in August, though the terms of the agreement were not disclosed.) The firing meant Mr. Hobbs and Mr. Quinlan would have to hit the road in search of a replacement, traveling up and down the coast, riding the college coach carousel, interviewing candidates between regional tournament games and searching for their new man amid the madness of March. After at least a half-dozen Division I coaches were seriously considered, Mr. Hobbs offered the job to former Iona College head coach Kevin Willard.

"Every guy on our list became a guy on someone else's list," Mr. Hobbs said. "You have to move quickly to get a great coach, and we did." On March 31, Mr. Willard and Anne Donovan were introduced as the new men's and women's basketball coaches, respectively, representing the most visible additions to the athletic department during Mr. Hobbs' time as overseer.

Though some might see the positions as competing interests, Mr. Hobbs said his two roles are not necessarily mutually exclusive, and are perhaps somewhat symbiotic. A strong athletic program can bolster support from boosters and alumni, spur interest in potential students and attract attention and resources that can be used to the benefit of all aspects of Seton Hall.

"Success in athletics is a successful marketing tool, and the law school can reap the benefits from the university's athletic achievement," he said.

For Mr. Hobbs, a man whose interests range from tax law to golf and whose commitments include Standards Review Committee of the American Bar Association and the board of the New Jersey Devils, his position has allowed him to contribute to two fields he is passionate about while also serving as a guiding hand for a university at a crossroads. As Seton Hall decides who and what is next, he said he is willing to continue to lend his time and efforts, at least for now.

"If I can contribute to that while also seeing the law school succeed, I'll do it as long as the university needs me to do it."

Mr. Hobbs then paused before adding a laugh, and a qualifier.

"But I won't do it forever."



J.R. Smith

**Lay-up:** SHU athletes must deal with a carousel of coaching and administrative changes.





Courtesy Ari Kaplan

Market yourself: Ari Kaplan has made a name in making names.

## "Opportunity Maker" shares secrets to standing out among peers

Frank Gonnello, Jr.  
Associate Editor

On Wednesday, September 22, Seton Hall Law's Office of Career Services and Office of Student Services presented students with a workshop led by Mr. Ari Kaplan, author of the Amazon bestseller *The Opportunity Maker: Strategies for Inspiring Your Legal Career Through Creative Networking and Business Development* (Thomson-West, 2008), on how law students can create opportunities for themselves using a combination of traditional networking and new technologies, including social media.

Mr. Kaplan, referred to by one commentator as the "Tony Robbins of Legal Conferences," spoke positively and enthusiastically about the job hunt for young lawyers. Mr. Kaplan stressed, "Current law students have a tremendous advantage over their predecessors in the corporate approach they can take to connecting with others using technology."

During the presentation, Mr. Kaplan energetically recounted situations where he or someone he had spoken with had leveraged social media technology to reach a specific networking goal and maximize potential for opportunity in that situation. "In a down market, people are more inclined to want to meet you, but you need to give them a compelling reason to accept your invitation," he said.

One example Mr. Kaplan gave to 40 or so students and alumni in attendance was a story of a student he had interviewed, who wanted to stand out among his peers in a major U.S. city. While reading an article written by a prominent lawyer, the student learned that this professional was a power-lifter who raised money for charity in regional competitions. Realizing a common passion for pumping up (and national ranking in the sport), the student got in touch with the iron-throwing exquire and asked if he could volunteer to help the attorney train for his next competition. The attorney agreed, and the professional relationship commenced, bringing opportunities that only network expansion can provide.

Mr. Kaplan also distributed tip sheets, which are available at Career Services, and free copies of his audio CD, *"The Seven Secrets of Opportunity Making Success,"* which supplement his book by highlighting additional ways to ask for advice, network at conferences, and follow up with new contacts. Strategies from his book include creating Google Alerts for those you meet or would like to meet to keep up with relevant happenings, contributing as a guest to established blogs to get published in an area of your passion, as well as interviewing a professional in that field for the post; and calculating follow-ups to maintain relationships with the individuals you meet.

Ultimately, Mr. Kaplan encouraged students to be creative in their approach to networking, but balance that creativity with a sincere interest in others. "Self-promotion has nothing to do with promoting yourself," he explained. "It has everything to do with promoting the good work of others and letting that reflect on your character."

For students who could not make the program, Mr. Kaplan is offering a live 30-minute telephone Q&A for free this semester with any student group whose members purchase 25 or more books from the bookstore. Interested organization leaders can email him at [ari@arikaplanadvisors.com](mailto:ari@arikaplanadvisors.com) or visit his website at <http://arikaplanadvisors.com>.

The Back Office:

## The art of attracting clients



Katie A. Manzi  
Columnist

Attracting and maintaining clients is a primary goal of any business enterprise. As lawyers, our end is to serve and represent clients. Naturally, then, the lawyer who can bring in more clients finds herself at a distinct advantage, regardless of courtroom prowess. An associate who can bring in clients will enjoy recognition and even a sizeable

bonus. Regularly attracting new clients can fast-track the path to partner, and having many loyal clients is a necessity if you plan to hang out a shingle on your own. Without clients, your firm is out of business and your skills as a lawyer are all for naught.

The savvy student will recognize this now and lay the foundation of her client-attracting potential by keeping three essential factors in mind.

First, *identify your clients*. This step is easy once you know what kind of law you wish to practice. Medical malpractice attorneys represent patients and doctors. Tax attorneys represent accountants and businesses. Securities and corporate attorneys represent financial institutions and other businesses; their clients are the decision-makers that deal work out to various firms.

Next, *target your professional network*. After identifying potential clients, determine where you can meet them. Join local political clubs, charities, trade groups, and religious or cultural organizations. These associations present the opportunity to meet and network professionally at cocktail parties, membership meetings, seminars, and social galas. Attend these gatherings

regularly, and do so armed with business cards. Become a visible participant and leader. By investing time in a local organization, you will bolster your personal brand and increase your access to a network packed with potential clients.

Finally, *build relationships*. Client relationships, like most business relationships, do not spring from the exchange of a business card. The key is to develop a rapport with others. This means being polite, open, kind, and conversational. Ask questions and learn from others. Provide useful information when the opportunity presents itself. Be empathetic, and demonstrate integrity and ability. These traits engender trust from those who may need your legal skills in the future.

Most importantly, share your network. For too many, "networking" is a mechanical process of stockpiling contact information for future use. Instead, choose to become a connector of people by making useful introductions. This will increase your credibility, give you a reason to reach out to people in your network, and show your potential client you have the resources to be of value. Additionally, by connecting your contacts to each other, it gives them a reason to connect you to their contacts, which could mean referrals and expanded opportunities.

Attracting clients is not easy, and it is not on the forefront of the typical law student's mind. However, by building a targeted foundation network, a law student can walk into the professional world with a head start in developing the skills and contacts needed to add value to her firm – and her career – to address the most essential of business needs.

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Chasing Amy:

## In the money: A chat with SBA Treasurer Thomas Zuppa



Amy F. Sieminski  
Columnist

With the first dollars of the SBA budget already rolled out for events such as Fall Fest and the first annual Family Day, *The Cross Examiner* sat down with new SBA Treasurer Thomas Zuppa to see how things are going after his first couple months on the job. Mr. Zuppa was hyper-prepared, thoughtful and well-spoken during the interview, armed with a memo displaying this year's budget breakdown. The breakdown is available to students at the request of Mr. Zuppa, whose contact information is below.

Drawing from last spring's SBA treasurer campaign platform, Mr. Zuppa restated that unequivocal transparency is among his top priorities. To this end, he disseminated a line-by-line budget, with all group requests and ultimate dispositions on those requests, to the entire senate and to each organization. According to Mr. Zuppa, the SBA saw increases in both the amount requested and the amount approved by the Finance Committee from this year to last. More than \$68,500 was requested by student groups this year for programs, with 76.6 percent (\$52,102.10) approved. The remainder of the budget has been set aside for social events, the Mentor Program, Family Day and SBA meetings, with additional monies from the SBA restricted account going to bolster the 2010 budget to an estimated \$50,000 for the 2011-2012 year. Acknowledging that the SBA is fortunate to get the full \$100,000 budget allocation, Mr. Zuppa insisted that, "This is our money and there is a major need to effectively serve the student body."

Mr. Zuppa is positive about the upcoming year and the events planned for students. He dismissed the notion that we are becoming apathetic as a student body, pointing to new and creative programming from groups and increased student participation in social events. Mr. Zuppa cited that 350 tickets to this year's Fall Fest bested expectations by nearly 150 students and he hopes this enthusiasm continues, predicting that the 2011 Barnster Ball will be the most well-attended in years (with a new location, better food and karaoke). While Mr. Zuppa was dreamily describing the filet mignon and



Michael G. McDonough

**The buck stops here:** Another year of smooth sailing from the SBA treasurer, Mr. Zuppa, at right.

h'ordesvous, he restated his firm commitment to fiscal responsibility and his goal of keeping student costs down. He hopes that by subsidizing events, the SBA will make having fun in law school accessible to all students.

For those groups wanting to be sure that every dollar they request gets approved, Mr. Zuppa offers some advice. First, make sure that your requests are as detailed as possible. The Finance Committee is less likely to fund an event with a vague description, no date, or a dubious purpose. Speaking of purpose, make sure that the intentions of the event correspond to the central missions of the group. For example, the SBA is not going to fund extravagant events that are counter to group or school missions; an atrium wet t-shirt contest or a pig roast on the roof are unlikely to receive funding. Finally, be sure to check the handbook for rules about requesting money for general meetings (can't do it) or other school policy rules on allocation. Mr. Zuppa admits the handbook is not perfect, but maintains that he is committed to sprucing it up with an eye towards user-friendliness.

Mr. Zuppa insisted that he will respond to any student inquiries about the SBA budget sent to [thomas.zuppa@student.shu.edu](mailto:thomas.zuppa@student.shu.edu), adding, "It's important that the students know they can contact me any time."

New Faculty Spotlight

## Teaching is what he was "meant to do"

Joe Kenny  
Staff Writer

Professor Michael Simkovic joined Seton Hall Law as a new Associate Professor in August 2010. "It is a privilege to educate and shape young minds," said Mr. Simkovic, on his new position.

Mr. Simkovic exemplifies the idea of the teacher-scholar. He has taught English in China and practiced law in the United States, and is well-suited for the rigors of academic life at Seton Hall Law.

With particular expertise in the fields of bankruptcy and finance, he currently teaches courses in Federal Income Taxation and will teach Bankruptcy next semester. He hopes his research will help to "create a wider space of public knowledge."

A native New Yorker, Mr. Simkovic earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Duke University and his Juris Doctor degree from Harvard Law School, where he was an Olin Fellow in Law and Economics. As a recent law school graduate, Mr. Simkovic possesses a unique awareness of the challenges facing contemporary law students.

Before coming to Seton Hall, he worked in private practice at the law firm of Davis, Polk, & Wardwell, LLP and as a consultant at McKinsey & Company where he represented financial services firms. In addition, he is a member of the bar of New York State and admitted to practice before various federal courts.

While leading a busy career in the private sector, Mr. Simkovic has maintained a significant research agenda. He has published articles about financial market transparency, the role of securitization and credit derivatives in the financial crisis, and the relationship between consumer bankruptcy laws and the credit card industry.

His publications have been cited by both the United States Congress and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, among others. His works appear in law reviews and academic journals throughout the country.

When not involved with his work, Mr. Simkovic enjoys a number of hobbies. In his free time, he can be found swimming, hiking, cycling, and cooking.

After a successful career in the business and legal worlds, it appears that teaching is truly in the heart of this scholar. Indeed, he refers to teaching as, "what I was meant to do."



Simkovic

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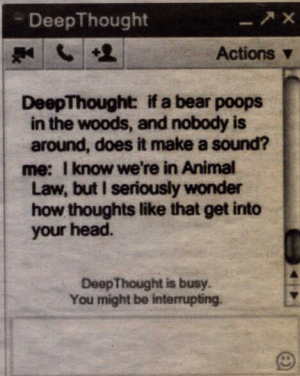
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# On community, at Seton Hall



Michael G. McDonough  
Editor-in-Chief

Last month, five street-cleaners were arrested in London for allegedly plotting to assassinate Pope Benedict XVI during his long-anticipated visit. Citing England's general anti-Catholic history and the specific terrorist threats, some in the Catholic community thought it best for the Pontiff to cancel or postpone his trip. The Pope's response was direct: "Of course Britain has its own history, but it is also a country with a great history of tolerance, so I'm sure on the one hand, there will be a positive reception from Catholics, from believers in general, and attention from those who seek as we move forward in our time, mutual respect and tolerance."

Where there is anti-Catholicism I will go forward with great courage and joy."

Members of his community, he was told, opposed his visit and his message. Still, Pope Benedict engaged England, seeking progress "with great courage and joy."

Approaching others and clearing grievances enables us to eliminate what may later become festering divides. In this spirit we grant others the chance to understand and know us better.

In an age of wired communication and e-technology, His Holiness could have delivered a pod-cast, filmed a special message from the Vatican, or decided against engaging those said to be against him altogether. Instead, he let faith trump presupposition. He went to England and addressed those who had differences with him in the hope of progress.

The Seton Hall Law community is not the global religious world and none of

us carry the influence of the Holy See. Nonetheless, we too are members of an important community built on positive interaction among one another.

Pope Benedict XVI understood the importance of personally visiting a 'country in the global community, despite anti-Papal history and an active terrorist plot against his life. Whether Londoners hailed or protested, his visit continued a dialogue that his absence would have stymied.

Too often we allow preconceived notions to scare us from interacting with others. "I think she dislikes me, so I will not speak to her." "He disagrees with my politics, so why should I engage him in discussion?" "They don't care what I think, so I will not bother to point out a flaw in their work." Such assumptions work against a community.

If it makes sense to approach someone and confront an issue, do so. As members of our own community we

should never write off peers as unwilling to accept our sometimes differing positions. In a strong community, members approach one another with the expectations that their ideas, however potentially unpopular, will at least be welcomed with respect.

We strengthen our community through the engagement of peers, classmates, faculty, or administrators with questions, concerns, or polite criticisms. We strengthen our community by allowing our advances in professionalism to transform dangerously into friendships and camaraderie.

Personal interactions are better than curt emails. The phrase "It was nice speaking with you" adds something to a meeting that "sincerely" simply cannot achieve in an email.

At Seton Hall Law, we are a community. Will you embrace it with courage and joy?

## The custodians of the cross



John R. Finnegan III  
Managing Editor

Behind every crime, there is a story.

On Thursday, October 22, 2009, Father Edward Hinds was stabbed to death in the rectory kitchen of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Chatham, NJ. Jose Feliciano, a Puerto Rican immigrant who worked as a janitor at St. Patrick's for over sixteen years, has been charged with the murder.

Morris County prosecutors will try him this winter before Judge Thomas Manahan in NJ Superior Court in Morrisstown. Jose is 65 years old. Father Ed was 61 when he was killed.

Behind every tragedy, there is a victim.

Not Father Ed. He had taken over the beloved Father Ron as St. Patrick's monsignor in the early 2000s. He was loved, admired, and respected by all. He had a command of the Scripture that resonated when he spoke. He had a kindness toward the congregation that suffused when he smiled. He had a dog who he loved to walk through the streets of the community. He had patience, diligence, and piety. He even had a law degree.

Behind every criminal, there is a family.

Not Jose. Not "Guy" or "Mr. Jose", as the community once fondly called him. For over sixteen

years, he had more than his beloved wife and two children. He had the St. Patrick's family. He was loved, admired, and respected by all. He had a joy for life that roused you when he rambled. He had a passion for people that cascaded when he laughed. He had dignity, determination, and a sense of humor. He was even baptized in the Church.

Behind every story, there is more to the story.

Reports allege that Jose stabbed Father Ed to death after Father Ed informed him that he would be relieved of his janitor position for either not complying with, or not passing a background check. Indications are that Jose may be wanted for a crime committed in Philadelphia in 1988. But indications are unclear as to the nature of that crime.

Behind every priest, there is a parish.

Father Ed preached compassion and service. St. Patrick's has grieved, coped, and now, it has pushed forward, humbly fulfilling its mission: to care for and to serve those in need. But Father Ed also preached forgiveness. And while St. Patrick's seeks justice, it strives for forgiveness. It has forgiven, and it will continue to forgive in the same, strange way that anyone forgives: upon faith.

Father Ed must be proud to see his parish follow his example. Because behind The Cross, there were criminals. But they were redeemed.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Making jokes at the expense of people with cognitive, developmental or intellectual disabilities is in poor taste. Sanctioning those comments by publishing them in the "Gchats from last class" section of The Cross Examiner is reprehensible. Going forward, the editorial staff of "The Official Newspaper of Seton Hall Law" should exercise better judgment in distinguishing humor from mere insensitivity.

Sincerely,  
Joseph Oliver  
JD Candidate 2012

Add your voice  
to the campus  
debate.

Please send letters  
to the editor at  
TheCrossExaminer  
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## Small talk: Conversation starters for October



Frank Gonnello Jr.  
Associate Editor

Who has time to keep up with the latest trends, media, and exciting happenings? Certainly not you.

Here's some things you should know in case talking about the weather runs dry.



PLAY THIS:  
FIFA '11 (360, PS3, PC)

EA Sports' most popular franchise is back for another go, and this time the beautiful game gets a welcome addition: Be the Keeper mode. For the first time in any soccer game, suit up as '#1' and experience that sweet, sweet satisfaction of rejecting your buddy's well-attempted shot on net. Just don't yell "Cert Denied!" when it happens.  
<http://goo.gl/9yMm>

EAT THIS:  
PETE'S MAGIC BURGER RUB

This is the stuff that Tailgate Legends are made of. Just rub your patties in a mixture of the following before throwing them over the coals:

8 parts brown sugar  
3 parts kosher salt  
1 part chili powder  
1 part whatever you want (Old Bay Seasoning, Grated Parmesan - experiment and be creative!)

HEAR THIS:  
CEE-LO GREEN, "FORGET" YOU

With what could arguably be called the "song of summer's end," Gnarl Barkley frontman Cee-Lo Green recently released a catchy tune that seems to capture all those feelings you've been holding inside regarding that August friend who never called you again. Whether you prefer the "radio edit" or the less forgiving uncut track, pay attention to the lovely 3-put harmonies.

Clean - <http://goo.gl/xzos>  
NSFW Version - <http://goo.gl/5U7u>

BUY THIS:  
TICKET TO OUTER SPACE

You've got to love capitalism: prices to travel to the edge of Earth's atmosphere are expected to decline to almost-reasonable numbers within the next 5 years due to increasing competition among rival suburban airlines. By 2014, you may be able to join the 62-Mile-High Club for just \$50,000. Black-As-Space Friday deals are just around the corner.  
<http://goo.gl/wnlc>



NASA on The Commons (flickr)

When it comes to small talk, the topics need to stay interesting and current. Use things like luxury, pop culture and culinary tricks in casual conversation and interviews to show that you're interesting and current, too. Small talk can bring big results.

### WATCH THIS:

#### BOARDWALK EMPIRE

HBO's latest original series is the brainchild of famed director/producer Martin Scorsese. Sopranos writer Terrence Winter, and Entourage producer Mark Wahlberg, Empire stars Steve Buscemi in the role of a corrupt Prohibition-era politician at the original "Jersey Shore." Atlantic City. With no Snookies, plenty of 'smushing,' and intense situations, this show promises to raise your testosterone to Kenny Powers levels... just in time for East-Bound and Down.  
<http://www.hbo.com>



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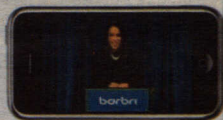
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