How the future will judge Bush

The public’s view of President Bush is divided. The Gavel columnists debate how future historians and generations will view Bush’s presidency.

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Special insert: The Gravel

Professor Tyler, director of legal writing, retires

By J.R. White

GAVEL CONTRIBUTOR

Professor Barbara Tyler will retire at the end of this academic year, bringing an end to an amazing career that has spanned professions and touched many lives.

Tyler began her journey to law school by doing something sneaky. Like many of our students, Tyler’s career shaped by JAG. As a teenager, she joined the Air Force and spent a year in the JAG Corp. After a revival last year, the Gravel returns once again just in time to distract you from studying. This satirical insert looks at the lighter side of law school life.

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BLSA hosts annual banquet

By Chuck Northcutt

On March 30, 2007, the Black Law Student’s Association, BLSA, held its annual scholarship and awards banquet at the City Club of Cleveland.

Members of the Cleveland legal community and C-M faculty and administration attended the banquet, including Dean Geoffrey S. Mearns who gave the opening remarks prior to the invocation given by 2L Jerome Price.

The Honorable Judge George White ’55, retired from the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct

Anupriya Krishna and Austin McQuan

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On April 5, 2007, C-M’s Journal of Law and Health presented the third speaker of its 2006-2007 annual lecture series: Dr. Deborah Denno, the distinguished Arthur A. Givney Professor of Law at Fordham University School of Law. Dr. Denno drew a dynamic audience comprised of a mix of students, area lawyers, and C-M faculty.

In her second visit to C-M, Dr. Denno presented Legal Implications of Research on Genetics and Crime, based on her widely cited article, “Revisiting the Legal Link Between Genetics and Crime,” published in Duke University School of Law’s prestigious Journal of Law and Contemporary Problems.

Dr. Denno received her master’s degree in criminology from the University of Toronto. In addition, she received her doctoral degree in criminology and law degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

Prior to joining the faculty at Fordham University, Dr. Denno served as a member of the U.S. Sentencing Commission's Drugs-Violence Task Force from 1994 to 1997 and consulted for eight years for the Sentencing Commission’s Drugs-Violence Task Force.

In 1997 and consulted for eight years for the Sentencing Commission’s Drugs-Violence Task Force. In 2005, Mr. Mobley was executed. The trial and appellate courts rejected this kind of reasoning, and, in 2005, Mr. Mobley was executed. Although the Mobley case was the first to suggest so persistently a link between genetics and criminal misconduct, it was not the last. Dr. Denno has been studying the relationship between biology and criminal justice.
Dean Mears responds to Gavel Editorial

By Geoffrey Mears

In the last issue of The Gavel, Kathleen Locke wrote an opinion piece about the recent visit by a team of evaluators who invited us to assess our legal writing program. In that piece, Ms. Locke expressed some concerns about the fairness of the evaluation process and the way in which the team conducted its visit.

Prior to publishing her opinions, Ms. Locke expressed some concerns about the fairness of the evaluation process and the way in which the team conducted its visit. She appreciated the professional and thoughtful manner in which Ms. Locke assessed the issues and expressed her concerns.

Before responding to some of her specific concerns, I would like to provide some context for this evaluation. I think this context is important.

It is a fact of academic life that we are all subject to formal evaluation processes. Students evaluate their professors. I annually evaluate every professor based, in part, on those student evaluations. In order to obtain tenure, a professor must have her scholarship evaluated by academics from other institutions. Every year, the Provost evaluates my performance. Moreover, every three years, every dean at the University is extensively evaluated. External evaluation is an integral aspect of how our performance is measured, as well as a necessary part of self-improvement.

Yet, one of Ms. Locke’s principal concerns is that it was unfair to evaluate the legal writing program and professors “while all of the other departments are left untouched.”

In fact, as many of you may recall, in March 2006, a team of legal educators visited our law school to conduct a site visit in connection with our ABA re-accreditation process. The ABA site team evaluated the entire curriculum and legal education program. The members of the team visited many classes, they reviewed hundreds of student evaluations of all of our professors, and they spoke with many students, faculty, and some graduates.

In September 2006, we received the site team’s report, which contained many observations. In its report, the ABA site team recommended that we engage a team of experienced legal writing professionals to evaluate our legal writing program. Although the ABA site report contained some constructive criticism about other aspects of the law school, the report did not recommend an additional external review of any of our other programs.

In short, all of the departments at the law school have recently been evaluated by a team of external evaluators, and those professionals concluded that our law school would benefit from a more thorough assessment of our legal writing program.

After conferring with President Schwartz, we concluded that it was important to our students – to accept this recommendation. Our decision was based on our view that any program, even a strong one, can be improved.

It was then my responsibility to assemble the team. I invited our legal writing professors to recommend people whom they believed were leaders in the field of legal writing education.

Our legal writing faculty suggested five or six people. I selected two people from that list. Professor Jan Levine and Professor Sue Liemer. Professor Levine recommended that I select Professor Judy Rosenbaum. I followed Professor Levine’s recommendation.

The substantial input by our legal writing professors in the process of selecting the members of the evaluation team was designed to ensure that the evaluation would be fair to our legal writing professors.

Ms. Locke also expressed some concerns with the way the team conducted its site evaluation. Based on observing and participating in legal writing sessions, Ms. Locke concluded that the members of the team did not have experience in conducting “similar reviews at other schools” and that they used our program’s “own teaching styles with that of our professors.”

In fact, Professor Levine, who has directed the legal writing programs at the University of Virginia, the University of Arkansas, and Temple University, has conducted formal, on-site evaluations of the legal writing programs at six other law schools.

Prior to coming to our law school, Professor Rosenbaum had participated in legal research and writing evaluations at other law schools. And Professor Liemer, who has developed and directed first-year legal research and writing programs at three different law schools, has served on an ABA site team. In short, their experience is extensive and impressive.

I cannot render an opinion as to how they conducted the one open session with students that Ms. Locke observed, because I was not present.

To the extent they might not have been familiar with all of our programs, however, that is the purpose of the site visit – to get that information.

And I am grateful that our students proudly supported our institution and our faculty.

But I do not think it is prudent to assess the quality of the evaluation based simply on observing or participating in one open session.

The evaluation has consisted of much more. The team reviewed hundreds of student evaluations, including student evaluations and some papers that our legal writing professors critiqued.

The team observed every legal writing professor in the classroom, and they had individual meetings with every legal writing professor. The team also had meetings with large numbers of first-year students, and they met with many of the other professors here at the law school.

Given the extensive nature of the evaluation, I think we should reserve judgment about the quality and fairness of the team’s conduct until we have received their final report.

Before accepting the ABA site team’s recommendation that we conduct this independent evaluation of our legal writing program, I knew that doing so would cause some anxiety and uncertainty.

It would have been less disruptive for many of us, including me, to ignore that recommendation. But I decided that it was important to engage in this evaluation process to ensure that we were providing our students with the best education we can provide.

That is our responsibility, even if the evaluation process may be unpleasant or unsettling.

C-M competes in annual softball tournament

C-M sent 13 students to the annual 2007 University of Virginia Law School Softball tournament. C-M’s team went 3-2 overall, advancing past the first round before being eliminated by less than one run.

The tournament successfully raised over $17,500 for the Children, Youth and Family Services of Charlottesville, Virginia.

According to a press release from the University of Virginia’s law school, over 1,400 students and professors, played on 112 teams. Forty-eight law schools participated in the tournament this year, which was held on March 30 through April 1.

Money raised through the tournament was also donated to the Public Interest Law Association and the Legal Aid Justice Center.

Cobra Magazine
C-M appoints new dean of admissions and financial aid

By Tiffany Elmore

CM recently appointed Chris-topher Lucak to its Board of Directors of Admissions and Financial Aid. Dean Lucak spoke to The Gavel about the admissions process, his expectations for C-M’s goals.

Q: What recent changes have been implemented in the admissions process, and what goals have been served?

A: We have seen slight decreases in application volume, but that is now stable on the board, and the decrease that C-M is experiencing is less than the national average. We have made fewer offers for admission to date, however, we have more students deposited to date, which means more students have accepted our offers. This is helping us to increase the quality of our class, reduce the size of the class, and meet the expectations of the institution.

The new construction project is a physical indication of some momentum that people are excited about. We have incorporated more of our alumni into our recruitment efforts and our admission process. We are doing a wonderful job in getting our alumni, our faculty, and our current students more involved.

Q: You mentioned a decrease in applications, is there an economic reflection that this occurs in opportunities of law?

A: Certainly the economy has always been a factor in graduate and professional education. We are looking at a pretty savvy group of students who, over the past few years, have been watching the application volume and how it increases. They are recognizing or fear that there may be an over-abundance of people going into the legal profession which may limit opportunities for them.

Q: How has the Legal Career opportunities Program helped to prepare admitted students to transition into law school?

A: The Legal Career opportunities Program serves a very important purpose and is a very important mission of our law school. We recognize that student accomplishment can be identified or defined in very different ways.

These are not just people who may be lower grades or scores, there are people with lower grades or scores who have a reason why those things have happened [or] have [had] some certain life circumstances that prevented them from performing at their optimal level. But, at the same time, there is some evidence of the student’s ability to be successful.

When a student comes to the LOOP program, they start in the summer taking one course that provides fundamentals. Hopefully, when they are sitting in their first year [class] with all the other students, they are well prepared, their expectations are there, and they understand and are able to move forward with a degree of confidence.

Q: How do you recruit students outside of the northeast region and the state and get the message out that C-M is just as competitive as other Ohio law schools?

A: We do have really outstanding academic programs, not only in our concentrations, but with our joint degrees as well. We have a nice combination of traditional legal theory in the classroom and experiential learning opportunities.

These are things that students find very attractive. I also think that our location in this sophisticated legal community is increasingly important, and students are recognizing this. The reason that they realize that we have a quality of life and a quality of work life within a community that can support their goals and their interests.

Q: For prospective students – what assets, like undergraduate coursework or professional experience, are helpful in applying to law school?

A: LSAT scores and GPAs, respectively, are the most important consideration. Law school is such an academic venture that having a lot of academic [activities] and work experience and those can round out your experience as a law student. But those things and of [themselves] are not going to get you through the rigors of law school.

We still want people who have different experiences, diverse backgrounds, sexual orientation, geographic upbringing, social economic backgrounds, all of those things have to come into play here.

In the legal classroom talking about the rule of law, it is going to mean something different to each of the people in that classroom, and that’s what we are trying to achieve here.

Q: What types of financial aid are available to students who would otherwise be discouraged to apply because of financial constraints?

A: First and foremost, tuition at this law school is the lowest in the state of Ohio so that is a plus for students. We do have scholarships, which range from $2,000 to a full in-state tuition scholarship, available for students that we incorporate through the admissions process.

We are working as we redeploy our Web site to make sure that students are aware of various search engines or entities that have scholarship money available.

Students who are looking for the best financial deals and are selecting their law school simply because that is the law school who gave the most scholarship money may not be making the best choice for themselves. It is important that students are living now like students.

If you live like a lawyer now, you won’t be able to change your lifestyle like a student when you are a lawyer.

CM Republican addresses financial planning for new lawyers

By Chuck Northcutt

Start Writer


The speakers indicated that lawyers are often the target of financial advisors, so it is important to find the right one. Ryder and San B. Brooks discussed smart tips on tax reduction strategies and early retirement planning that can give new attorneys a head start on managing their money.

One attendee, Mary Malone felt the program was helpful. “The two speakers did a nice job of explaining different investment options and how to balance-out the choices for long and short-term goals,” said Malone. “Their best advice was to start planning early.”

The financial seminar was part of a series of speaking events hosted by the C-M College of Law Republicans past academic school year.

Denno speaks on genetics, law

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and criminal behavior since the early 1990s. Recent publications have examined the conclusions surrounding the Dobbs theory that they can have a quality of life and a quality of work life within a community that can support their goals and their interests.

The series will continue next year under the leadership of Heather Heberlein and Christi Conlin, the Journal of Law and Health’s editors-in-chief.
Allocate time wisely for successful exam prep

By Emily Honsa

Students should study sessions. The group mind generally tends to do well on a law school exam. There is no such thing as cramming in order to prepare for a test. The best way to prepare is to actually do some form of review.

Some people work better from a sparse outline. Some people work well from constantly rewriting material. Others work well with tapes that give an overview of the subject.

In any event, Reading Week should not be the time to start constructing an outline, for the sake of writing an outline.

Assuming that you have a decent group of exam study partners for the course, divide the semester, the object would be to parcel out the time in reading week so that each course has some review.

It is important that you schedule this time rather strictly and that all courses have some form of review.

Part of the scheduling has to do with your exam schedule, what exam is first, and how many days you might have between exams.

Although it is important that all courses be covered during reading week, it is equally important that your last preparation be for your first final exam.

The best way to prepare for exams is not simply to go through outlines and notes and think about the law.

The best way to prepare is to actually do sample exams, either those on file, or those in commercial books.

Ideally, if time allows, the best preparation is to do exam questions, with the basis of group discussions in study sessions. The group mind generally fleshes out gaps in knowledge that some people may have.

What also important is cleaning the slate after an exam is taken.

Although there is a propensity to want to review the questions on an exam, the best thing to do is to conclude the first exam and then immediately begin preparing for the second one, and to do that after each exam.

Try to keep time productive, and try to be methodical.

Set aside certain time periods to do certain tasks.

Also take care to get adequate rest. There is no such thing as cramming in order to do well on a law school exam.

Good Luck!

C-M students volunteer with Cleveland City Schools in Mock Trial and 3R’s programs

By Chris Tibaldi

There are a myriad of activities that a law student can participate in at C-M.

Small groups form, and they discuss other fictional stories based on real cases. After the mock trial, students meet with faculty to discuss why the law has been interpreted in the way it has. They discuss the Supreme Court holdings, levels of scrutiny, and the student’s personal opinions on the decisions.

Finally, there is counseling component designed to stimulate student’s interest in careers and post-secondary education. The Mock Trial competition is an extra curricular activity that, for a time, was only being done by suburban schools due to the extra costs. The Bar Association, along with volunteers, resurrected this program in Cleveland. According to Daiker-Middaugh, this has been a great success for the students.

“Last year, the tenennial anniversary, there were four high school students from the kids who were offered summer jobs in the municipal courts based on their outstanding performances,” Daiker-Middaugh said.

These included students who acted as attorney’s assistants, and one who wrote the outstanding essay based on the fact pattern. All of these students completed their summer jobs and are now considering careers in law. This year’s Mock Trial will offer the same to four outstanding students.

C-M students have also benefited from the experience. C-M alumna Susan Seacrist participated in 1991, but still remembers the experience fondly. “I worked at Shaw High School, and the students were energetic and really responded to the opportunity to present their side of the case,” Seacrist said.

Daiker-Middaugh has had the same experience. “The biggest surprise has been the high level of motivation of the students,” Daiker-Middaugh said.

With so much negative press about students in Cleveland schools, this program appears to be one small way for the community to recognize the multitude of talents that the students have when given a chance to shine.

“The kids were so quick on their feet. In fact, many of them could give some attorneys a run for their money,” Seacrist added.

Daiker-Middaugh sees that this program as equally beneficial to law students. “This is fun, and more importantly, it helps law students get more involved in the community, something all attorneys should be doing,” she said.

C-M students and faculty performed 10,000 service hours last year. The program will be offered again in the fall of 2008.
O’Neill, Ghandi finalist for Nicest Person to Ever Live Award
By Susette Kelo

New York—The United Nations, in a closed session, has announced the finalists for the commemorative award to be given to the nicest person to ever live.

The semi-finalist field was competitive and heated, though O’Neill and Ghandi ultimately beat out Mother Theresa and Jesus.

“The semi-finalist season was close, but Jesus severely lacked support from the Asian constituency,” commented Abdullah al-Masri, chairman of the elections committee.

O’Neill commented on his ascendency into the finals.

“I am really sorry for everyone who didn’t make it to this level. You all gave excellent answers during the quarter and semi-final rounds, and for that you should be applauded,” said O’Neill. “I sincerely apologize that the nature of the competition requires

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C-M dissolves affiliation with CSU

By William Marbury
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Dean Geoffrey Mearns announced the law school’s plan to break its affiliation with Cleveland State University and join St. Ignatius High School at a press conference on Tuesday.

The proposed change would make C-M the first law school in the United States to claim an affiliation with a high school.

Mearns acknowledged the gravity of the decision, but remained steadfast in his conviction that it was in the school’s best interest.

“There will definitely be some significant changes ahead, but I believe that Cleveland-Marshall will reap great rewards from this move, including a much prettier campus, and a superior athletic program,” Mearns said.

When asked why C-M would break off from CSU after a symbiotic 38-year union, Mearns explained that “it was simply time for a change.”

An unnamed high-ranking law school official later revealed that C-M wanted to secure its merger with St. Ignatius before the Case Western School of Law finalized its plan to merge with University School, the prestigious private preparatory school in Hunting Valley.

While officials from both schools are still ironing out the details, both sides agree that C-M and St. Ignatius are a natural fit: “Sure, they’re going to have to stop admitting women, but the remaining students stand to benefit immeasurably from the networking opportunities that Ignatius will provide,” said St. Ignatius President, the Reverend Timothy P. Keszicki, noting that most of the top lawyers and judges in Cleveland are St. Ignatius Alumni.

The C-M community met the announcement with mixed reactions.

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OCP secures Subway for fall interview program

By John W. Terry
Staff Writer

The Office of Career Planning announced that Subway, located on E. 18th and Euclid Avenue, will be added to Simplicity for the Fall Interview Program in an effort to give students in the bottom 25 percent an opportunity to participate in the FIP.

The summer associate position with Subway is not legal, but entails the assembly of submarine sandwiches with a variety of fresh meats and vegetables.

Associates or “sandwich artists” may be required to pour bowls of soup for patrons. But, this is unlikely because of the unpopularity of soup during the summer months.

Highlights of this program include the possibility for students to meet Jared and John Lovitz, beloved Subway celebrity sponsors.

Subway is not looking for a particular G.P.A., and does not care whether applicants are members of Law Review or Journal.

“This is a perfect opportunity for our poor performing students,” said OCP. “Let’s be honest, students in the bottom of the class have no chance of getting legal jobs for the summer, and Subway at least pays minimum wage,” added OCP.

Subway has many opportunities and experiences that summer clerks at Jones Day, Squire Sanders, or any of the other big firms just can’t get.

Subway associates have relatively no stress, except at lunchtime between 12:00 p.m and 2:00 p.m, and will be able to wear comfortable cotton polos and light weight khakis as opposed to stuffy suits.

The restaurant chain’s vicinity to the law school was one of the reasons C-M approached Subway about offering students positions. “We’ve heard complaints that OCP isn’t responsive to lower-ranked students,” said one OCP representative when I asked if Subway would be willing to hire some of our students, and get myself a delicious sandwich,” said one OCP representative wishing to remain anonymous.

“The bulk of our time has to be devoted to getting people in the top 10 percent jobs, so we really didn’t have much time to go anywhere but across the street for the rest of our students,” added the anonymous source.
By Thomas Gibbons

The outgoing class of 2007 chose fellow student Fred Papalardo as “Most Likely To Look Like A Lawyer.” In the final tally, it was no contest, as Papalardo gathered 100 percent of the total votes.

He accepted the award at the Barbel Ball, wearing a Calvin Klein Three-Buttoned Non-vented Tan Micro Suede Sport Coat.

Papalardo thanked his classmates for the award, but cut his acceptance speech short, adding that he had “a [big]-load of work to do for [the] trial team.”

The C-M community has long recognized Papalardo’s superior fashion sense, and most students and faculty alike agree that if they ever needed a lawyer, they would want one that looks like Papalardo.

In addition to his well-tailored suits, Papalardo maintains a conservative, yet fashionable, hair-cut, and his eyeglasses further suggest a respectable level of intellectual achievement without emitting an air of pretentiousness.

The ability to “look the part” is an essential element of lawyer sense and also scored him his hot fiancé, Jen.

Papalardo discussed his plans for the future. “I’ve got my eyes on a Brooks Brothers Linen Twin Stripe Sport Shirt for the firm picnic,” Papalardo said.

In addition to the formal recognition of his classmates and future colleagues, SBA President Scott Kuboff presented Papalardo with a $50 gift certificate to the Men’s Wearhouse, which Papalardo promptly gave back to Kuboff, adding that he “wouldn’t be caught dead shopping there.”

The Journal of Law and Health to begin publishing exclusively on myspace.com

By Salim Ahmed Handman

The editorial board of C-M’s Journal of Law and Health announced on Tuesday that it will begin publishing the quarterly journal exclusively on MySpace.com, the popular social networking Web site.

In a press release citing the growing costs of publishing a printed journal, co-editors-in-chief Anupriya Krishna and Austin McGuan suggested that the new format will have the added effect of increasing readership. “Law and health are important topics that affect the lives of every man, woman and children alive, and we believe that publishing on MySpace will allow us to reach out our traditional audience of lawyers and legal scholars, and help to educate and inform the general population, including promiscuous teenagers and sexual predators.”

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Senior editor Jack Mills anticipates many advantages to the new format. “We’ll be able to post pictures from the annual social at Dive Bar! Plus, we can use the money we save towards an open bar- it’s [a] win-win [situation],” said Mills.

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Gavel staff declares war on Student Bar Association

By Duorre Mapp

Under increased personal attacks and possibly with jealousy as a partial motive, the three Co-Editors of The Gavel convened last Thursday in a secret meeting to discuss the final solution to the SBA problem.

“The guys are bastards,” commented Margan Keramat, the war-hawk editor often considered the impetus behind the push for action. “They think they run this school, when all they know is that the press always wins— you hear that, we get the last word, and we always win.”

Kathleen Locke, the senior Editor on the staff and generally considered the voice of reason, stated, “I am so sick of hearing about task forces.”

Upon a unanimous vote by the editors, the war resolution was presented to the general body of the Gavel Staff Writers. Some debate ensued. “Um, what are they talking about?” commented columnist John Rose, a big 3L with a big attitude.

“I think they’re on drugs,” responded investigative reporter Kevin Shannon.

After general debate, the resolution declaring war on the SBA passed by an eight to four margin. Paul Deegan and Emily Honsa, members of both organizations, respectfully abstained.

After the resolution was presented to the SBA, battle lines were drawn in the cafeteria. Gavel staff and editors on one side, and SBA senators and executive board on the other.

“They can take our office, they can take our discretionary funding, but they’ll never take our FREEDOM,” chanted Gavel Editor Shawn Romer while pacing up and down the melee line on his horse Smokey. Romer adored his favorite cowboy hat and decorative blue face paint for the occasion.

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that there only be two finalists.

If O’Neill were in the race, commented, “this one is going to be close. I mean, Ghandi was standing Roman Catholic men, 3L Kathleen Locke said, “God! That sucks. I’m happy with the announcement: “That’s great! I’m gonna have to ease I mean, we come on over here. Sometimes you gotta bide bing, and sometimes you get bada banga binged. Ohhhhhhh.”

Former SBA Senator and Mr. Law School Brian Hardman responded, “What the hell did that mean?”

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When told that the new arrangement would restrict admissions to Roman Catholic men, 3L Kathleen Locke said, “God! That sucks. I’m glad I’m graduating this year.”

Tim Pafel, a third-year joint degree (MBA) candidate was more than happy with the announcement: “That’s great! I’m gonna have to ease back on my course load so I can squeeze out another few years here. How are they looking at quarterback for next fall?”

St. Ignatius Head Football Coach Chuck Kyle expressed some doubt that the merger would affect the composition of the school’s athletic teams.

“We’ll have to check with [the Ohio State High School Athletic Association], but I’m pretty sure they won’t have post-graduate twenty-somethings playing for us,” Kyle said.

Kyle also indicated serious doubt that “any of those geeks would have a snowball’s chance in hell of making the team anyway.”
C-M diversifies by admitting zombies

By Jane Roe

Diversity is one of the integral foundations of C-M. The college prides itself on providing opportunities for minorities and non-minorities. However, administrators realized that one ethnic group was absent from the law school: the undead.

Beginning last summer, C-M attempted to rectify this problem, heavily recruiting from traditionally zombie communities and schools. As a result, 15 zombie students applied and were admitted to C-M.

"Just because they don’t have souls doesn’t mean they shouldn’t be allowed to learn law," one administrator said. "I have confidence that there are plenty of excellent soulless lawyers, and I hope that C-M can produce even more.

The zombie students began classes in the fall and, so far, they’ve had only positive experiences.

When asked what he liked most about his experience at C-M, one zombie student answered: "brains." This stands as a testament to the remarkable intellectualism ex-emplified by every C-M student and faculty member. At C-M, brains are clearly valued over all else, and it reflects in the zombie student body.

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By By C-M, Eric Stratton, that Ulitnara’s outrage is nothing new: ”I remember during sophomore year, Joe got all excited because I didn’t know some guy named Noah Compy. He kept saying how this guy was one of the most influential legal scholars in the world. Whatever, I was a freshman. What kind of name is Compy, anyway?”

C-M Professor Stephen Gard was not surprised to hear of Ulitnara’s position in the wake of Traficant’s arrest. “There’s always a few very young students who get so consumed with some aspect of law school that they start to lose perspective on the outside world, but they tend to regain their composure towards the end of the year, usually after their friends dump them and their friends stop hanging out with them.” Gard admitted. “I don’t think that’s what’s going on with Ulitnara.”

While Ulitnara has found endless frustration in his loved ones, his single-minded dedication has paid off in the form of an excellent grade. He ranked among the top five percent of his class, and hopes to parlay this success into a high paying summer associateship after his second year of law school. When asked if there were any instructors that were already expressing an interest in Ulitnara, his father, Dave, replied “Jones Day? Wow, doesn’t he play linebacker for the Steelers?”

Mr. Law School refuses to enter rehab, loses crown

By By Jane Roe

That he had worked so hard for. He was talking about that dog from the old Rocky and Bullwinkle Show- you know, Mr. Peabody,” Ulitnara said. Ulitnara’s former roommate from Xavier University,

Mr. Law School’s<a href="mailto:judgehand@law.com">hand, and that he had a problem with alcohol. He asked for one more than once, and begged the com- mittue his right arm. He decided to give Mr. Law School another chance to keep his title as long as he got help for his problem.

"I think the zombies add greatly to the classroom environment," one C-M professor said. "They fumble with words sometimes, and they can’t write complete sentences, but they’re an asset to this law school. In fact, most of the time, I can’t even tell which students are zombies and which are human. It’s been a seamless transition.”

Human students have also embraced their zombie peers.

“I know two zombies, and they’re both good guys,” one human student commented. “They’re smart and funny and the smell isn’t nearly as bad as everyone assumes.”

“I’m actually dating a zombie, too,” another human student said. “A lot of people told me that it would be hard to be with someone of the undead persuasion, but I don’t think of her as a person, or living-impaired, as ZLS zombie prefer to be called, is one of the organization’s primary concerns.

C-M’s plan to diversify the student body with a blind eye toward consciousness has been a complete suc- cess. Zombies walk the halls of C-M with pride. They have shown themselves to be as practiced in legal work as any human. Indeed, zombies have become the future of C-M, and what a bright future it is.
Anti-war activists engage in counter-recruitment

By Dan Kelley

So, Alex Khan, a 28-year-old Air Force veteran summarized the reading, “Joining the military is against the law.”

But does this reflect the reality of the country’s attitudes towards the war? Polls show the public views the war negatively, but there is little political pressure to bring it to a swift end, as evidenced by Hillary Clinton’s recent statement to The New York Times that she would keep “non-combat” troops in Iraq, in the event she wins the Presidency.

A specter hangs over pro-peace activities in general, and counter-recruitment efforts in particular, in the form of a potent narrative.

Lynn Wargo, vice president of program and policy for the 2007-08 executive officer positions.

Iraq Veterans Against the War are like Military Families Speak Out, who have become active in their local communities, by seeking to dissuade people from joining the military.

While the names of groups like Military Families Speak Out, Bring Them Home Now, and the Iraq Veterans Against the War are obscure, the military is apparently concerned as evidenced by their strong reaction to counter-recruitment efforts.

The more confrontational groups emphasize different points when addressing potential recruits.

Many argue that joining the military is against the law. Others emphasize the dehumanizing effects of the rigidly authoritarian military hierarchy and the requirement to commit acts of violence, regardless of justification and at the whim of one’s commanders.

Antiwargans from the Vietnam Era such as “Join the Army, Visit strange and exotic places. Get arrested, but criminal charges were dropped at the behest of the university and local ACLU branch. Under the “No Child Left Behind Act” schools are compelled to provide the military with personal data about students in order to facilitate recruitment. Teachers and school officials offer students a wider variety of perspectives on the wisdom of volunteering have been met with significant difficulties.

Despite a string of court rulings barring viewpoint-based discrimination against peace groups in schools, counter-recruitment activists and teachers have had a difficult time in creating alternative viewpoints due to political sensibilities and public reaction. Besides the obvious physical dangers to oneself, activists point out the deceptive nature of military advertising regarding tuition benefits as well as social science data indicating that volunteers tend to do more poorly financially than others from comparable socio-economic backgrounds.

Q. What are your thoughts on running unopposed?

By Paul Deegan

Elected SBA executives discuss upcoming year

SBA held its officer election last week for the 2007-08 executive officer positions. The winners, Nick Hanna, president, Rae Lynn Wargo, vice president of programming, Anthony Scott, vice president of budgeting, and Lydia Arko, treasurer, ran on an unopposed ticket.

“I think it’s the officers-elect who why they ran for office and their plans for next year.

Q. What compelled you to run for office?

A. I had such a rewarding experience as an SBA senator that I wanted to continue that at another level. Being a part of SBA has been my favorite aspect of my time here at C-M. I love being able to fight for the issues that are important to the students here, said Wargo.

A. We hope to use our office by doing exactly what the slogan suggests, “Putting Students First.” A major thrust of what we’d like to do is expand the scope of SBA sponsored events so that a broader range of students will be attending.

In addition to our platform, I really want to accomplish whatever the students want to see happen. My hope is that by this time next year, we are being flooded with ideas from students - not because we aren’t doing enough - but because we know we will get done, said Hanna.

Q. What’s the single biggest problem at C-M, and how do you, or the ticket as a whole, intend to fix it?

A. I think it is a clear goal of both the SBA and the administration to make C-M competitive with other schools with respect to bar passage rates, academic standing, and recognition within the community by local government and businesses.

This goal requires giving students the atmosphere necessary to help them to be successful, including comparable exam rescheduling policies. To this end, we plan to work to make the 24-hour exam rescheduling policy permanent.

As always, there must be balance in everything you do, so we intend to help students maintain a balanced lifestyle outside school by providing community volunteer opportunities and social activities that are enticing to all C-M students.

Finally, we hope that we can help to facilitate a more unified environment where all students feel welcome and supported, whether they are traditional full-time day students straight from undergraduate institutions or adult part-time evening students with families, said Arko.
By Bradley Hull

CONSERVATIVE GAVEL CLASH

Historians will judge George W. Bush’s presidency highly favorably, barring the future occurrence of tragedy on a scale not seen since before he took office. Historians will judge the “Presidential ‘raters’ in our nation’s history. The damage caused in his eight years will take generations to repair.

In 2000, President Bush touted his “compassionate conservatism.” It is difficult to identify any group, save the corporate elite, upon which Mr. Bush has since showered genuine ‘compassion.’ The burdens of his mistaken war are carried on the backs of young men and women from poor and middle class families, while its spoils go to the war-profiteering Halliburton Corp. His fast-tracked trade agreements continue to suck high-paying manufacturing jobs from our middle class so that corporate executives and rich shareholders can realize greater returns on their investments. Mr. Bush has avoided the climate change issue too, he seems to place his fortune energy industry donors. He will fail America’s future generations by leaving them with a huge trade deficit, a staggering bill for the war, and no plan to reduce dangerous emission levels.

President Bush responded strongly to the tragic attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, by waging the terror-supporting Taliban in Afghanistan. Since then his administration has squandered the confidence of the American people, and our allies abroad, through a series of contemptible mistakes. These include:

1. Going into Iraq on faulty intelligence and without adequate forces
2. Pathetically attempting to privatize social security
3. Torturing foreigners held without cause at Abu Ghraib.
4. Unfairly detaining foreigners without cause or legal recourse at GTMO.
5. Spying on U.S. citizens without warrants in the FISA scandal.
6. Outing a CIA operative after her diplomat husband debunked the myth that Iraq sought weaponry in Africa and letting Libby take the fall.
7. Leaving tens of thousands to fend for themselves in Hurricane Katrina’s aftermath.
8. Firing eight U.S. attorneys under the pretext of cause for political gain.
9. Allowing deplorable health conditions to persist for our wounded troops at Walter-Reed.
10. Rejecting diplomacy in Iran and Syria to stabilize Iraq.

We all know the damage caused by these mistakes. We know that we’ve lost the international community’s support, and that this President is the most fiscally irresponsible in our nation’s history. We all surely know that we’ve lost thousands of young American soldiers in the failed war in Iraq.

What we don’t know is how future administrations will harness the dangerous precedents set by President Bush to justify executive power grabs and extra-constitutional actions. Will some President in the future argue that he can ignore established federal law because the Bush administration skated clear Congressional mandates in the FISA scandal? Will the next President cite one of President Bush’s signing statements advocating a ‘unitary executive’ to supplant Constitutional principles?

In Marbury v. Madison, Justice Marshall famously wrote “[i]t is emphatically the province and duty of the judicial department to say what the law is.” Writer Jennifer Van Bergen investigated the signing statement that President Bush issued upon the passage of the McCain anti-torture bill. He concluded that “Bush asserts not only his authority to internally supervise the ‘unitary executive branch,’ but also his power as Commander-in-Chief, as the basis for his interpretation of the law -- which observers have noted allows Bush to create a loophole to permit the use of torture when he wants it.

Such a vision of the executive doesn’t seem to square with Justice Marshall’s sentiment, does it?

I’d like to thank Brad, the Gavel staff, and all who’ve read our columns this year. It’s been my distinct pleasure to write them. Good luck on finals and the bar exam.

By Joseph Dunson

LIBERAL GAVEL COLUMN

President George W. Bush will be known as “the great divider” who polarized the American people and alienated our allies in the international community. Many will consider him to be one of the worst presidents in our nation’s history. The damage caused in his eight years will take generations to repair.

The non-partisan CBO’s finding that the tax cuts caused 88 percent of the income gains of the middle three-fifths of wage earners from 2000-2004 refutes assertions that they were “for the rich.” Further, the practically unchanged inflation-adjusted-U.S. poverty rate since 2002 dispels claims that the middle class is shrinking.

Finally, historians will positively remember the confirmation of Bush’s appointments of two of America’s most highly respected jurists to the U.S. Supreme Court. Bush’s handling of the Iraq War, and the sluggish federal response to Hurricane Katrina, will tarnish his legacy. However, the extent either will damage Bush’s image is questionable, given the #10 all-time ranking C-SPAN awarded Lyndon Johnson in 1999. Johnson resigned for his gross mismanagement of the ten-times-bloodier Vietnam War.

Joe gets a few hundred bucks a year. The CEO gets a few hundred thousand. So what if some political pundits from C-SPAN give Mr. Bush a high number on some contrived chart?

Liberal rebuttal...

Conservative rebuttal...

Got facts?


No scientific consensus declares “global warming” a meaningful threat. Absent privatization, some economists forecast entitlements to ultimately require 18.9 percent of the GDP a “good luck growth” in our economy! Bush’s fiscal irresponsibility is not record-setting. Today’s budget deficit is 1.4 percent of the GDP. The post-1970 average is 2.3 percent.

“Torture” is unproven. FISA itself is likely unconstitutional. A 2002 Court of Review opinion stated FISA cannot enroch on the executive’s power to conduct warrantless foreign searches for foreign photographs. Bush’s de-classification is lawful if Bush authorized it. #4 is unlikely to damage Bush’s legacy. #8 involves no illegality.

Bush’s Iraq and Katrina mismanagement are disheartening. However, by comparison, President Johnson resigned following 36,651 troop deaths in Vietnam. The dramatic crime and dysfunction increase with underdeveloped communities correlated with LBJ’s welfare-state expansion negated much civil rights progress his administration made. Bush’s success in boldly responding to unprecedented challenges unquestionably outmatches Johnson’s, who frequently ranks among America’s top 15 presidents.
I couldn’t go to law school right out of undergrad, but I didn’t do something else for all that long either.

I’m the law school middle child - someone who’s done more than professional studenting, but not significantly more.

Law school can be divided into two spheres – the academic and the social. 

We’re all familiar with the summer (that’s why we’re here, right?), but many of us get plenty of the latter as well.

Come on, everyone of us has made the law school equals high school analogy.

I think the “law school middle child” really is best suited for the academic part of school, better so than our younger and older colleagues. However, it’s the “high school” part where we sometimes tend.

In the classroom, I think we’re at the advantage.

We’re only a few years out of school, so we remember how to take notes quickly and what the dreaded “finals” feel like.

Unlike the students coming straight from undergrad, however, we can bring professional and more personal experiences to our work and study.

Maturity is the key aspect here (not that traditional students lack it, but we just have more, technically speaking, by virtue of having been around longer).

Though the non-traditional student may cram us in maturity, they lack the relatively immediate familiarity with school, and (no offense guys), they generally don’t have the stamina of a person in their late 20’s.

Most importantly, they usually have kids and a family to attend to, whereas we’re still generally free of those obligations. I like being the “law school middle child” in the classroom.

Law school is also social, like it or not.

Especially for those of us from out of town, our classmates compose a large chunk of our social companionship.

It actually makes sense – these are the people you sweat and bleed with during the day.

You’ve been (or are going through the right of passage known as first year).

My dad always said “once a marine, always a marine – it’s the brotherhood that bonds.” I see law school similarly – a bonding brotherhood established by mutual ascension through a grueling, but beneficial, experience.

You do the same thing as these people, day in and day out. You have tons in common with them. That’s why you hang out with them outside of school.

Also, you’ve likely annoyed your other friends by failing to return calls and/or emails with any immediacy, or by talking about promissory estoppelging their ass if they reneg on something.

However, in my opinion, it’s in this sphere where the middle child school syndrome takes most ill-effect.

The non-traditional students may hang out a bit after class, but except in the rarest of circumstances, you’ll be hard-pressed to find them pouting lemon drops on West Sixth.

Granted, not all, and maybe even a minority, of traditional students partake in this activity. But, I can say from personal observation that a significant number do, in far more numerosity than any other group.

So, where do the middle children go?

We don’t have families and other responsibilities to attend to. We could just study more (not happening). We could hang out with our slightly younger colleagues, but working 9:5 for a few years has done something to us. We now experience day-long hangovers and get by at 11 p.m.

Generally, many of us middle children gravitate towards one end or the other, either acting younger or older than we truly are.

So, why don’t we do what other people in their late 20’s do: Happy hours, joining young professionals clubs, visiting trendy bars, etc?

But, oh wait – we can’t go to happy hour because we still have to study until at least 7 or 8. We’re students, so we get kind of weird looks at the professional clubs.

And unless we want to burden Uncle Sam or Keybank for some more dough, we better stick to two dollar Labatts at Becky’s instead of the twenty dollar martinis in Ohio City.

So, I’ve divided our school into this tri-partite rubric. There’s the non-traditionalists who treat law school like a job, and the traditionalists who are adding three years to college.

Then, there’s this mushy middle of students. I was the oldest of two children, and I liked that much better than being the middle child.

Of course, I’m speaking in generalities here. There are plenty of students who either don’t fit in or defy this rubric.

However, on your side, you’ll find a substantial number slide into one of these three pegs.

Apologies to those I’ve stereotyped, but the word “stereotypical,” despite its connotation associated with prejudice, can have uses (we use stereotypes in politics all the time - women vote democrat, rural areas are conservative).

As we all know, a key part of the word “typical,” is where some value can come from its use. But the problem for us, unfortunately, is that there doesn’t seem to be a stereotypical “law school middle child,” at least is where we sometimes become lost.

I could tell you about who slept with who, who is together and who isn’t, but that’s probably common knowledge, and probably not fit for print anyways - mostly because your personal lives are just that.

I wish one of you the best of luck in pursuing your personal goals regardless of relationships or whatever else they may be.

To a certain guy in a furry suit, you’re still the champ and good luck with your girl.

Instead of rambling on the parade that is your lives, I’d instead like to thank some of the people who made my life here enjoyable. Ballz to the Wallz crew: you guys are awesome. Trysta, you and your camera are immortalized for all time on Facebook. Fadi, thanks for making me laugh, and Sheela - you always kept things entertaining.

To my guys at Old Angle Wu-tang clan and Seahawks for life…sorry Mark, you know it’s Josh Brown time. To Mr. Dropto for guiding me extensively academically and personally.

And lastly, to my editor Shawn, who has steadfastly encouraged me to be a better writer and a better person and who has put up with me, this column and my antics- thanks Shawn, it really meant a lot.

Now it’s almost finals, so good luck, study hard, but try to remember to get some sleep, drink a beer and chill out for 15 minutes – it won’t kill you.

Finally, have a great summer and get a tan!
The media and its coverage of celebrity racism: annoying, pointless and possibly even harmful

By Kurt Fawver

For the past few days, everywhere I turn there’s a news story about Don Imus and his comments calling the Rutgers women’s basketball team “nappy-headed hos.” I can’t get away from it. It’s been the headline story on CNN more than once. Every commentator is weighing in on what constitutes a “racially charged remark.” But you know what? I don’t care about Don Imus.

Giving a man that the Rutgers women’s basketball team “nappy-headed.” I don’t even care if he’s a racist. And you know me dissing why? Because I realize that Don Imus is not a paragon of truth, knowledge, or even decency. I had no respect for Don Imus in the first place, so he had nothing to lose from his disgusting racial slurs.

Give me everyone for whom there is a possibility to read a big shock and takes their sensationalization views to heart. People like Don Imus and Howard Stern shouldn’t be idealized or used as moral compasses.

Their sensationalist views shouldn’t be anyone’s gospel. If there are these individuals that shape American opinion, then we have a serious cultural crisis.

Of course, this isn’t the first time American media has focused on a “celebrity” racist tirade. We all remember just a few months ago when Michael Richards jumped the sanetiy boat and fired off a string of racial slurs against a group of comedy club patrons.

The media was crazed with interview-richardson and making him apologize. The men who were the target of Richards’ vulgarities were plastered on news broadcasts as wide-reaching as Good Morning America. Pundits everywhere wanted to take a side. No one could escape the debate over race relations.

By focusing on these people, however, and by giving the racist remarks extensive media coverage, we give those remarks power. When the media shoves these stories into the forefront of society, it opens a debate as to whether the use of certain disparaging words or phrases is right or wrong.

This debate, in turn, validates the existence of a side that believes racist comments are fine. Individuals who think that it’s not a big deal to use racial insults are given a chance to disseminate these views on a national stage.

It’s as if the media is implying that there are two sides, each with well-founded opinions that are compelling for Americans. The minds of the media, is, subtly, telling racists that their views are worthy of discussion and debate. Therein lies the flaw:

Racism is not worthy of debate and even-handed discussion. It is wrong in all its forms and should be universally condemned.

It has absolutely no credible basis. Instead, racism is nothing more than a direct manifestation of unfocused hatred and frustration. It should not be given the opportunity to be presented as a valid, if controversial, belief structure. Yet, this is what happens when the media focuses on celebrities’ racist remarks.

As a society, we should be striving to make race a non-issue. We need to strip racist remarks of their power. Media oversaturation of racist comments made by Don Imus or Michael Richards does exactly the opposite.

The coverage given to the victims of celebrity racism is also problematic. Members of the Rutgers women’s basketball team, who were played in the Women’s NCAA Championship Game, have told reporters that they are deeply hurt by Don Imus’s remarks and that he has “stolen their moment of glory from them.”

I understand why Imus’s insults were hurtful. But to say that he stole their moment of glory seems too much. It is not a matter of a C-list celebrity, like Don Imus can take away the pride of playing in the NCAA Championship Game, then the idea that racial slurs hold power is firmly bolstered.

Broadcasting pained reactions to racist comments legitimizes those comments as an increasingly powerful weapon.

Ideally, the media should refuse to report on any aspect of celebrities’ racist rants. As a society, we should be striving to make race non-issue. We need to strip racist remarks of their power. Media oversaturation of racist comments made by Don Imus or Michael Richards does exactly the opposite.

All people should be qualified by their merits and abilities, not their skin color. Yet, racism polarizes and divides public opinion. It polarizes and divides public opinion.

By focusing on these issues, the media attention it garnishes, helps darken the line separating white from black and yellow from red. It polarizes and divides public opinion. Don Imus and Michael Richards will never change by their respective scandals. If they were racists before, they’ll be racists after. No one in this American society will be swayed against or for racism by this glut of media coverage, either. These celebrity racism scandals simply provide spectacle. They purposely pit racists against victims, and implicitly ask the public to choose which of the two is right.

This does not solve the problem of racism. It doesn’t even marginally contribute to a solution. Instead, celebrity racism scandals push racists and racism opponents even further apart, creating more cracks and barriers between the two sides.

If racism is ever to be eradicated, these two sides need to be brought together in a common understanding and unification against all hatred based on skin color.

Media carnivals surrounding Don Imus, Michael Richards, or the Rutgers women’s basketball team are certainly not going to accomplish this.

Only by education, and personal experience can make racism vanish, and sensationalist media coverage cannot provide any of these.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Journal advocates hiring health care law professor

How many students know that C-M ranks 9th in the country for health care law in 1995? The Journal of Law and Health is unique to C-M. Established during a time when the law school devoted a significant amount of effort to health care law, the JLH compares to other Cleveland Clinic Foundation summer law clinic.

Most students probably do not know that such a clinic ever existed.

Cleveland is a giant in the health care industry. Between the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, University Hospitals, the MetroHealth System and all other clinics, hospitals, research facilities, and practices, there is no doubt a market for lawyers in this area.

But interesting enough, C-M no longer has a health law clinic, does not have a full-time professor in the field of health care law, and no students specialize in a health care law concentration.

For one reason or another, it seems that the emphasis on these programs dissipated several years ago, leaving the JLH to stand alone.

It is our understanding that the Faculty Hiring Committee has yet to determine the specific areas of focus for next year’s hiring initiative.

Currently, there are no full-time health law professors at C-M. There are three solid reasons why both C-M and the JLH would benefit from hiring a professor with a background in health care law.

First, the students are interested in health care law. Students are taking an active interest in the JLH.

The organization’s initiative of bringing prominent speakers to campus as part of the JLH sponsored speaker series is strong evidence that the students are interested in health related legal topics.

The redesign of the Web site and on-line availability of the most recent publication also signal the students’ interest in the JLH.

Students would like to see more courses offered relating to health issues and taught by professors with the experience and knowledge in the field.

Second, the JLH is a unique publication and with the input that a full-time health law professional would bring, JLH would rise to a higher level of recognition.

Although the JLH already receives submissions from professionals outside of the C-M community, having full-time health law professor on the faculty would provide a source of submissions within the law school, as that professor would either be in a position to write articles for the JLH himself or convince his health law colleagues to do so.

Thus, the JLH stands to benefit immensely from access to and input from a full-time professor in the area of health care law.

By enhancing the academic quality and credibility of the publication, C-M will take another step towards national recognition and satisfying the interests of numerous students.

Third, there is a market in Cleveland for professionals in the area of health care law. Ranging from biomedical ethics to trade mark and patents in the medical research area, there is a diverse need for legal professionals in health care.

Because students are interested, the potential and opportunity for the JLH is unlimited, and because Cleveland is a major medical market, C-M, the JLH, and the students stand to benefit from hiring a full-time professor in the field of health care law.

Case Western Reserve University’s Law School offers a concentration in health law. A few of the courses offered include Health Care Transactions, Food, Drug and Biotechnology Law, and Health Care and the Courts seminar.

The availability of these courses invariably exposes Case’s law students to a broader range of health-related legal issues and gives them a competitive edge in the Cleveland job market.

Providing interested C-M students with these equivalent opportunities could only enhance their ability to succeed in Cleveland’s health law community.

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This is an exciting time for C-M. Under the leadership of Dean Mearns, the school has made great strides in national recognition, increased bar passage rates, and re-accreditation by the American Bar Association.

We in the Law School community hope that C-M will continue to generate support from the alumni and the community.

Only time will tell whether this will be the perfect opportunity to nurture the organizations that will distinguish C-M in the future.
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